



## UCT GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP Leading for Social Justice

UCT Global Citizenship: Leading for Social Justice (GC) is a co-curricular programme providing you with an opportunity to engage critically with contemporary global debates and to reflect on issues of citizenship and social justice. It is a voluntary programme. There are three components available in 2012

1. The workshop series: Global Debates, Local Voices
2. The short course: Service, Citizenship and Social Justice
3. Volunteering for community service

This programme is **free for students**, which has been supported by the VC's fund.

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### COMPONENT ONE

#### Workshop series: Global Debates, Local Voices

This stimulating and exciting workshop series offers students the opportunity to take the lead in thinking about how to build a better future for our world, and acting on it. One world, seven continents, and just under 200 countries with a population of over six billion people who trade, travel, wage war, work the land and the oceans, and are who inextricably linked with one another.

Each year, there will be four themes offered: For 2012, the themes which will cut across disciplines and include local and international foci will be on Education, Climate Change, Africa in a Global World, and Safety & Violence. In each theme we go beyond just exploring the issues and debates; we ask about the voices that shape them, including yours.

We also look at how global dynamics translate into local contexts and concerns and we ask what, if anything, can we do about them? Meet and discuss these critical topics with fellow students, acquire more information and consider what we can do about them. To get involved in this aspect of the programme, attend the interactive one day workshops once per term and participate in online activities as a follow-up.

Each workshop will end with a commitment to involvement in an event on campus, designed by yourselves, that demonstrates your understanding of the issues, and your resolve to do something about them.



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## COMPONENT TWO

### Short course: Service, citizenship and social justice

This course offers UCT students a space to think critically about the why, the how and the what of the community service they are doing. Themes covered in the course include: self and service, service in contexts of inequality, service paradigms and ethics, understanding organisations, and debating development.

The course encourages students to ask and answer questions like: is there a difference between charity and development, and which am I doing? Am I really making a change, or just perpetuating inequality? Is relationship-building with communities worth investing in? Is limited time volunteering enough? Shouldn't UCT do more about education in South Africa? What is my role as a citizen once I graduate from UCT in dealing with these issues?

Offered in the second semester, after-hours, participants will be expected to complete 10-hours of community service during the course – which the course convener will arrange. While there are no formal assessments (this is not credit-bearing), assignments will be given. To earn the UCT Short Course Certificate of Completion, students will have to complete all the specified requirements which include regular attendance, responding to a series of online prompts e.g. blog, Q&A, and short written reflection pieces.



## **COMPONENT THREE**

### **Volunteering for community service**

Students are encouraged to begin community service with a formal organisation which can place them and monitor service work. This underpins the ethos of the GC Programme and will greatly enhance your learning and exploration of the issues to do with citizenship and social justice. You will need to arrange the service hours yourself (through a student organisation, registered NGO, faith-based or community-based organisation).

If you would like to claim the GC Award (available from 2014), you will need to start building up your hours of service, as Award students have to show a minimum of 60 hours of community service.



**To get onto the GC information list:**

Please send an email with your details to [ems@uct.ac.za](mailto:ems@uct.ac.za) with the subject line: *GC enquiry* and we will notify you about the first information events which are scheduled for early March.

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