

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

REQUESTING A TRANSFER INTO SCIENCE FOR 2026

- 1) Read the next page of this document for the guidelines for requesting a transfer into the Science Faculty. If you think you meet the conditions, follow the process below. Note that since the process and decision is based on your complete academic transcript, you should only start the process after all your results of the current semester are available.
- 2) **The deadline for submitting a transfer application to Science is 31 January.**
- 3) Apply to the Science Faculty by completing a “Change of Curriculum” form, <http://www.forms.uct.ac.za/studentadmin/aca09.pdf>. Complete sections 1, 2A (**indicate intended Science majors**), 2B and 3 (only student section). Submit your application (aca09 form, proposed curriculum (in the table on page 3, in consultation with a Science Student Advisor) and brief motivation) as a PeopleSoft service request. Select the option for the Faculty into which you are requesting the transfer. Note that you may have to select “view all” to see the Science option.
- 4) If you are academically excluded from your current Faculty, you can apply to be considered by the Science Faculty by means of the Readmission Appeals Committee (RAC), but your appeal will only be considered if you meet the transfer criteria outlined on the next page.
Deadline: Refer to the RAC site and documents
<http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/current-students/readmissions>
- 5) Students transferring to the Science Faculty are subject to the current rules outlined in the handbook. [Also see table below.](http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/study/handbooks/current)
<http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/study/handbooks/current>
- 6) Students who completed non-South African school-leaving examinations must have a valid Matriculation Exemption certificate. Contact your current Faculty Office for assistance.

READMISSION REQUIREMENTS: 360 CREDIT BSc					
Year of registration in 2026					
REGULAR (SB001)					
Year of registration	Total Science credits	Current year credits	Total credits	Level 7 credits	Additional conditions
1	72				Must be 72 SCIENCE credits
2		72	144		Complete all required 1 st -yr credits
3		72	228		Complete all required 2 nd -yr credits
4	180		360	120	Complete all requirements for the degree
EDP (SB016)					
Year of registration	Total Science credits	Current year credits	Total credits	Level 7 credits	Additional conditions
1	54				Must be 54 SCIENCE credits
2		72	108		Complete all required 1 st -yr credits
3		72	180		Complete at least 48 credits at senior level
4		72	252		Complete all required 2 nd -yr credits
5	180		360	120	Complete all requirements for the degree

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GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS FROM OTHER FACULTIES REQUESTING A TRANSFER INTO SCIENCE

If you would like to be considered for a transfer to the Faculty of Science, please read the following information carefully, check whether you meet the conditions, and then submit a formal request in writing, **including a brief motivation for your request**, as a PeopleSoft service request. Note that even if a Science Student Advisors indicates your eligibility for particular majors, it does not ensure that you will be accepted to transfer. This decision will be based on your school leaving results, university performance to date and the criteria noted below. Starting as a new applicant is not possible.

NOTE that final decisions on whether you will be accepted into the Science Faculty will only be made in January, once all final results from the previous year are available. You should only consult a Student Advisor once you have all your results, and thereafter submit your complete application.

[Some applications may be considered in July, where appropriate, after mid-year results are available].

Criteria for transferring:

1. You must have met the normal entrance criteria for the Faculty of Science, i.e. the requisite FPS and results in school Mathematics and Physical Science.
2. The mathematics requirement can also be met by passing MAM1014F, followed by passing MAM1015S at 70%, while registered in your current faculty. These courses count as the equivalent of school-leaving mathematics and will not be credited towards a BSc.
3. Passing certain non-Science MAM courses, including MAM1010, MAM1020 and MAM1023, will also allow you to meet the requisite mathematics and be taken as the equivalent credits of a first-year Science MAM course.
4. You must be able to compile a Science curriculum*, without requiring concessions, which will enable you to complete the degree within a maximum of n+1 years. This time will include all years registered at UCT. **Starting as a new applicant is not possible.**

*A proposed Science curriculum, using the template below, must be signed by a relevant Student Advisor. For a list of advisors for the different disciplines/majors, refer to the faculty handbook or the website <https://science.uct.ac.za/undergraduate-studies-current-undergraduate-students/student-advisors>

Complying with all the criteria and requirements above will not guarantee admission to the Science Faculty.

All queries regarding your application should be directed to the email sci-science@uct.ac.za

PROPOSED CURRICULUM FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSc)

[To be completed with the assistance of a Science Student Advisor]

Refer to the **2025 Science Faculty Handbook**

<https://uct.ac.za/students/study-uct-handbooks/handbooks> for:

- A list of Senior Student Advisors for the different major clusters – page 7
- Rules for the BSc and list of Science majors and required courses – pages 17-32
- Information on non-Science courses credited towards a BSc – pages 244-245

Intended major/s towards the BSc							
Courses from current degree which will be credited towards the BSc	Course credit value	Planned courses for 2026	Course credit value	Planned courses for 2027	Course credit value	Planned courses for 2028	Course credit value
Total credits							

For completion by Science Student Advisor, confirming that the proposed curriculum above will allow completion of the BSc degree in no more than n+1 years

Name	
Signature	
Date	