

Dear 1st Year Student

Welcome to the Humanities Extended Degree Programmes for BA/BSocSci students at UCT! The academic and psycho-social support for the four-year or Extended General Degree Programmes in the Humanities Faculty is run by the Humanities Education Development Unit (Humanities EDU or HUMEDU). We hope you will settle in well here and soon feel at home - socially and academically. The HUMEDU team are here to help you do exactly that! University is very different to school and so we have put together this booklet to give you some basic info and guidelines for your university experience. Please take the time to read it, it will help you find your feet.

In response to the current Covid-19 pandemic and governmental lockdown levels, the Humanities faculty at UCT is taking a PDL approach (Physically-Distanced Learning). This means that your home base for your link to the Humanities ED Unit, as well as many of your courses, is on Vula, UCT's online collaboration and learning system. The Humanities EDU Vula page is one of the main ways we will provide you with information and advice, as well as ways to connect to us.

In addition to the unit staff, there is an orientation team and a mentoring team in the faculty. There is also a Humanities ED Student Council (EDSC) who are there to represent all students on the Extended Degree Programmes, and take up issues on your behalf. Please get to know the members of the EDSC.

We look forward to getting to know you better and hope you will soon see the HUMEDU as your home base.

Wishing you a very happy and successful 1st year at UCT!



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Faculty of Humanities

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HUMANITIES EXTENDED DEGREE STUDENT COUNCIL

In 2015 a Humanities EDU Student Council was established. The EDSC manifesto includes: (a) identifying problems concerning Humanities ED students and finding solutions to these; and (b) supporting ED students to achieve their educational and vocational goals.

The members of the student council work hand in hand with the Humanities EDU staff by means of making the lives of students under the extended degree much easier, they are the bridge between the faculty and the students in the extended degree. Representatives are elected for the following portfolios: Chairperson, Secretary General, Mentorship & Orientation, Transformation, Academics, Welfare, and Social Events & Public Relations. The Chairperson of the Council in 2020 is Masimthembe Kula, who may be contacted at KLXMAS003@myuct.ac.za.

WELCOME NOTE

I want to take this opportunity and welcome all of you, it is such a great honor for us to be a bridge between you guys and the office of the humanities EDU. 2020 was such a difficult year for everyone, but through it all you all managed to pass well and for that CONGRATULATIONS. I would also like to congratulate you for making it to UCT, well done.

We would have loved to meet you guys under different circumstances, but that is not possible considering the pandemic that we are facing. However, not all hope is lost since we will be interacting with each other on various and exciting activities that we have planned out for you guys to enjoy throughout the year. Without further ado,

MEET YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS



CHAIRPERSON: Masimthembe Kula

“Believe in yourself and in your capabilities and never settle for anything less than your best. Plan your life accordingly and you shall never go wrong”



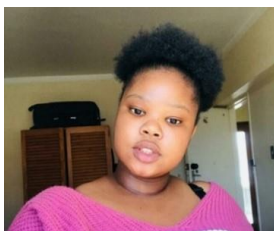
ACADEMIC REP: Sibusiso Blessing Zwane

“Remember, nothing worth having comes easy”



TREASURER GENERAL: Sanele Maqhina/ Nqanduvana

“Enjoy yourselves and don’t deprive yourselves of nice time and don’t deprive yourselves academically”



SECRETARY GENERAL: Zandile Dywati

“A start of a new journey awaits. One that will excite you and one that will seem tiring. However, buckle up a new world awaits, a world of independence and new tasks. You have come this far because of your potential and capabilities from herein no border nor boundary can define you, most importantly hard work will never fail you. Goodluck”



STUDENT WELLNESS REP: Siyamthanda Duze

“Start your first year with a smile and don’t try to reinvent yourself too much, don’t try too hard to fit in, just be yourself and remember a smile goes a long way”



FIRST YEAR GUIDANCE: Lesego Lephoi

“Choose you in every situation you experience”

Follow the EDSC on Instagram: [@uct_eduhumanities](https://www.instagram.com/uct_eduhumanities)

ABOUT THE HUMANITIES EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT UNIT & THE EXTENDED DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The Humanities Education Development Unit works with students and staff on the Extended Degree Programmes and runs the EDU Introductory Courses. The Humanities Extended Degree Programmes are geared towards enhancing success and throughput and specifically cater for students who would benefit from taking a lighter academic load and having an additional year to complete their degrees.

