



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

2026 INITIAL PAYMENTS AND DUE DATES

Please note that fees and payment requirements differ for local and international students. A further distinction is made between international students from the SADC region, international students from elsewhere in Africa, and international students from outside Africa. The following information does not apply to students registering at the Graduate School of Business (GSB). The GSB initial payments and deadlines will be published in the 2026 Student Fees Handbook which will be available towards the end of 2025.

An initial payment of fees (towards the tuition fee, international term fee if applicable, residence fee and the non-refundable administrative service fee) must be made prior to the academic registration or by **Friday 6th February 2026**, whichever date is earlier. Failure to submit payment by the due date will result in a one-off late payment fee of 5% of the unpaid amount. Please allow at least 14 working days for payments to reflect in UCT's bank account. A fees clearance will only be provided once the payment is reflected in the UCT bank account and NOT upon the proof of payment submitted.

SADC Students

The first payment is due prior to academic registrations for:

- All degree programmes (except PhD): **R40,100** (tuition cost R34,500 + non-refundable administrative service fee R5,600) or the entire fee, if less than the initial payment amount.

This is not the full cost for tuition. Final payment is due **31 July 2026**.

- PhD full-time international students: **full fee + R5,600 non-refundable international service fee**.

plus if applicable.

- Residence (catering) initial payment **R44,500**, or
- Residence (self-catering) initial payment **R29,500**

This is not the full residence cost. Final payment is due **31 July 2026**.

Non-SADC Students

Payment due prior to academic registration for:

- UCT full-time international fee-paying students (except Research Master's & PhD students): **R121,700**
- Master's full-time students (coursework & dissertation qualification, each year of registration): **R81,000**

This is not the full cost. Final payment is due **31 July 2026**.

- Degree by Research Master's (research qualifications only) - full-time international students:
full fees + R5,600 non-refundable international service fee
- PhD full-time international students: **Full fee + R5,600 non-refundable international service fee**.

plus if applicable.

- Residence (catering) initial payment **R44,500**, or
- Residence (self-catering) initial payment **R29,500**

This is not the full residence cost. Final payment is due **31 July 2026**.

Click here to go to the [UCT International](#) website or to view the Student fees handbook, go back to [Fees website](#), and click on the link to the appropriate handbook.

***The University reserves the right to make amendments to the fees as required.**