

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 30-33 (see page 84 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 (NQF 7 level) that includes a theoretical and practical component relating to Visual Communication fields.
- + An preliminary proposal
- + A motivation
- + A CV
- + A portfolio indicating practical skills
- + An academic transcript conveying academic trajectory and marks allocation
- + 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 as well as 65% in their practical major.

For students applying from other institutions, an academic transcript conveying similar subjects and marks will be required. Further information may be requested after the selection interview.

Honours portfolio requirements:

Applicants should compile a digital portfolio that includes +- 10 of their best works (this can be arranged according to a single body of work, or a variety of projects). The portfolio should convey technical and conceptual merit appropriate for the course. Applicants will need to submit a declaration of originality with the portfolio).

OPEN WINDOW COUNT

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

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

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| + 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 | 55% | 4 | 0 | |
| Graphic Design | 69% | 5 | 1 | Graphic Design above 50%, add an additional point to OWC |
| Life Orientation | 50% | 4 | 0 | |
| TOTAL | | 33 OWC | 4 Additional Points | |
| FINAL OWC | 37 - Applicant is eligible for Degree Studies | | | |

