# Semester Study Abroad (SSA) online application at UCT:

The online application form for the Semester Study Abroad programme must be completed before the relevant closing date, **paper-based application forms are no longer accepted.** 

## SSA Application dates for 2017:

First Semester (January to June) 2017 – applications opened on 1st May 2016 and close on 31st October 2016 (SA time).

Second semester (July to November) 2017 – applications open on 9th January 2017 and close on 30th April 2017.

Certain courses such a practical fine arts and architecture will require a CD porfolio of relevant studiowork together with the application submission. Applicants portfolios must be posted/couriered to the International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) preferably prior to the application submission, in order to prevent delays in assessment of the application.

## Guide to completing the SSA online application:



The online application form for UCT is available by clicking this button:

All applicants will be required to apply online and create a new account by entering an email address and password for the relevant semester when the applications are open.

An email will be sent to the applicant to enable the student to sign in with their email address and password to complete the online application.

The following steps (pages) must be completed for the Semester Study Abroad application:

- 1. Personal details
- 2. Academic Application
- 3. Contact details
- 4. Other Contacts (details of parent/guardian: a requirement if the student is under 21 years of age)

#### General notes about the online application:

The applicant completes the fields as indicated, compulsory fields are marked with an \*.

A help section is provided next to the heading and provides more information about that particular step.

When all the required entries have been completed for a step, no missing information will be confirmed when a green tick appears in the box next to the step on the right-hand side of the online application.

If there is missing information, click on 'Identify Missing Information' for the details.

## Step 1. Personal details:

The applicant must reply 'yes' to the third question: Have you ever registered at a tertiary institution other than UCT?

**Note:** This positive response will allow the applicant to proceed with the Semester Study Abroad application. A 'no' entry would allow the applicant to continue with a full-degree application and not the SSA application.

A valid passport for the period of study is essential. However, if the student has not received their passport yet, 'n/a' can be entered in the field for the passport number.

If a student requires assistance because of a disability, the applicant can specify the disability on the drop-down list. This is needed to inform the student of the relevant services provided by the Disability Services office.

At the bottom of this page/step: a SSA applicant **must indicate 'yes'** to apply for a Semester Study Abroad programme at UCT.

Refer to the screenshots of the 2016 online application form below.

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#### **Step 2. Academic Application:**

## Important note about student lists and selecting the Study Abroad Partner:

The SSA online application forms contains a list of study abroad partner providers and institutions. The applicant must select the relevant study abroad partner or institution through which they are applying for the UCT SSA programme, by selecting from the drop-down list on the application form. If the student is applying directly to UCT, and not through a specific partner, or if the study abroad partner is not listed in the drop-down list, then "SSAINDIVD" should be selected. CIEE students should select "CIEE" from the Study Abroad Partner drop-down list.

Applicants should refrain from submitting duplicate applications to the SSA programme. Each applicant should only submit **one** application, either through their home institution or the relevant study abroad service provider.

## Note to the Study Abroad Partner:

The SSA team will require a complete list of your nominated students who will be applying for the programme (including their full names and surnames), at the start of the application cycle, to verify that all your students applications have been submitted online and are linked to the correct SSA partner.

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The applicant must indicate if their application is for a period of 1 or 2 consecutive semesters.

A maximum of four, undergraduate courses may be selected across the following faculties: <u>Humanities</u>, <u>Commerce</u>, <u>Science</u>, <u>Law</u> and <u>Engineering and the Built Environment</u>. Once students have selected the courses they wish to enrol in at UCT, they will need to indicate the UCT Faculty or academic area of study that represents their proposed course selection, from the relevant dropdown list on the online application form.

Example: if the majority of the courses selected are offered by the Humanities Faculty, the student should indicate 'Humanities' as their area of study regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in the equivalent Faculty at their home institution.

To select suitable courses, SSA applicants should refer to the UCT faculty handbooks for the course outlines at the following URL link: http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/

#### Note for graduate students selecting graduate courses:

Graduate courses will be included on the online application for the next application cycle. Until then, graduate students should select graduate (4000 and 5000 level) courses for the relevant semester by emailing their course selection to <a href="mailto:ssa@uct.ac.za">ssa@uct.ac.za</a>

In order to be eligible to select graduate level courses at UCT, the applicant must have completed their undergraduate qualification at their home institution prior to participating in the SSA programme.

To indicate their graduate student status, applicants must please enter the following undergraduate course on their online application form: STA1000F/S

The applicants tertiary institution name, current year of study, level of qualification, and status of qualification must be entered in the fields using the relevant lookup.

## **Required documentation**

All applicants must upload their most recent official academic transcript(s) to their online application. For transcripts that are not in English, a certified English translation must accompany the non-English version of the transcript.

For applicants who have completed their undergraduate qualification and who are applying for graduate (4000+ level) courses at UCT, a full undergraduate transcript and/or undergraduate degree certificate must accompany their application to the SSA programme.

