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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR 2027



General Admissions Criteria for 2027

The minimum admission requirement is a National Senior Certificate (NSC) Bachelors pass - an achievement rating of 4 (adequate achievement 50-59%) or better in four NSC subjects

UWC Points System

For admission to degree and diploma programmes UWC uses a weighted system for calculating points. In order to be admitted to degree studies the candidate should have attained a minimum number of points.

Refer to each programme on the reverse side to determine the number of points required. The UWC points table to the right indicates how points are allocated.

In addition to point score requirements mentioned above, additional criteria must be met to qualify for admission to particular study programmes.

Specific programme admission requirements can be found under each of the Faculties on the reverse side.

| PERCENTAGES | LEVELS | | UWC POINTS | | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | NSC levels | UWC level | English | Mathematics | Life-Orientation | All Other Subjects |
| 90-100% | 7 | 8 | 15 | 15 | 3 | 8 |
| 80-89% | 7 | 7 | 13 | 13 | 3 | 7 |
| 70-79% | 6 | 6 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 6 |
| 60-69% | 5 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| 50-59% | 4 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 40-49% | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 30-39% | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 20-29% | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| less than 20% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* You need to have completed English (Home or First Additional Language) at Level 4.
 • Note whether you have taken Mathematics or Mathematics Literacy, as they have different point scores.



APPLICATION PROCESS



FAQs



POST MATRIC INFORMATION



CAREER GUIDANCE TIPS



FACULTY VIDEOS



Faculty of Community and Health Sciences



Faculty of Dentistry



Faculty of Education



Faculty of Natural Sciences



Faculty of Arts and Humanities



Faculty of Law



Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

UWC OPEN DAY
SATURDAY, 9 MAY 2026
 09H00 TO 15H00
 MAIN CAMPUS BELLVILLE
 ROBERT SOBUKWE DRIVE

Student Enrolment Management Unit (SEMU)

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

APPLICATION OPEN 2 APRIL 2026

Programme application closing dates
 30 September 2026 for all.

UWC Tuition Fees for 2026

(Subject to change for 2027: +/-5% increase p/a)

BA, BLIS, BTh, BCom, BEd and LLB

+/- R40 893.00 - R56 914.00 p/a

BA(S/W), BSc (Phys), BSc (Occ. Ther), BNurs, etc

+/- R40 893 - R56 914.00 p/a

BSc and BPharm

+/- R44 621.00 - R49 397.00 p/a

Geology II or III

+/- R44 920.00 p/a

BDS (Dentistry)

+/- R73 782.00 p/a

Bachelor of Oral Health

+/- R47 465.00 p/a

For more information about:

• **Bursaries or financial aid contact us at:**

Financial Aid Office on

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Residential Services on

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MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FACULTY OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMMES

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Another language Code 3 (home **OR** first additional language) **unless otherwise stated**

UWC Points:
See below

Programmes

Bachelor of Social Work

Minimum of 34 UWC points
English (home lang) Code 4 **OR** English (first additional language) Code 5
Another lang (home or first additional) Code 4
Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 4

Bachelor of Community Development

Minimum of 30 UWC Points
Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 4
English Code 4 (Home Language)
OR Code 5 (First Additional Language)
Another Language Code 4
(Home or First Additional language)

BA Sport, Recreation and Exercise Science

Minimum of 30 UWC points
Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 4

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics

Minimum of 33 UWC points
Maths Code 4 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 6
Life Sciences Code 4

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FACULTY OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Programmes

BSc Sport and Exercise Science

Minimum of 33 UWC points
Maths Code 4 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 6
Life Sciences Code 4

BSc Occupational Therapy

Minimum of 33 UWC points
Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 5
Life Sciences Code 4

BSc Physiotherapy

Minimum of 39 UWC points
Maths Code 4 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 6
Life Sciences Code 4 AND Physical Sciences Code 4

Bachelor of Nursing

Minimum of 30 UWC points
Maths Code 4 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 6
Life Sciences Code 4

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMMES 3 YEARS

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Another language Code 3 (home **OR** first additional language) **unless otherwise stated**

UWC Points:

Minimum of 30 UWC points

Programmes - 3 Year Stream

BAdmin

Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 5

BCom

BCom Financial Accounting
BCom Information Systems
Maths Code 4

BCom Accounting (3yrs)

Maths Code 4 **AND** Accounting Code 5
(not required if an applicant has Mathematics Code 5)

