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UCT ITC Preparatory Course

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Welcome

from the Head of the College of Accounting



Dear Candidates

As the Head of the College of Accounting at UCT, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the ITC Preparatory Course, one of the College's suite of programmes specifically tailored to the professional education of trainee-chartered accountants.

This year's course is premised on recognising the additional challenges that COVID-19 has created for students completing their PGDA in unusually difficult situations and to ensure that, while maintaining our focus on being 'centre of excellence in professional accounting education',

to carefully review our offering in light of the impact on COVID-19, as well as to continue to build on the successes of previous programmes.

I am encouraged by the 286 UCT candidates who passed the ITC Preparatory Course in 2021.

You will write the ITC at a time when the world continues to navigate the COVID-19 crisis. You will write ITC after spending almost two years at university adapting to a new and ever-changing set of academic circumstances or a work environment that is primarily in the on-line space. To have managed this successfully indicates a resilience as well as the ability to remain positive and focused over this challenging time, competencies that will stand you in good stead as the future custodians of the CA(SA) qualification.

I have full confidence in the team to prepare you well for the SAICA ITC examination. My hope is that you excel in this first step in your lifelong learning journey as a custodian of the CA(SA) brand.

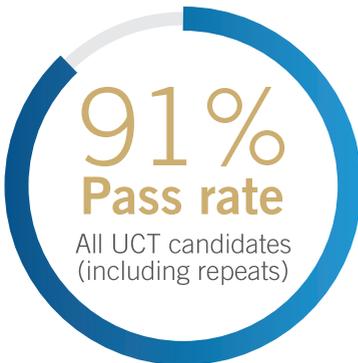
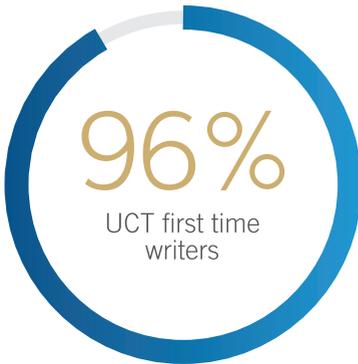
A/Prof Jacqui Kew

Acting Head, College of Accounting

ITC January 2021

UCT achieved a pass rate for first time writers of 96% and was the residential university with the second highest number of successful candidates.

Exam Results



7 of the
top 10

SAICA ITC students were UCT ITC Board Course candidates



Why choose our ITC Preparatory Course?

1

We are the only university to provide both an ITC Preparatory Course and APC Professional Programme - courses specifically tailored to the professional accounting education of trainee chartered accountants in South Africa.

2

We are the authoritative pioneers of online learning in professional accounting education. Our course offers flexibility to work wherever and whenever you want.

3

A dynamic experienced academic team that has been involved in professional accounting education through our PGDA, ITC Preparatory Course and APC Professional Programme.

4

We focus on exam technique and how you are going to demonstrate your understanding of the academic content. Making sure that you are awarded each possible mark that is within your level of understanding and knowledge.

5

The pass rates of candidates who complete our ITC Preparatory Course and APC Professional Programmes have consistently exceeded the SAICA national average.



Key features of the ITC Preparatory Course



Lectures will be online, via live MS Team events where you can join from anywhere, using your web browser.



Concept videos focussing on fundamental principles, technical updates and new syllabus developments.



Access to our learning platform - VULA.



Recording of online lectures.



Comprehensive and balanced tutorial pack of questions.



A detailed study programme leading up to the ITC exam.



Comprehensive course notes.



A pack of integrated tutorial questions.



Academic support via the Vula online platform.



Self-evaluated mock exams.



Pre-recorded videos on topics from the various subject areas.



Pre-recorded videos on major topics from the various subject areas.



Our ITC Preparatory Course aims to:

- 1.** Equip you with effective exam technique and question answering skills
- 2.** Rectify any shortcomings in, and add the necessary detail to, your knowledge base
- 3.** Provide an emphasis and focus on typical ITC assessment questions
- 4.** Provide the motivation and structure necessary to guide you through the material, whilst encouraging integration of sections

ITC Team

UCT College of Accounting



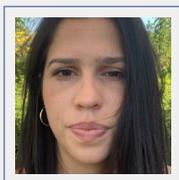
Riyaan Davids (UCT ITC Board Course Convenor)

After the completion of his articles, Riyaan worked as a consultant in the Reward space where he specialised in the design and implementation of executive remuneration schemes. He then began his career in academia at Stellenbosch University where he lectured in the Management Accounting and Finance section before moving to UCT. He lectures on the PDGA programme and is currently the convenor of the Management Accounting 2 course and holds a MCom in Accounting Science. His research interests lie in executive remuneration as well as corporate disclosure.



