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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 maintaining our focus on the vision of the College which is 'to be a centre of excellence in professional accounting education', and to carefully review our offering to identify and build on the successes of previous programmes. I am encouraged by the 282 UCT candidates who passed the ITC Preparatory Course in 2020 at their first attempt as this represent the highest number by any university (residential and distance-learning) and so is quite an historic moment for UCT.

You will write the ITC at a time when the world continues to navigate the COVID-19 crisis, and you will be challenged to remain resilient, positive and focused over the time. While the added challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic brings to this year, being resilient, managing change and managing yourself in a changing environment are competencies that will stand you in good stead as the future custodians of the CA(SA) qualification.

I have full confidence that 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.

Prof Jacqui Kew
Head, College of Accounting

ITC January 2020

Number 1 - UCT achieved the highest pass rate for first time writers in the country and at 282, remains the residential university with the highest number of successful candidates.

Exam Results



78% UCT first time writers



68% National average for first time writers



77% Pass rate

All Candidates (including repeats)

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 for January 2021 until April 2021.



Comprehensive course notes.



A pack of integrated tutorial questions.



Academic support via telephone, email and discussion forums.



A self-evaluated mock exams.

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

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 for three years before moving to UCT. He is currently the convenor of the Business Analysis and Governance 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 managerial accounts and finance section with an MCom in Finance. Carlos lectures on the PGDA programme and for a number of years the honours in finance and has been teaching and mentoring on the ITC programmes for a number of years. Currently marks and has marked the SAICA ITC and APC exams and has 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.



Riyaan Mabutha

Riyaan is a senior lecturer in Taxation at UCT's College of Accounting. He teaches both undergraduate and postgraduate Taxation. Prior to joining the College Riyaan lectured at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is a contributing editor to Questions on SA Tax and Advanced Questions on SA Tax. Riyaan has extensive ITC and APC marking experience.



Magon Gajewski

Magon is a lecturer in the Financial Reporting section and lectures final year undergraduate courses. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Tax Law with a research interest in wealth taxation. After completing her articles at PwC, she was appointed as a Training and Audit Methodology Manager before joining UCT. She is also a director for a non-profit company that assists students with funding.



Sumaya West

Sumaya is a senior lecturer and the Section Head for Corporate Governance. She teaches both undergraduate and postgraduate Corporate Governance courses at the College of Accounting (UCT). She completed her BCom Accounting at the University of Cape Town and CTA at the University of KwaZulu Natal. She completed her articles and was appointed as Audit Manager for PwC in Cape Town. Sumaya holds a master's degree in Higher Education Studies and is a Chartered Accountant (SA).



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.



Richard Mellon

Richard is a senior lecture in management accounting and finance. Following the completion of his articles, where he specialised in the financial services sector, Richard joined the College of Accounting. Richard currently convenes Management Accounting and Finance II. Richard completed his master's in financial management and has a postgraduate diploma in Tax Law from UCT.



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.

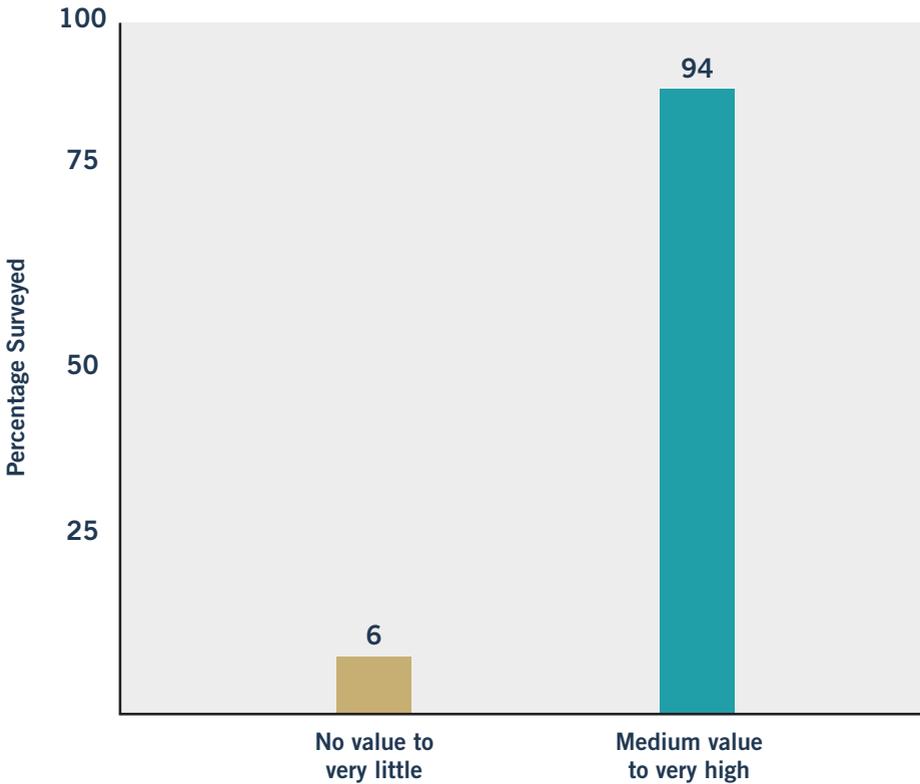


Rowan Hoch

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.



96% of Candidates recommended doing the UCT ITC Preparatory Course.

Important information



Registrations
open
2 November
2020



Study material
collection
week of 18
January 2021



Course starts
18 January
2021



Online live
lectures over
the duration of
the course



Course fee is
R4200 due
15 January
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

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Great assistance and support and very good material.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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The notes for certain sections were very helpful and the questions. The VLE 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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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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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 12 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 focuses on fundamental principles, technical updates, new syllabus developments, guidance on how to approach ITC based questions, and techniques related to work that candidates need to complete between the commencement of the course in mid January 2021.