There are two Extended General Degree Programmes in Humanities: an extended Bachelor of Arts (HB061) and an extended Bachelor of Social Sciences (HB062). These programmes allow you to spread your curriculum over a period of 4 years instead of 3 years, thus reducing your academic load and allowing you to achieve a better success rate and higher grades. For example, as a student on the Extended Degree Programme, you will take 6 rather than 8 courses in your first year of study. To support your transition from high school to university, you are required to take a minimum of 2 EDU Introductory Courses (DOH course codes) or Numeracy Courses (MAM course codes) in your first year. These courses will provide you with academic support and the skills needed to succeed in a Humanities degree. Other than this, an Extended Degree Programme is exactly the same as a 3-year BA or BSocSci Degree Programme. Extended Degree Programme students attend the same lectures and write the same assignments and exams as students taking the 3-year degree programme and you end up with exactly the same qualification.

As a student on the Extended Degree (ED) Programme, you receive academic support in the following forms:

- i. **EDU Introductory & Numeracy Courses:** ED students are required to take, and pass, 2 semester-long EDU Introductory or Numeracy Courses. The EDU Introductory or Numeracy Courses you take will depend on your NSC scores for English and Mathematics, and on which majors you choose. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST TAKE AT LEAST 2 OF THE FOLLOWING EDU INTRODUCTORY or NUMERACY COURSES IN ORDER TO GRADUATE: *Language in the Humanities (DOH1002F)*, *Numbers in the Humanities (MAM1022F)*, *Texts in the Humanities (DOH1010S)*, and *Concepts in the Social Sciences (DOH1009S)*. More information about which courses you should take for which programme or major can be found in the **MY CURRICULUM** section of this guide. Double check with your curriculum advisor when you register that you have chosen the right courses.

- ii. **ED Teaching Assistants (ED TA):** These are usually PhD students in their respective disciplines, who have a range of responsibilities within their departments aimed at improving ED students' learning experience. For example, they design and manage additional tutorials (Plus Tutorials), help the lecturers train and manage tutors, and

oversee the work of ED Tutors who run the Plus Tutorials. They are available to help you in departments, so please get to know the ED TA in your department(s).

- iii. **Augmenting Courses (Plus Tutorials):** Many of the 1st and 2nd year courses you sign up for have additional forms of teaching and learning input running alongside regular lectures. These are called Plus Tutorials (or officially Augmenting Courses), for which ED students must be registered. These Plus Tutorials take the form of extra tutorials, reading & writing workshops, online writing support, assessment workshops, exam preparation support and so on. They are run by ED Teaching Assistants and ED Tutors. In 2021, all of this support will be offered online via the Vula learning platform. As an ED student you need to take **at least** three (3) Plus Tutorials during the first and second years of your degree. Since these courses are there for academic support, you may take as many as are available alongside the regular courses you take. You will get a Pass/ Fail mark for each Plus Tut on the basis of your participation and hand-ins at the end of each semester and they will reflect on your academic transcript. The Plus Tuts include online reading- and writing- intensive spaces, sometimes called Writing Hubs. These offer you opportunities to practice academic reading and writing and get online feedback from Tutors.

- iv. **VULA Sites:** The Humanities EDU runs an active VULA site, to which all ED students are automatically added as participants. You should use this site to collect important resources and information and to find out what is happening in the programme (e.g., information about curriculum issues, deadlines etc.). It is essential that you check all of your VULA Sites regularly, as the university uses these to communicate important information.

- v. **Curriculum Advice:** The EDU has two trained curriculum advisors on its staff, Ellen Hurst and Shannon Morreira. In 2021, all curriculum advice will be administered online via the Humanities 2021 Vula site, where there is a tab called Curriculum Advice. All Humanities Advisors know the rules and shape of the 4-year degree, so they will be able to help you. But if you run into any tricky problems or really want to speak to an advisor who works on the 4 year programme, Shannon and Ellen will also be responding to student queries

on the Humanities 2021 Vula site curriculum advice tab at set times per week each semester. We'll let you know these times via a Vula Announcement once they have been confirmed.