Carlos De Jesus

Carlos is a senior lecturer in the Management Accounting and Finance section with an MCom in Finance. Carlos lectures on the PGDA programme as well as the Honours in Finance and has been teaching and mentoring on the ITC programmes for a number of years. Currently Carlos marks and has marked the SAICA ITC and APC exams and has also been involved in the setting of the professional exams. Carlos is involved in consulting; ranging from corporate finance training, valuations and pricing of specialised options and infrastructure project yield calculations.



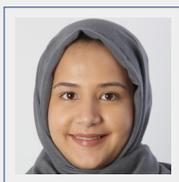
Kim Hendrickse

Kim completed both her undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at UCT. She was a tax academic trainee in 2015 at the College of Accounting. Kim then went on to complete her articles at PwC, Cape Town. After completion of her articles, she joined the College of Accounting, where she lectures and tutors Taxation.



Jacqui Dean

Jacqui is a senior lecturer in the Management Accounting & Finance section at the College of Accounting and teaches both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. She joined the team in 2015 after completing her articles at EY, where she worked on a mix of financial services and retail clients. Jacqui has a Masters in Financial Management and has a postgraduate diploma in Tax Law.



Sameenah Esack

Sameenah completed both her undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at UCT. She was a taxation academic trainee in 2015 at the College of Accounting. She completed her articles at PwC, Cape Town where she specialised in the financial services sector. After completion of her articles, Sameenah joined the College of Accounting, where she convenes and lectures Taxation I, Taxation II and tutors Taxation III.



Ropfiwa Sithubi

Ropfiwa was a lecturer within the Corporate Governance section and lectured at both a postgraduate and undergraduate level with the College of Accounting. Ropfiwa completed her articles at KPMG and stayed on to become Senior Manager within the financial services audit business unit. She has her Master's in Financial reporting, analysis and Governance which she completed with the College of Accounting. Ropfiwa is currently an audit partner at KPMG



Malilimalo Phaswana

Malilimalo is a lecturer in Governance, Audit and Assurance at the College of Accounting. He is a past academic trainee and completed his articles at PwC Cape Town before going on secondment in Netherlands. He did a Master of Commerce in Financial Reporting Analysis and Governance and is currently pursuing his PhD in Finance. Outside the office, Mali is an avid painter, nature photographer and dog parent.



Shaun Parsons

Shaun is an Associate Professor in Taxation, and lectures at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. He is the general editor of Questions on SA Income Tax and a contributing editor to Fundamentals of South African Income Tax. Shaun has also presented a number of papers at both local and international conferences. Prior to returning to academia, he gained commercial experience in both South Africa and the UK. He continues to be involved in tax consulting.



Jatin Garach

Jatin is a senior lecturer in the Financial Reporting section, teaching at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels and currently convenes Financial Reporting III. He returned to the College of Accounting after serving his articles at PwC in Durban. Jatin holds a Master of Commerce in Financial Management, is studying towards a CFA qualification and is involved in the UCT APC professional programme.



Dale McGregor

Dale is a senior lecturer in the Corporate Governance section and has lectured and convened both undergraduate and postgraduate courses at UCT. He was an academic trainee in the Corporate Governance Section at UCT. Prior to returning to UCT as a lecturer, Dale obtained post-article experience working as a financial accountant at Old Mutual. Dale has a Masters in Commercial Law specialising in Advanced Company Law, Corporate Governance and Taxation Law at UCT.



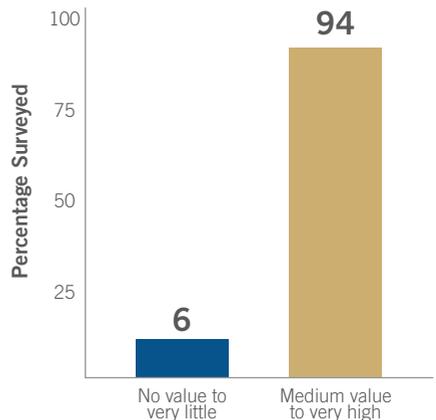
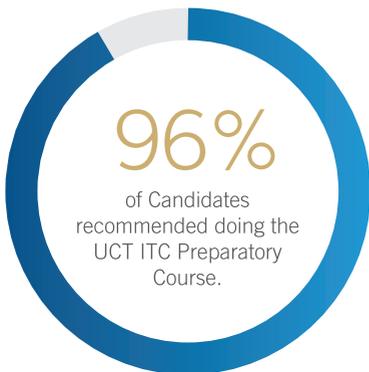
Rowan Hoch

Rowan Hoch is a senior lecturer in financial reporting and is the convener of the financial reporting course for PGDA (CTA). Rowan is involved in both the ITC and APC professional programmes and is a regular marker for both the ITC and APC exams at SAICA. Rowan holds a master's degree in financial and risk management.



