Thinking of teaching?

**Steps to becoming a teacher at UCT**

To study to become a teacher at UCT, you will need to complete a Bachelor’s degree (3 or 4 years’ study, depending on what you choose to do) followed by a one-year PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education). There are four PGCEs: Foundation Phase; Intermediate Phase; Senior Phase and FET; FET.

1. Decide what subjects you are most interested in and which you would most like to teach.

2. Choose the degree that fits best with the subjects. (Study the UCT website and Handbooks.) For example, a BA if you want to teach English and history, a BSc if you want to teach natural science and biology, a B Com if you want to teach accounting and economics, a BMus if you want to teach music.

3. Make contact with the relevant faculty office (e.g., Humanities for BA or B SocSc; Science for BSc) if you need further subject advice.

4. Apply to UCT to study the degree that you have chosen.

For more information about studying to be a teacher at UCT, go to the School of Education website: www.education.uct.ac.za.

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**Information you need**

**PGCE entry requirements from 2014 onwards**

*Recommended for all intending teachers:* An introductory Xhosa course(s).

**Teaching in a primary school:**

Foundation Phase: A Bachelor’s degree which demonstrates appropriate knowledge to teach FP literacy, numeracy and life skills. Intermediate Phase: a degree in at least two of the following subject areas, comprising in total at least five whole year (2 semester courses = 1 whole year course) qualifying courses and a minimum of 150 credits: A language(s); linguistics; mathematics and statistics; natural sciences; geography and environmental sciences; historical studies and archaeology; psychology; music; fine art; drama; dance; information systems/computer science; human movement studies A matric pass in Mathematics or Maths Literacy.

**Teaching in a high school:**

Most teachers study two of the following school subjects in their degrees: A language/s; mathematics; the natural sciences; geography; environmental science; historical studies; psychology; accounting; economics; music; fine arts; drama; dance; computer science. E.g.s. English and history; maths and life sciences. The normal requirement is a minimum of two years of degree study in each of the above school subjects, but 3 years of Psychology is the minimum for life skills teaching and a year of Mathematics is accepted for Senior Phase and Maths Literacy.

**Bursaries**

The Department of Basic Education has Funza Lushaka bursaries for primary and secondary teachers in maths, sciences and computing, African languages, English, Foundation phase, and FET economics, accounting and geography. See the School of Education website.

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