MY CURRICULUM

The Humanities Faculty offers 2 Extended Degree Programmes:

Degree Code	Degree Name	Majors
HB061	Bachelor of Arts	See Humanities Undergrad Handbook for list of majors
HB062	Bachelor of Social Science	See Humanities Undergrad Handbook for list of majors

- Extended Degree students must take and pass 22 courses in total, of which at least 2 must be EDU Introductory (DOH) or Numeracy (MAM) Courses, 12 must be Humanities courses, and at least 10 must be senior courses (2000- and 3000-level courses).
- Wherever a semester course has a Plus Tutorial attached to it, ED students must be sure to register for BOTH the regular version **AND** the Plus tutorial – the Course Titles are the same, but the Plus Tutorial has a (+) at the end of the Course Title. The list of first and second year courses with Plus Tutorials in 2021 can be found on page 17 of this ED Guide.
- Following criteria from the Law Faculty students on the Humanities Extended Degree programmes who wish to major in Law may only begin this major in their THIRD YEAR of study, and must have an average of 65% or higher on a full standard course load (6 courses per year, NOT including Plus courses) in each year, with no failing marks, across their first two years of study.

Standard course load per year for Extended Degree Programmes

Year of study	1st Semester	2nd Semester
1st	3 courses	3 courses
2nd	3 courses	3 courses
3rd	3 courses	3 courses
4th	2 courses	2 courses

New Suite of Humanities Khanyisa Introductory Courses

Since 2020, the Humanities Faculty has rolled out a suite of new re-designed first-year level courses (named Khanyisa courses) that are responsive to the need for decolonising higher education curricula. These courses use content that draws on our location in Africa in order to introduce different fields of study in the Arts and Social Sciences. They use innovative teaching and delivery methods which allow more time for active engagement and the development of critical reading and writing skills in the Humanities. There are no Plus tutorials attached to these courses because they are already pedagogically enriched courses. We highly recommend these courses to all general degree Humanities students, including Extended degree students. These courses may be taken as electives or towards a major.

The re-designed courses offered in 2021 are as follows:

First Semester:

AXL1400F Words, Deeds, Bones and Things

SLL1057F Ancient Egypt

FAM1001F Media and Society

MUZ1338F Music in Society

ELL1013F Literature How and Why?

POL1004F Introduction to Politics

SLL 1002F Word Power

SLL 1029F Language and Cross-Cultural Communication

Second Semester:

HST1014S Empires and Modernities

REL1017S African Religious Traditions

SLL 1002S Word Power

SLL1029S Language and Cross -Cultural Communication

Extended Degree Programmes Readmission Requirements

Year of Registration	Requirements to be Allowed to Continue
First	At least 2 semester courses
Second	At least 4 semester courses (excluding 2 EDU Introductory Humanities Courses)
Third	At least 8 semester courses (excluding 2 Introductory Humanities Courses)
Fourth	At least 12 semester courses (including at least 4 senior semester courses)
Fifth	At least 16 courses (including at least 6 senior semester courses)
Sixth	Must have met the requirements for the degree

Bachelor of Arts Majors

ED Students taking this degree are required to take the following courses at **first-year level**:

- a. Two EDU Introductory courses:
 - DOH1002F: Language in the Humanities
 - DOH1010S: Texts in the Humanities

- b. Four 1000 level courses of their choice (where they are offered, Plus Tutorial Courses must be taken in addition to the regular course to which it is attached)

Semester 1	Semester 2
DOH1002F: Language in the Humanities	DOH1010S: Texts in the Humanities
1000-level course, depending on majors <i>(Plus Tutorial Course recommended)</i>	1000-level course, depending on majors <i>(Plus Tutorial Course recommended)</i>

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Bachelor of Social Science Majors (including BUS/EGS/POL/PSY/SOC)

ED Students taking this degree are required to take the following courses at **first-year level**:

- a. Two EDU Introductory Courses or a Numeracy Course:
 MAM1022F: Numbers in the Humanities
 DOH1009S: Concepts in the Social Sciences
 OR
 DOH1002F: Language in the Humanities
- b. Students registering for BUS, EGS, or PSY majors must also complete:
 MAM1016S: Quantitative Literacy for the Social Sciences
- c. Three or four 1000 level courses of their choice (Plus Tutorial Courses must be taken in addition to the regular course where they exist). Students majoring in BUS or EGS may take the following courses concurrently with MAM1016S:
 BUS1007S: Introduction to Organisational Psychology
 EGS1003S: Geography, Development and Environment

Semester 1	Semester 2
MAM1022F: Numbers in the Humanities	DOH1009F: Concepts in the Social Sciences
DOH1002F: Language in the Humanities OR 1000-level course, depending on majors (Plus Tutorial Course recommended)	MAM1016S: Quantitative Literacy for the Social Sciences (if majoring in BUS, EGS, or PSY) OR 1000-level course, depending on majors (Plus Tutorial Course recommended)
1000-level course, depending on majors (Plus Tutorial Course recommended)	BUS1007S or EGS1003S (if majoring in BUS or EGS) OR 1000-level course, depending on majors (Plus Tutorial Course recommended)