How satisfied are our Candidates?

We asked our ITC Candidates to rate their overall level of satisfaction with their decision to register with our ITC Preparatory Course.



Important information



Registrations open
1 October 2021



Study material available from
13 December 2021



Course starts
13 December 2021



Online live lectures over the
duration of the course



Course fee is R4200 due
13 December 2021

How to register

Visit our website www.uctboardcourse.co.za

If you have any questions, contact us on
info@uctboardcourse.co.za

Student Testimonials

Don't just take our word for it - take theirs

Great assistance and support and very good material.

Really enjoyed the “bigger Picture” and exam technique approach.

Great resources made available to us, great communication from lecturers and course managers. I based the majority of my studying on the content provided by the BC, it was very helpful.

I believe to have gained exposure to a number of different scenarios, which helped me to apply principles to those different types of scenarios.

High-level notes are invaluable - Tutorial questions are well thought out and planned to give maximum scope for revision.

Couldn't rate the course more highly! Great summaries within the books and good tutorial questions.

The material was on point and made difficult principles easy to understand.



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Having the lectures and course material available on the online platform helped especially when taking off from work to spend a solid 8-9 weeks studying was not an option.
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The course notes that I was able to read through in order to recap on specific situations. Also, the tutorials were very good and helped me practice my exam technique. The online chat rooms and Mock exams were very helpful.
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The style and variety of tutorial questions that were given in helping getting exam fit together with the excellent notes that were given on each module were the aspects of the course I enjoyed the most.
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I thoroughly enjoyed the lectures. As someone who studied through UNISA via correspondence it was nice to have that contact with a lecturer. I also enjoyed the mock exams.
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The notes for certain sections were very helpful and the questions. The forums function is extremely helpful including being able to view other questions and answers that you may not have thought of. The book style of the course notes made it much easier to handle and keep things together in an organised manner.
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Course Components



Online learning site

Access to our interactive online learning site called VULA, that acts as a communication tool between the academic team and Candidates.



Recorded content - concept videos

In addition to the 6 online live lessons, recorded technical content in the form of 12 to 15 minutes concept videos will also be made available to candidates.

The concept videos focus on fundamental principles, technical updates, new syllabus developments, guidance on how to approach ITC based questions, and exam technique.

These concepts were selected on the basis of being technical concepts that candidates often struggle to grasp and that can prevent them from progressing

in their studies. These concept videos will be available to candidates online through VULA.



Recordings of the online lectures for recap

Available online through the online VULA. This allows Candidates the flexibility and accessibility needed to work where and when they choose. Videos of these lectures will be made available within a few days of the live lectures. Candidates can then review in their own time and at their own pace. The accessibility of the online content will benefit Candidates who are not able to attend the lectures, as well as those Candidates who were present at the lectures but who would like to revisit concepts to ensure understanding.



Comprehensive and balanced tutorial questions

The tutorial pack has a very broad coverage and focuses on the type of questions that are asked in the ITC. ITC-type questions include annotations and common pitfalls, highlighting common errors and areas where previous Candidates struggled in.



Comprehensive course notes

The notes have been structured to focus on the following:

- A syllabus overview of the core SAICA subjects
- Common pitfalls and problem areas
- Critical points
- Exam technique



Study programme

The course notes and tutorial questions for each subject module is divided into various study days which are synchronised into a course calendar and study programme.



Academic support questions

The academic team will provide academic support through the online discussion forum for the duration of the course. A designated Course Coach will be available on email and telephone to provide administrative support



Self-evaluated simulated ITC exams

A simulated ITC examination will be provided on Vula and should be completed on the days allocated on the study planner.