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. Tutorials are ranked in terms of difficulty levels. 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
- Critical points
- Common pitfalls and problem areas
- Exam technique



Study programme

The course notes and tutorial questions for each subject module is divided into various study days which is synchronised into a course calendar and study programme. Each study day sets out various course notes, which candidate should read, and the tutorial questions that should be completed.



Academic support questions

The academic team will provide academic support through email, telephone and 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 is available in April 2021 as a “Mock ITC”. Feedback on the simulated ITC exams is communicated through VULA.

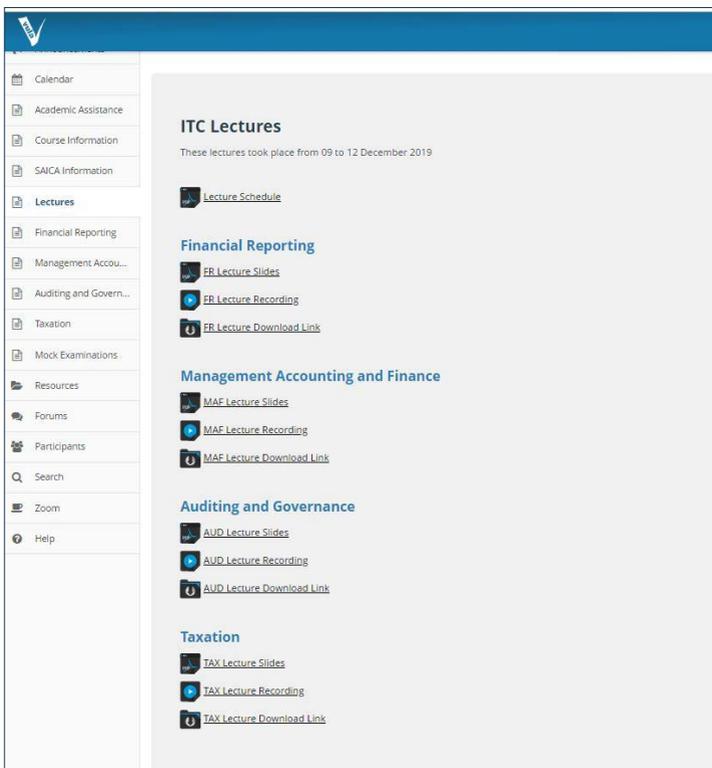
Learning model

Online learning site

The screenshot shows the 'Academic Assistance' page. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'Academic Assistance', 'Course Information', 'SACA Information', 'Lectures', 'Financial Reporting', 'Management Accounting', 'Auditing and Governance', 'Taxation', 'Bank Examination', '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 services available should you require Academic assistance. There are a few **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 sections for 'Main discussion forums' and 'Anonymous discussion forums', each listing 'Financial Reporting', 'Management Accounting and Finance', 'Auditing and Governance', and 'Taxation'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Further academic assistance' with an email address and a list of email addresses: 'f.ford@vut.ac.za', 'm.ford@vut.ac.za', and 'a.ford@vut.ac.za'.

The screenshot shows the 'ITC Preparatory Course' page. The navigation menu is identical to the previous page. The main content area is titled 'ITC Preparatory Course' and includes the text: 'Familiarise yourself with important course information and meet the team.' Below this is a video player showing a close-up of a person's face wearing glasses. Underneath the video, there is a section 'About the ITC Preparatory Course' with a paragraph of text. This is followed by an 'Important Course Information' section with a paragraph and a list of links: 'introduction page', 'enrolling course study schedule', and 'course schedule'.

The screenshot shows the 'Introduction to and overview of Financial Reporting' page. The navigation menu is identical to the previous pages. The main content area is titled 'Introduction to and overview of Financial Reporting' and includes a video player showing a person speaking. Below the video, there is a section 'Additional Resources' with a paragraph of text and a list of links: 'Financial Reporting', 'Management Accounting and Finance', 'Auditing and Governance', and 'Taxation'. This is followed by a 'Course videos' section with a paragraph of text and a link to 'course schedule'. At the bottom, there is a section 'Integrated tutorial questions and solutions' with a link to 'integrated tutorial questions and solutions'.



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, 18 January 2021	Cape Town	Park Inn, 10 Hemlock Street, Newlands, 7700	10am to 4pm
Tuesday, 19 January 2021	East London	Garden Court, Corner John Bailie and Moore Street, Quigney, 5200	12pm to 4pm
Wednesday, 20 January 2021	Johannesburg	Houghton Golf Club, Osborn Road, Houghton Estate, 2198	8am to 3pm
Thursday, 21 January 2021	Durban	aha Gateway Hotel, Corner Centenary Blvd & Twilight Drive, Umhlanga Ridge, 4319	8am to 12pm
Friday, 22 January 2021	Port Elizabeth	The Beach Hotel, Marine Drive, Summerstrand, 6000	8am to 12pm
From 28 January 2021	Courier	If you were not able to collect at one of the venues above. NB : Courier outside of the South African borders will incur an additional courier fee of R1200	

Lecture Schedule			
Date	Topic	Time	Platform
Monday, 18 January 2021	Welcome	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Tuesday, 19 January 2021	FR	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 25 January 2021	MAF	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 01 February 2021	AUD	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 08 February 2021	TAX	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 15 February 2021	FR	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 22 February 2021	MAF	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 01 March 2021	AUD	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 08 March 2021	TAX	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 15 March 2021	FR	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 22 March 2021	MAF	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 29 March 2021	AUD	6pm to 6:40pm	via MS Teams
Monday, 05 April 2021	TAX	6pm to 6:40pm	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 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. If you'd like to register for the ITC Preparatory Course, you can register online at:

www.uctboardcourse.co.za