Bachelor of Social Science Majors (excluding BUS/EGS/POL/PSY/SOC)

ED Students taking this degree are required to take the following courses at first-year level:

- a. Two EDU Introductory courses:
 - DOH1002F: Language in the Humanities
 - DOH1009S: Concepts in the Social Sciences

- b. Four 1000 level courses of their choice (Plus Tutorial Courses must be taken in addition to the regular course where they exist)

Semester 1	Semester 2
DOH1002F: Language in the Humanities	DOH1009S: Concepts in the Social Sciences
1000-level course, depending on majors <i>(Plus Tutorial Course recommended)</i>	1000-level course, depending on majors <i>(Plus Tutorial Course recommended)</i>
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FIRST & SECOND YEAR PLUS TUTORIAL COURSES

FIRST YEAR COURSES				
DEPARTMENT	Regular Course Code and Name	Plus Tut CODE	Plus Tut Course Name	Semester
African Studies	AXL1201S Representations in Africa	AXL1202S	Representations in Africa+	Semester 2
Centre for Theatre, Dance and Performance (CTDP)	TDP1027F Introduction to Theatre & Performance A	TDP1029F	Introduction to Theatre and Performance A+	Semester 1
	TDP1045S SA Performance Genealogies	TDP1030S	SA Performance Genealogies+	Semester 2

Centre for Film & Media Studies	FAM1000S Analysing Film and Television	FAM1010S	Analysing Film and Media+	Semester 2
English Language & Literature	ELL1016S Image, Voice and Word	ELL1010S	Image, Voice and Word+	Semester 2
Historical Studies	HST1013F Connections and Interruptions, 1500 - 1800	HST1015F	Connections and Interruptions, 1500 – 1800+	Semester 1
Linguistics	AXL1300F Introduction to Language Studies	AXL1304F	Introduction to Language Studies+	Semester 1
	AXL1301S Introduction to Sociolinguistics	AXL1305S	Introduction to Sociolinguistics +	Semester 2
Philosophy	PHI1024F Introduction to Philosophy	PHI1023F	Introduction to Philosophy+	Semester 1
	PHI1025F Critical Thinking	PHI1027F	Critical Thinking+	Semester 1
	PHI1010S Ethics	PHI1011S	Ethics+	Semester 2
Political Studies	POL1005S Introduction to Politics B	POL1010S	Introduction to Politics B+	Semester 2
Psychology	PSY1004F Introduction to Psychology part 1	PSY1006F	Introduction to Psychology part 1+	Semester 1
	PSY1005S Introduction to Psychology part 2	PSY1007S	Introduction Psychology part 2+	Semester 2
Religious Studies	REL1002F Religions Past & Present	REL1015F	Religions Past and Present+	Semester 1

	REL1006S Judaism, Christianity & Islam	REL1016S	Judaism, Christianity & Islam+	Semester 2
Social Anthropology	AXL1401S Introduction to Anthropology	AXL1403S	Introduction to Anthropology+	Semester 2
Sociology	SOC1001F Introduction to Sociology	SOC1006F	Introduction to Sociology+	
	SOC1005S Individual and Society	SOC1007S	Individual and Society+	Semester 2
Social Development	SWK1013F Community Connections	SWK1014F	Community Connections +	Semester 1

SECOND YEAR COURSES

DEPARTMENT	Regular Course Code and Name	Plus Tut CODE	Plus Tut Course Name	Semester
African Studies	AXL2202F African Political Thought	AXL2203F	African Political Thought+	Semester 1
Centre for Film and Media Studies	FAM2000F Writing & Editing in Media	FAM2015 F	Writing & Editing in Media+	Semester 1
	FAM2003S Media Power and Culture	FAM2016 S	Media Power and Culture+	Semester 2
Centre for Theatre, Dance & Performance (CTDP)	TDP2010F Global Performances: Mutations and Migrations	TDP2042F	Global Performances: Mutations and Migrations+	Semester 1
	TDP2010S Topics in Theatre and Dance	TDP2013S	Topics in Theatre and Dance+	Semester 2

