

## A DIFFERENT ROUTE THROUGH THE CURRICULUM?



## Structure of Academic Development Programme

The Academic Development Programme (ADP) is an academic department in the Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED). We have units in each of the six faculties that support students in their particular directions of study. We also have two units that work across the faculties, supporting students' development of the academic language and numerical skills necessary for studies at university.

### Moving to University

Our teaching and administrative staff know that almost all students experience difficulties with moving from school to university. This is one of the areas that we focus on.

### What does ADP offer the undergraduate?

We run workshops, modules and courses and offer **different routes through the curriculum**.

A **course** = like a **subject** at school

A **curriculum** = a **collection of courses** or the study path that you will follow until you reach the finishing line – your **degree** at graduation!



Our lecturers offer students on AD courses / curricula extra materials, more time in class, smaller classes, more time to practise new or difficult work and more contact outside the classroom. We also run a Writing Centre on Main Campus and a Writing Lab at Health Sciences assisting with academic writing.

### Main principle

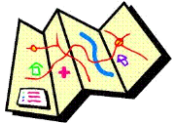
We **look back** at what was done in school and make sure that students on our courses receive enough **assistance** to handle what is expected at university.



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## Different routes through the curriculum

ADP facilitates different routes through the curriculum.



As a first-year student you may be selected, advised, or you may choose to take one of ADP's routes through the curriculum. It is important to note that the degree remains the same, whether you follow the AD or the standard route.

## Benefits of taking an AD route

The AD route offers a more supported path than the standard route.

The AD route may take 6 months to a year longer than the standard route – it is therefore also called an Extended Degree/Curriculum Programme (EDP or ECP).

The 'extra time' may seem long, but many students on the standard route take longer anyway because they may change direction, fail or drop out of courses.



**REMEMBER: THE SHORTEST ROUTE IS NOT ALWAYS THE QUICKEST OR THE BEST!**

By taking a bit more time over your studies, you may also have more opportunity to develop life and work skills and enjoy other aspects of university life.



## Admission to an AD route

Each faculty's AD routes have different admissions criteria and procedures.

The time in the year when students can enter on an AD route also differs from faculty to faculty. In Commerce, Humanities and Law you would start on an AD route at the beginning of the year (it is also possible to change routes later in the year). In Engineering, Health Sciences and Science you would start in April or July.

Enquire with the Faculty where you plan to study about how and when you can become part of one of UCT's Extended Degree/Curriculum Programmes.

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## What students have to say...

*"The ED program was a massive help. It taught me a lot about time management and took a lot of pressure off during the course of my studies. It also gave me a lot of free time to get a casual job and gain some vital working experience that benefited my C.V."*

*"EDP really helped me get to where I am as it developed my academic foundation which I have been able to build on."*

## Visit the ADP webpage

For more information or contact details for our units or the Writing Centres, visit the ADP website:

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**We organise social events and support sessions to help you feel at home at UCT**