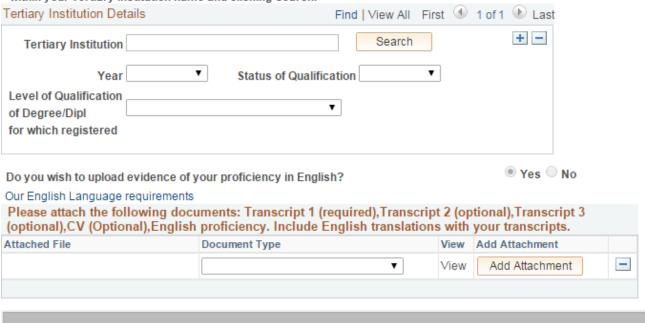
Applicants for whom English is not their first language and who have studied in a language other than English, will be required to provide proof of their English proficiency with suitable test scores when they upload their academic transcript.

A recent test score (obtained within 3-5 years of the students application for admission to UCT) on the Test for English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or a suitable accredited English language testing system will be accepted.

In order to be eligible, students would have to have achieved the following scores on these tests: at least 88 points for the internet-based TOEFL and an overall band score of 7.0 for IELTS (with no individual element of the test scoring below 6.0).

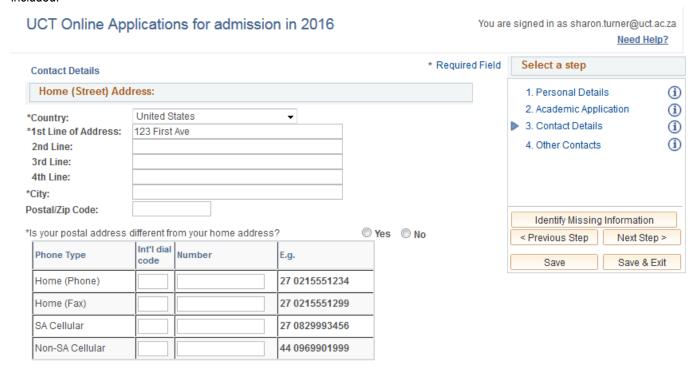
More information on TOEFL is available from toefl@ets.org or www.toefl.org and from IELTS is available from www.ielts.org

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## Step 3. Contact details:

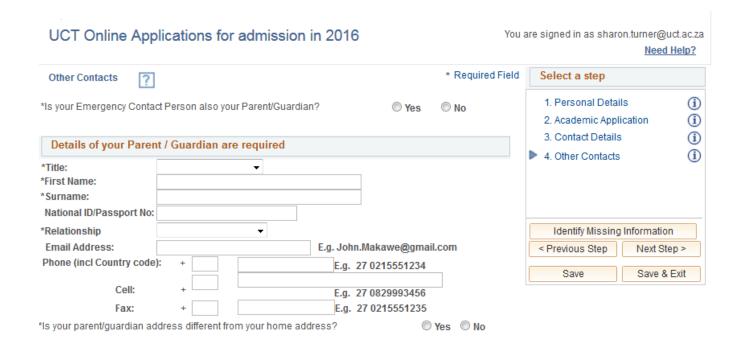
An applicant must complete their home (street) address and if this is different from their postal address, a postal address must be included.



#### Step 4. Other Contacts:

The parent/guardian contact details are required if the applicant is under 21 years of age.

If the emergency contact details are different to the parent/guardian details, the emergency contact details will be required on an additional screen.



## Submitting the online application

When all the information has been entered on the online application form and there is no missing information, the applicant will be instructed to submit the application.

#### Submission deadlines:

The online application form must be submitted before the closing date: 31st October 2016 for applications to the first semester 2017 (January to June).

All original and/or certified documentation including sworn translations of documents translated to English, must be posted or couriered to the International Office before the application deadline is reached. Kindly include a passport size photograph with the posted documentation.

#### All couriered/posted documentation to be sent to:

International Academic Programmes Office

Unievrsity of Cape Town

Level 3, Masingene Building

Cross Campus Road

Rondebosch

7700

Cape Town

South Africa

**Note:** An acknowledgement email confirming receipt of the online application submission will be sent to the contact email address provided by the applicant within 48 hours of their application submission.

Students must please retain the email confirming receipt of application submission, as this contains their password details for all future log-ins to their UCT account.

The application will be processed within 4 weeks of submission. If there are any queries, please contact us using the contact details listed below.

A letter confirming the status of admission will be sent by email as soon as a decision has been made. All accepted applicants will be required to sign and confirm their decision to accept/decline the study offer and email this reply to the IAPO at UCT as early as possible.

## **URGENT!** Important note regarding the South African visa application process:

The application process for a study visa to study in the Republic of South Africa can take 8 to 16 weeks to obtain from the South African Embassy/ Consulate in the student's home country, particularly if there are supporting documents that take a lengthy period to obtain. For example police clearances or FBI clearance reports for US students. Please check the study visa requirements on the website of the South African Consulate General in your home country **as early as possible** to avoid any unnecessary delays while the UCT application is being processed. Ideally, you should obtain all the supporting documents in advance to ensure that you are ready to submit your completed study visa application with all the supporting documents as soon as you receive notification about the status of your application from UCT.

Refer to the UCT website for more details at: http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/japo/app/studperm

Please contact us if you have any queries about the online application process:

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