English Language & Literature	ELL2000F Cultures of Empire, Resistance and Modernity	ELL2016F	Cultures of Empire, Resistance and Modernity+	Semester 1
	ELL2010S Literature and the Work of Memory	ELL2017S	Literature and the Work of Memory+	Semester 2
Historical Studies	HST2040F Historical Methods	HST2041F	Historical Methods+	Semester 1
Psychology	PSY2015F Research in Psychology 1	PSY2012F	Research in Psychology 1+	Semester 1
Religious Studies	REL2047F Religion, Sexuality and Gender	REL2054F	Religion, Sexuality and Gender+	Semester 1
Sociology	SOC2030F Poverty Development & Globalisation	SOC2034F	Poverty Development & Globalisation+	Semester 1
	SOC2015S Comparative Industrialisation & Labour Study	SOC2035S	Comparative Industrialisation & Labour Study+	Semester 2
Social Development	SWK2001F Introduction to Pol. Econ. & Foundations of Soc. Serv. Professions	SWK2002F	Introduction to Pol. Econ. & Foundations of Soc. Serv. Professions+	Semester 1
	SWK2013S Community and Youth Development	SWK2014S	Community and Youth Development+	Semester 2

THE HUMANITIES FACULTY MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

In addition to the teaching and learning input offered to students on the Humanities Extended Degree Programmes, the Humanities Faculty Mentorship Programme (HFMP) provides a social support network for first-year students. You will benefit from this support if you feel more comfortable approaching a fellow student than a staff member to ask for advice, discuss problems, and share your experiences of UCT. With this in mind you are automatically assigned a mentor (a senior year or postgrad student) at the beginning of the first semester. These senior students understand the social needs, pressures, and stressors of university life and will be able to offer any support or guidance you may need.

The HFMP mentors have been carefully selected and trained for their role and regularly meet with supervisor mentors who monitor their performance. Mentors also receive ongoing training and support throughout the year. Your mentors will meet with you virtually once a week via WhatsApp, video call or email at a time that is convenient for you. Should we return to campus in the second semester you will also be able to meet them in person.

Note: This is a formal, first semester programme. After the first semester of your first year you are able to choose whether or not you would like to continue meeting with your mentor. It is important to note that if you do not fully participate in the Mentorship Programme and are academically excluded at the end of the year, it may be difficult for Humanities Faculty staff to support your application for readmission.

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COUNSELLING AND EMERGENCIES

Bhavani Krishna is the Humanities Faculty Student Development Officer. She offers some counseling support as well as assessments, treatment interventions, referrals and networking opportunities as required and where necessary. Students requiring long-term support are referred to the University's Student Wellness Service.

You can email Bhavani.Krishna@uct.ac.za to schedule a counselling appointment.

In case of student emergencies, please contact:

UCT Student Careline: 0800 24 25 26 (free from a Telkom line) or SMS 31393 (for a call-me-back)

For medical emergencies on campus, contact **Campus Protection Services: 021 650 2222 / 3**

Student Wellness can be contacted on 021 6501020/1017 (during office hours).

Life-Line: **086 132 2322** (Toll free-24 hours)

Suicide Crisis Help-Line: **0800 567 567** (Toll free 8am-8pm)/SMS Help-Line: **31393**

South African Depression and Anxiety Group: **0800 567 567** (Toll free 8am-8pm)

Substance Abuse Helpline: **0800 121314** (Toll free 24 hours)

FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS ED STUDENTS

I finished my Honours at UCT early, by September in International Relations. I am currently doing my Masters at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. My programme is interdisciplinary so it includes economics, history, IR [international relations] and law. EDP really helped me get to where I am as it developed my academic foundation which I have been able to build on... the end goal is definitely to get my PHD and to enter Academia (in IR with a focus on conflict and development).

Aamina Teladia
BSocSci Graduate
Philosophy, International Relations

For me the EDU program was good, I started the year as a manager for the youth department of Equal Education in July my position changed to the Deputy General Secretary of Equal Education so that's what I'm up to now.

Ntuthuzo Ndzomo
BA Graduate
History, Political Studies, Public Policy & Administration

I managed to get an assistant position at Car Magazine here in Cape Town a week after I ended my exams. I recently got moved up to a journalist position which fits into my media degree quite well.

I've done a lot of driving and flying since and it has been great.

The ED program was a massive help. It taught me a lot about time management and took a lot of pressure off during the course of my studies. It also gave me a lot of free time to get a casual job and gain some vital working experience that benefited my C.V.

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