



UCT ONLINE
HIGH SCHOOL

POLICIES

SUBJECT SELECTION & CURRICULUM PLAN RULES

Adult Matric Programme



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OVERVIEW

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1. Introduction

Adult Matric learners who are enrolled in the Adult Matric programme need to have their curriculum structured in line with the Adult Matric programme requirements. Adult Matric learners who successfully complete the programme, including the final Adult Matric examinations, may be awarded the South African Amended Senior Certificate (ASC). The ASC is a qualification that is awarded to Adult Matric learners after completing an Adult Matric programme and passing their Adult Matric examinations. It is equivalent to the current CAPS aligned; National Senior Certificate (NSC) for high school learners.

This policy outlines the curriculum plan rules for the Adult Matric programme, as well as the rules relating to subject selection. For rules relating to entrance requirements please refer to the Admissions Policy for Adult Matric.

2. Name of qualification

After successfully completing the Adult Matric programme with UCT Online High School for Adult Matric, Adult Matric learners will have to register, in person or online with the Department of Basic Education (DBE) to write their Adult Matric examinations. Successful completion of these examinations (and the specific requirements) will result in the attainment of the “Amended Senior Certificate (ASC)” qualification.

3. Duration of the programme

There are two Adult Matric programmes and Adult Matric learners are required to choose a programme of their choice.



The duration of the first Adult Matric programme is a total of 18 months commencing in January until the end of June the following year. This includes the ASC examination session in May/June 2024.

The duration of the second Adult Matric programme is a total of 24 months commencing in January to December of the following year.

4. Operating Hours & Academic Calendar

UCT Online High School for Adult Matric will operate on weekdays (as per the published academic calendar) between the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm (South African Standard Time - SAST) and according to a southern hemisphere, January-December, Academic Calendar which will be divided into 5 terms. UCT Online High School for Adult Matric only observes SA national holidays.

5. Curriculum Plan Rules

5.1. Subjects on Offer

UCT Online High School for Adult Matric offers the following subjects that Adult Matric learners can use to select their subject combination.

- A. English
- B. Afrikaans
- C. IsiXhosa
- D. Pure Mathematics
- E. Maths Literacy
- F. Business studies
- G. Economics



- H. Geography
- I. History
- J. Physical Sciences (requires Pure Mathematics)
- K. Life Sciences

5.2. Subject Selection

Adult Matric learners must complete and pass six (6) subjects to qualify for the Amended Senior Certificate (ASC) qualification. As explained hereinbelow, three specific subjects are compulsory while the three remaining subjects are electives.

3 Compulsory subjects:

1. English (Home Language)
2. Afrikaans **OR** isiXhosa (First Additional Language)
3. Pure Mathematics **OR** Maths Literacy (one Mathematics subject)

A choice of any 3 Electives:

1. Business Studies
2. Economics
3. Geography
4. History
5. Physical sciences
6. Life Sciences

Adult Matric learners are allowed to take a First Additional Language with an registered external provider provided that that specific subject is not offered at UCT Online High School.

5.3. Subject Changes

Adult Matric learners must choose their subject selection carefully taking into account their interests, passion, capabilities and post matric aspirations. Choosing

subjects that do not align with your interests and capability may negatively affect your ability to perform well in this programme and ultimately pass your Adult Matric examination with flying colours. Adult Matric learners are strongly advised to carefully choose their subjects which they must continue with until the end of the programme. This notwithstanding, Adult Matric learners can request a subject change by consulting with their Support Advisor.

5.4. First Additional Language Exemption

As indicated above, Adult Matric learners need six subjects which includes two official languages offered at Home Language level and First Additional Language level. Unlike the NSC for high school learners, the Amended Senior Certificate does not make provision for a First Additional Language exemption. This means that all the Adult Matric learners must offer two official languages to qualify for the Amended Senior Certificate.

5.5. Additional Subjects

Adult Matric learners are required to enrol for six subjects during their time at UCT Online High School for Adult Matric. No additional subjects over and above the required six subjects will be allowed.

UCT Online High School has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information in our handbooks. However, we reserve the right at any time, if circumstances dictate, to:

- (i) make alterations or changes to any of the published details of the substance and opportunities on offer or;
- (ii) add to or withdraw any of the provisions, and opportunities on offer.

Adult Matric learners are given every assurance that changes will only be made as and when appropriate and you will be fully informed as soon as possible.