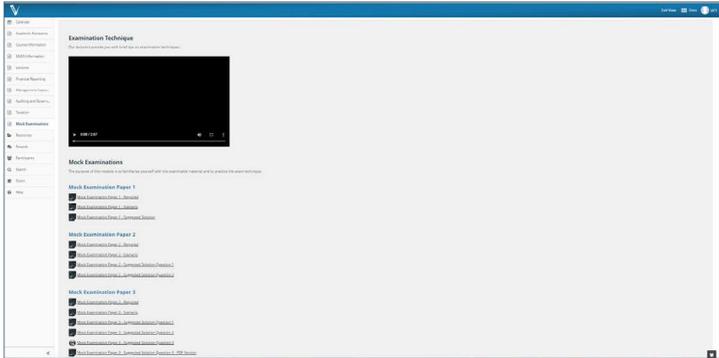
Learning model

Online learning site

The screenshot shows the 'Academic Assistance' page. On the left is a navigation menu with items like 'Academic Assistance', 'Course Information', 'SQA Information', 'Lectures', 'Financial Reporting', 'Management Accounts', 'Auditing and Governance', 'Taxation', 'Mock Examinations', 'Resources', 'Forums', 'Participants', 'Search', 'Zoom', and 'Help'. The main content area is titled 'Academic Assistance' and contains the following text: 'There are a number of options available should you require Academic assistance. There are **two discussion forums** for every module, please log your queries on either forum: 1. a main discussion forum 2. an anonymous discussion forum'. Below this, there are two sections: 'Main discussion forums' and 'Anonymous discussion forums'. Each section lists three forums: 'Financial reporting', 'Management Accounting and Finance', and 'Auditing and Governance'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Further academic assistance' with an email address: 'mailto:academic@london.ac.uk'.

The screenshot shows the 'ITC Preparatory Course' page. The navigation menu is similar to the previous page. The main content area is titled 'ITC Preparatory Course' and includes a video player showing a person wearing glasses. Below the video, the text reads: 'Participate yourself with important course information and meet the team.' The 'About the ITC Preparatory Course' section states: 'The ITC Preparatory Course provides Candidates with a solid grounding in preparation for the ITC by means of pre-recorded lectures in each of the four core subjects, as well as a four-hour recorded tutorial session for each of the four subjects (Financial Reporting, Management Accounting & Finance, Auditing & Governance and Taxation). The course substitutes in the completion of a simulated ITC examination paper, which Candidates complete in their free time as final practice prior to writing the actual ITC presented by SQA.' The 'Important Course Information' section provides links to 'intcourse.sqa.ac.uk', 'suggested course study calendar', and 'Lecture Schedule'.

The screenshot shows the 'Introduction to and overview of Financial Reporting' page. The navigation menu is similar to the previous pages. The main content area is titled 'Introduction to and overview of Financial Reporting' and includes a video player. Below the video, there is a 'Course Notes' section with a link to 'Introduction to Financial Reporting (PDF)'. The 'Additional Resources' section lists several documents: 'Introduction to Financial Reporting', 'Accounting Standards', 'Accounting Standards', 'Accounting Standards', and 'Accounting Standards'. The 'Course Videos' section lists 'Introduction to Financial Reporting' and 'Accounting Standards'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Integrated tutorial questions and solutions' with a link to 'Introduction to Financial Reporting'.



Lecture schedule

Success in the ITC depends primarily on the hard work that you put in. Here's how we'll get there together:

Book Collection			
Date	City	Venue and address	Collection time
Monday, 13 December 2021	Cape Town	Park Inn by Radisson Hotel, 10 Hemlock Street, Newlands, 7700	10am to 4pm
Tuesday, 14 December 2021			
From 14 December 2021	Courier	If you are not able to collect at our venue in Cape Town, your study pack will be sent to you via courier. <i>NB. Courier outside of the South African borders will incur an additional courier fee of R1200</i>	

Lecture Schedule			
Date	Topic	Time	Platform
Monday, 13 December 2021	FR exam technique	4pm to 6pm	via MS Teams
Tuesday, 14 December 2021	MAF exam technique	4pm to 6pm	via MS Teams
Wednesday, 15 December 2021	AUD exam technique	4pm to 6pm	via MS Teams
Friday, 17 December 2021	TAX exam technique	4pm to 6pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 20 December 2021	MAF & TAX integration	4pm to 6pm	via MS Teams
Tuesday, 21 December 2021	FR & AUD integration	4pm to 6pm	via MS Teams
NB. This schedule and time is subject to change. We may add further lessons if we feel that it is required. You will be notified in advance of any changes.			

How to register

For more information, visit our website www.uctboardcourse.co.za
If you have any questions, you can contact us on info@uctboardcourse.co.za
or call us on **065 596 5018 / 073 404 2771**.

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you can register online at:

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