



## Student Records Office

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### NOTICE ABOUT 2024 GRADUATION

#### 1. Graduation sessions and deadlines

Graduation sessions will be held in autumn (March 2024) and spring (September 2024).

Once approved by Senate and Council, the schedule of graduation ceremonies will be published at <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/current-students/graduation>.

Graduation information will be sent out only to qualifiers. It is thus important that you note and adhere to the deadline dates, which will be enforced in all cases. This means that to be included in graduation, you must be added as a qualifier on system by your faculty office by the deadline for qualification entry. Check your qualifier status on Peoplesoft. Also check that your full name, programme, any distinctions and all other details are correct. Please refer any queries regarding the above to your faculty office.

Submission dates for master's and PhD students to submit their dissertations and theses are a guide. However, the date by which you must be a qualifier on system is an **absolute deadline** and will be applied strictly.

##### 1.1. March 2024 graduation

<b>Research students</b> August 2023	Submission of dissertation/thesis (to have been preceded by the intention to submit) is recommended 5 months before the deadline for qualification entry to allow for delays in examination. It is possible that submissions after this are examined in time for the deadline. The University does not however undertake to reach a decision on the award of the degree by any specific date.
<b>All students</b> 15 December 2023	Final date for qualifier status to be on system.

##### 1.2. September 2024 graduation

<b>Research students</b> February 2024	Submission of dissertation/thesis (to have been preceded by the intention to submit) is recommended 5 months before the deadline for qualification entry to allow for delays in examination. It is possible that submissions after this are examined in time for the deadline. The University does not however undertake to reach a decision on the award of the degree by any specific date.
<b>All students</b> 03 July 2024	Final date for qualifier status to be on system.



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## 2. Automatic letter of qualification

Students who qualify for the award of their qualifications will be sent an automatic system-generated letter of qualification which may be used for job-seeking purposes etc. This letter will be sent to your myUCT student email account at mid-year or at the end of the year after qualifiers have been ratified by the Senate Executive Committee.

The letter will indicate the **confer date**, which should not be confused with the **graduation date**. UCT's student system records one confer date per session which means that one date is used for **all** students and **all** qualifications. The actual date on which a student graduates will differ.

## 3. Certificates

Please be aware that certificates are only issued at the time of graduation and qualifiers cannot receive them in advance. The automatic letter of qualification will suffice for use in cases in which third parties require proof that students have completed their studies. The global verification MIE database will be updated so qualifiers will be able to have their qualifications verified by their (prospective) employers etc.

## 4. *In absentia* at graduation

Qualifiers unable to attend their graduation ceremony will graduate *in absentia*. They will be able to arrange for collection or couriering of their degree certificates. *In absentia* graduates will **not** be allowed to attend a subsequent graduation ceremony.