

ACADEMIC EXCLUSION AND RE-ADMISSION

THE MEANING OF ACADEMIC EXCLUSION AND HOW TO APPEAL FOR RE-ADMISSION

Information on academic exclusion and the Re-Admission Appeal Process is available on the University website, at <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/current-students/readmissions>

UNSUCCESSFUL APPEALS FOR RE-ADMISSION AFTER BEING ACADEMICALLY EXCLUDED

It may be that your appeal against exclusion is not successful. In other words, the Readmission Appeals Committee, after considering your circumstances and motivations, nonetheless feels that a return to UCT is not in your best interests. There are various different reasons why they might make this decision, but all are based on a careful consideration of whether or not you are likely to succeed in your studies if re-admitted.

Some possible reasons for an unsuccessful appeal for re-admission include:

1. You might not have given the committee enough evidence to show that you have overcome the problems (medical, psychological or other circumstantial challenges) which affected your success, and they may be concerned that the unsolved issues will once more cause you to fail if you return to study.
2. You may have appealed to the Law Faculty as a second or even third choice, and may not have shown enough commitment to and interest in the study of Law.
3. Even if you show a strong interest in Law and have resolved your problematic circumstances, you may have been registered at UCT for so long that you have only a year or two of possible registration remaining and still need to do a large number of courses in that limited time. If you have a record which is unsuccessful enough to lead to re-exclusion, it is unlikely that you will be able to suddenly reverse the trend and succeed with a very heavy course load under a lot of pressure. In these circumstances, the committee will often recommend that you spend a year at another institution, building up credits which we can transfer to your UCT degree, so that you can return to finish a UCT degree in a future year under less pressurised circumstances.

How to return after an unsuccessful appeal:

If your appeal is unsuccessful, or you do not appeal at all, your UCT record will become inactive and you will not be able to return to the university in the year immediately after your exclusion. You cannot ask another faculty at UCT to accept you; exclusion is from the whole university, not just from one course or faculty.

The earliest you could return is the second year after your exclusion. Please be aware though that there are very specific rules and procedures for this kind of return:

1	Once you have been excluded and your appeal has been	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You must fill in the standard UCT application form for a place at UCT, either the online or a hard copy
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	unsuccessful, you cannot return to UCT unless you formally apply:	<p>application, by the application deadline in the year before you wish to register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We cannot decide whether to offer you a place unless your UCT record has been activated and the formal application is the only way to do that.
2	Once you have applied, the Faculty will consider your request for a place:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will need to demonstrate that you have resolved the problems were which led to your lack of success in your previous studies.
3	It is, in some cases, possible to prove that you have overcome your problems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This most often applies to medical or serious psychological issues, where you submit medical reports which demonstrate your recovery. This is however usually insufficient for re-admission and in most cases we will also expect to see evidence of academic rehabilitation (see below).
4	In most cases, the Faculty will require evidence of academic rehabilitation. This means evidence of successful study at another university / degree-offering institution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other institutions tend to have lower entrance requirements than UCT, so even after exclusion from UCT it is often possible to obtain a place at UNISA or another institution. You will need to study for a minimum of one semester, but preferably a full year, on a full course load, and will need to pass all of your subjects. We look for marks in at least the 60s rather than marginal passes in the 50s. We need to see that you are back on track and able to succeed. If you apply on this basis, you need to submit your transcripts from the other institution as part of your application. (If the results are not yet available owing to the timing of exams, make sure you submit your application to UCT by the application deadline, and we will hold your application until you can send us the results). All we are looking for is evidence that you have overcome the problems which prevented your success when you were first registered at UCT, and a successful record elsewhere is generally good evidence of that.

Transferring credits from academic rehabilitation:

For the Faculty's policy on the granting of credits for courses completed at other institutions, please see <http://www.law.uct.ac.za/rules-policy-credits-and-exemptions>

