

ADMISSIONS

A Step-By-Step Guide

In order to qualify for admission to one of the degree programmes, please take note of the following minimum requirements:

CERTIFICATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Design Techniques Certificate
FET Certificate in Photography
3D Animation & Visual Effects Certificate
Film & Television Certificate

- + National Senior Certificate (or Senior Certificate if obtained prior to 2008)
- + For non-South African Certificates (i.e Cambridge), a SAQA letter needs to be provided verifying the Certificate's NQF level
- + Matric exemption is not required

DEGREE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communication Design
Bachelor of Film Arts
Bachelor of Interaction Design

- + National Senior Certificate (or Senior Certificate if obtained prior to 2008)
- + For non-South African Certificates (i.e Cambridge), a SAQA letter needs to be provided verifying the Certificate's NQF level
- + English minimum final average of 55%
- + OW Count of 35 (see page 86 for steps to calculate the OW Count)

- + A portfolio of 6 creative works across any discipline (*visit openwindow.co.za to obtain the portfolio brief*)
- + The National Benchmark Test will need to be completed by:
 - + International Applicants
 - + Applicants older than 23 years old
 - + Applicants holding an NQF level 5 qualification

POSTGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Visual Communication

- + Relevant undergraduate qualification
- + Applicant must have obtained an overall average of 65% in a level 3 theory subject
- + An Honours proposal and CV needs to be submitted
- + A selection interview will take place with the applicant
- + International applicants need to:
 - + obtain a letter from SAQA verifying the NQF level of the relevant undergraduate qualification held by the applicant
 - + obtain at least 50% in the Open Window English Literacy test
- + Open Window students applying for their postgraduate studies need to obtain a minimum of 65% in either Visual Culture 300, Film Theory 300 or Research Practice

OPEN WINDOW COUNT

The Open Window Count (OWC) is calculated on the same basis as an APS Score.

- + All subjects count towards the OWC (*excluding Life Orientation*)
- + For the below list of subjects, allocate 1 (one) additional OWC point per subject if the mark obtained is 50% or more:

+ Visual Art	+ Information Technology
+ Drama & Music	+ Graphic Design
+ Engineering Graphics & Design	+ Dramatic Arts
+ Music	+ History
- + For the below list of subjects, allocate 1 (one) additional OWC *point per* subject if the mark obtained is 65% or more:
 - + English

+ Using the table below, allocate the OWC in accordance with the mark obtained in the subject

Code	NSC Scale of Achievement Rating	%	OW Count
7	Outstanding	80 - 100	7
6	Meritorious	70 - 79	6
5	Substantial	60 - 69	5
4	Adequate	50 - 59	4
3	Moderate	40 - 49	3
2	Elementary	30 - 39	2
1	Not Achieved	29 and below	0

Illustrative Example:

Subject	Result Obtained	OWC	Additional Points	Comments
English	73%	6	1	English above 65%, add an additional point to OWC
Afrikaans	65%	5	0	
Dramatic Arts	52%	4	1	Dramatic Arts above 50%, add an additional point to OWC
Engineering Graphics & Design	66%	5	1	Engineering Graphics & Design above 50%, add an additional point to OWC
Mathematics	71%	6	0	
Graphic Design	69%	5	1	Graphic Design above 50%, add an additional point to OWC
Life Orientation	50%	4	0	
TOTAL		35 OWC	4 Additional Points	
FINAL OWC	39 - Applicant is eligible for Degree Studies			

