

# Computer Applications Technology & Admission Points Score

# Myth

**CAT is not on  
the designated  
subject list, so  
it does not count  
towards your APS score  
for entrance into University!**

*You need computer and problem solving skills if you hope to succeed at university. Students should arrive at university knowing the skills, at running speed. Therefore if a school pupil/learner hopes to go to university they should have ICT skills. Basic ICT skills are in almost every subject at high school, e.g. Accounting, Business Studies, Consumer Studies, etc. but CAT is where a thorough grounding is given in ICT and problem solving.*

## What do the universities say?

### UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN



The UCT Admission Points Score (APS) uses the percentage obtained for any approved NSC subject, whether or not on the designated list. So, for example, subjects such as Dance, Design and Computer Applications Technology (CAT), will attract the same score as subjects on the designated list.

<http://www.uct.ac.za/downloads/uct.ac.za/apply/apps/undergrad/NSCguide.pdf>

### Stellenbosch University



Thank you for your email to Stellenbosch University. As you acknowledge CAT is not a University designated subject but will however count towards your overall aggregate.

Email from Nathan Arries, Client Services Advisor



## RHODES UNIVERSITY

*If the applicant has the four core subjects (two languages, Maths or Maths Lit and LO) and at least ONE other subject from the Designated list then CAT is fine as a subject and is counted for points.*

Email from Ruth Jackson in Admissions



## UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

*Wits does not distinguish between designated vs non-designated subjects when calculating the admission point score (APS).*

<http://www.wits.ac.za/prospective/undergraduate/1639/admissionrequirements.html>



## University of Pretoria

The calculation of an Admission Point Score is based on a candidate's achievement in any SIX recognised NSC 20-credit subjects (not only designated subjects), by using the NSC seven-point rating scale of achievement.

<http://web.up.ac.za/default.asp?ipkCategoryID=15182>

*That means:*

*CAT counts the same as Maths, Science, History, Business Economics, etc. and is accepted in the APS calculations regardless of any designated subjects list.*

*CAT exams are on the same level as Maths and Science, in terms of levels of questioning and higher order/lower order thinking ratios.*



**Can you afford to  
**not**  
choose CAT?**