

Credit system at University of Cape Town (UCT):

- a student studying at undergraduate level needs 144 HEQF* credits per year
- that means an AVERAGE of 72 HEQF credits per semester
- a first year course is worth 18 credits, that means $4 \times 18 = 72$
- a second year course and a third year course are usually both 24 credits, but sometimes in the case of science subjects a course might be worth 36 credits as there are lab sessions/practicals which add many hours.
- usually a student takes 3 second year courses per semester in the second year and three third year courses in the third year; this means $3 \times 24 = 72$ credits.
- for international students, UCT advises three courses at second and/or third year level. UCT accepts, say, two third year courses plus a first year course as a full time load - if this is OK with the home institution.

Study year	Level	Course codes (no longer in use)	Credits pr course	Number of courses pr semester for a full-time student
First	5	1000	18	$4 \times 18 = 72$
Second	6	2000	24 or 36	$3 \times 24 = 72$
Third	7	3000	24 or 36	$2 \times 36 = 72$

*HEQF = Higher Education Qualification Framework
HEQF = NQF (before 2010)

For innpassingsaker ved MN, UiB:
Et fulltidssemester ved UCT tilsvarer 72 HEQF
18 HEQF = 7,5 sp
24 HEQF = 10 sp
36 HEQF = 15 sp

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Dear colleagues

NQF credits are the same as HEQF credits, the wording changed from National Qualifications Framework to Higher Education Qualification Framework and we are in the process of updating this on our Webpage.

The following description about the credit system is correct:

18 NQF credit values 25% of full semester load

24 NQF credit values 33% of full semester load

36 NQF credit values 50% of full semester load

Older information about the credit system which was removed more than 2 years ago because we no longer use this:

Courses at 1000-level are equivalent to 7,5 ECTS (25 % of full semester load)

Courses at 2000-level are equivalent to 10 ECTS (33 % of full semester load)

Courses at 3000-level are equivalent to 15 ECTS (50 % of full semester load)

Kind regards,
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