Programmes - 4 Year Stream

BCom 4 years

English Code 3 **AND** Another language Code 3
(home **OR** first additional language)
Maths Code 2 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 6

BCom Accounting (4yrs)

English Code 3 **AND** Another language Code 3
(home **OR** first additional language)
Maths Code 3 **AND** Accounting Code 4 (Not required if an applicant has Mathematics at level 4)

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMMES

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Code 4 in another subject from the NSC subject list

UWC Points:
Minimum of 35 UWC points

Programmes

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Bachelor of Theology (BTh)
Bachelor of Library and Information Studies (BLIS)

BA Degree majors (Arts subjects)

- Afrikaans en Nederlands
- Afrikaans vir Taalprofessies
- Anthropology
- Arabic
- Classical Culture
- English
- Ethics
- French
- Geography and Environmental Studies
- German
- History
- Industrial Psychology
- Islamic Studies
- Language and Communication Studies
- Latin
- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Political Studies
- Sociology
- Theological Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Xhosa Studies
- Xhosa Language Acquisition

Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 4 is required for the BLIS and for subjects listed below:

Geography and Environmental Studies
Library and Information Science
Psychology
Industrial Psychology

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMMES

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Another language Code 3 (home **OR** first additional language) **unless otherwise stated**

UWC Points:

Minimum of 33 UWC points

Programmes

BSc Environment and Water Science

BSc Biotechnology
BSc Biodiversity and Conservation Biology
Maths Code 4
Physical Sciences **OR** Life Sciences Code 4

BSc Medical Bioscience

Maths Code 4
Life Sciences Code 4

BSc Chemical Sciences

BSc Applied Geology
Maths Code 4
Physical Sciences Code 4

BSc Physical Science

Maths Code 5
Physical Sciences Code 4

BSc Mathematics & Statistical Sciences

BSc Computer Science
Maths Code 5 AND
Physical Sciences **OR** Life Sciences OR Information Technology Code 4

Bachelor of Pharmacy

38 UWC points
Maths Code 4
Physical Sciences **AND** Life Sciences Code 4

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMMES

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Another language Code 3 (home **OR** first additional language) **unless otherwise stated**

Programmes

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)

Minimum of 40 UWC points
Maths Code 4
Physical Sciences **AND** Life Sciences Code 4

Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH)

Minimum of 33 UWC points
Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 4
Life Sciences Code 4

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FACULTY OF LAW

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMMES

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Another language Code 3 (home **OR** first additional language) **unless otherwise stated**

Programmes

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (4yr Prog)

Minimum of 37 UWC points
Maths Code 3 **OR**
Maths Literacy Code 5

B Com Law

Minimum of 30 UWC points
Maths Code 4

Bachelor of Arts in Law - BA (Law) (3yr Prog)

Minimum of 37 UWC points
Maths Code 3 **OR**
Maths Literacy Code 5

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

UWC Points:
Minimum of 33 UWC points

Programmes

*FET = Further Education and Training Teaching
*SP = Senior Phase

BEd Accounting (FET), Economic and Management Sciences (SP) and Mathematics (SP)

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Another language Code 3 (home **OR** first additional language)
Maths Code 4 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 6
Accounting Code 4 **OR**
Business Studies Code 4 **OR**
Economics Code 4

BEd Mathematics (SP), Mathematical Literacy (SP & FET) and Natural Science (SP)

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Another language Code 3 (home **OR** first additional language)
Maths Code 4 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 6
Life Sciences Code 4 **OR** Physical Sciences Code 4

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR: BEd Languages (SP & FET) and Life Orientation (SP); BEd Languages (SP & FET) and Mathematics (SP); BEd Languages (SP & FET) and Social Sciences (SP)

English (home language) Code 4 **OR** English (first additional language) Code 5 **AND**
Another language (home **or** first additional language) Code 4

BEd Languages (SP and FET) and Life Orientation (SP)

Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 5
Life Orientation Code 4

BEd Languages (SP and FET) and Mathematics (SP)

Maths Code 4 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 6

BEd Languages (SP and FET) and Social Sciences (SP)

Maths Code 3 **OR** Maths Literacy Code 5
History Code 4 **OR** Geography Code 4

BEd Foundation Phase Teaching

English Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language)
Another language Code 4 (home **OR** first additional language) **AND** Maths Code 3 **OR**
Maths Literacy Code 5

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