Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 24,500
- Number of campuses: 5
- Academic year: February – November
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July – November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February – June

Location

UCT's campus is located at the foot of Table Mountain's Devil's Peak, with panoramic views of much of Cape Town. UCT is very similar to the city of Cape Town: it has a vibrant, cosmopolitan community, with staff and students from over 100 countries in Africa and the rest of the world.

Things to do

Cape Town is an excellent base for exploring the Western Cape region, famed internationally as a tourist destination. You can visit world famous sites including Table Mountain, Cape Point, Robben Island (where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 27 years) the Stellenbosch wine lands and the Franschhoek gourmet town.

Cape Town beaches have soft, white sand, great surrounding scenery and mountainous backdrops, and you can see the penguins on Boulders Beach. Outdoor activities are possible across South Africa including hiking, river rafting, diving, game viewing and whale watching.

Top Attractions: Table Mountain Aerial Cableway, Robben Island, Gansbaai (white shark capital of the world) and Long Street's nightlife

Travel opportunities

"Every country in the world displays some diversity, but South Africa, stretching from the hippos in the Limpopo River to the penguins waddling on the Cape, takes some beating. There's the deserted Kalahari, Namakwa's springtime symphony of wildflowers, iconic Table Mountain and Cape Point, Kruger National Park's wildlife-stalked savannah and, running through the east of the country and into Lesotho, the Drakensberg. KwaZulu-Natal's iSimangaliso Wetland Park alone has five distinct ecosystems, attracting both zebras and dolphins."  
http://www.lonelyplanet.com/south-africa

Further field, you can visit Johannesburg, undertake a classic overland journey to Namibia and Botswana or visit other African countries including Zimbabwe and Kenya.

Climate

South Africa is famous for its sunshine and is a relatively dry country. The Western Cape has a Mediterranean climate:

Autumn (mid-February to April) is fantastic, with hot sunny days and warm, balmy nights, and Summer (mid-October to mid-February) is also warm. Winter (May-July) gives more cloudy, rainy weather. For more information:
http://www.southafrica.info/

Finance 2016/17

Bursaries available:

- Automatic bursary of £750 is offered to students attending the University of Cape Town for a semester or full academic year
- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 or £500 depending on household income (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<td>Return flight from UK (av. 12 hours)</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

Living costs are less than the UK. More information is available from:
http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/intlapplicants/degree/services/living/

Accommodation

Students are housed in secure, furnished private accommodation within walking distance of the campus, managed by the International Academic Programmes Office (IAPPO). Accommodation is arranged through the IAPPO and is secured prior to arrival in Cape Town.

Full details are available here:
http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/app/acc

Further information

http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/intlapplicants/semester/overview

Application success rate

2014/15 = 43%  
2015/16 = 67%  
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)