

UNIVERSITY OF THE  
WITWATERSRAND,  
JOHANNESBURG



# Gateway To Success (GTS)

## Orientation to Academic and Student Life

Faculty of  
Engineering and  
the Built Environment



An Electronic copy of this booklet is available here:



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**Requirements:**

Hat, water bottle, comfy clothing, notebook and pen.  
Remember to wear sunscreen.

GTS WEEK 1		
Day 1 - Monday, 27 January 2025		
Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 12h00	Wits Campus Explore and Conquer (Campus Tour)	Wits Sibanye- Stillwater InnovationBridge
12h00 - 13h00	<b>Lunch + Activations</b> <b>(Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
13h00 - 13h10	MC Introduction	Old Mutual Sports Hall (OMSH)
13h10 - 13h40	Dean of Student Affairs	
13h40 - 14h40	Adjusting to University Life	
14h40 - 14h55	Comfort Break	
15h00 - 15h30	Dean of Engineering	
15h30 - 16h00	Meet the Faculty Registrar	

Day 2 - Tuesday, 28 January 2025		
Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 12h00	EBE Student Council	Hall 29
	Navigating Library Resources	
	Meet the ADU	
	ABCs of Success	
	EBE Student Experience 1	Diggs Field
12h00 - 13h00	<b>Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
13h00 - 14h30	Building Student Community	Diggs Field
15h00 - 16h00	Rise against Hunger	Flower Hall

Day 3 - Wednesday, 29 January 2025		
Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 12h00	Online Digital Abilities	Online - Ulwazi
12h00 - 13h00	<b>Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
13h00 - 16h00	EBE Tribe Project	Hall 29
	EBE Community	Diggs Field
	EBE House Competition	
	EBE House Competition	
	EBE Community Show-offs	

Day 4 - Thursday, 30 January 2025		
Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 12h00	Online Digital Abilities	Online - Ulwazi
<b>12h00 - 13h00</b>	<b>Lunch + Activations</b> <b>(Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
13h00 - 13h30	Career Planning: Your First Year Compass	Old Mutual Sports Hall (OMSH)
13h30 - 13h45	MC Introduction	
13h45 - 14h45	Panel Discussion	
14h45 - 15h00	Q&A Session	
15h00 - 16h00	Support Services Stalls	RS Exams Hall

Day 5 - Friday, 31 January 2025		
Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 11h00	Introduction to FYE and FYE Mentorship	Great Hall
11h00 - 12h00	My First Year Experience (FYE)	
12h00 - 13h00	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h00 - 16h00	EBE Community Exhibition	Hall 29
	EBE Community Awards	
	EBE Community Leaders	Diggs Field
	Faculty/Schools Tour	West and East Campus

**GTS WEEK 2****Day 1 - Monday, 3 February 2025**

Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 12h00	Online Digital Abilities	Online - Ulwazi
12h00 - 13h00	<b>Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
13h00 - 16h00	First-Year Course Introductions	FNB 101; 102
	Course 1 Fundamentals	
	Course 2 Fundamentals	
	Course 3 Fundamentals	

**Day 2 - Tuesday, 4 February 2025**

Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 09h10	MC Introduction	Old Mutual Sports Hall (OMSH)
09h10 - 10h50	Mastering your University Experience	
10h50 - 11h00	MC Introduction	
11h00 - 12h00	Navigating your first year: Ethical use of AI (Dos and Don'ts)	
12h00 - 13h00	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h00 - 16h00	Term 1 Course Bootcamp	FNB 101; 102
	Term 2 Course Bootcamp	
	Term 3 Course Bootcamp	
	EBE Textbook Collections	

Day 3 - Wednesday, 5 February 2025		
Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 12h00	<b>Climate Change and Me</b> Situate Climate Change and Me Defining Climate Change The need-to-knows of climate change	Online - Ulwazi
12h00 - 13h00	<b>Lunch + Activations</b> <b>(Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
13h00 - 16h00	<b>Climate Change and Me</b> Exercise on how you define climate change	Online - Ulwazi

Day 4 - Thursday, 6 February 2025		
Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 12h00	<b>Climate Change and Me</b> What does Climate Change mean for me?	Online - Ulwazi
12h00 - 13h00	<b>Lunch + Activations</b> <b>(Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
13h00 - 16h00	Time off	



### Day 5 - Friday, 7 February 2025

Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 16h00	Wits Spirit Game	Rugby Stadium



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### **VENUE ABBREVIATIONS**

OMSH - Old Mutual Sports Hall, West Campus  
SMH - Solomon Mahlangu House, East Campus  
NCB - New Commerce Building, West Campus  
FNB - First National Bank Building, West Campus  
WSS - Wits Science Stadium, West Campus  
WSSIB - Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge  
RS - Robert Sobukwe Building, East campus

### **COMPUTER LABORATORIES**

(with tutors available to assist with technical aspects of the online activities)

- West Campus: FNB105
- West Campus: CLM computer laboratory
- Education Campus: Glass Laboratory

These computer laboratories will be available for students without individual devices or for those who need tutors to assist with the technical aspects of using computers or online activities.

## SOCIAL EVENTS - 27 January - 7 February 2025

27 Jan - 6 February 2025		
Time	Activity	Venue
09h00 - 16h00	Activations	Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre
Monday 3 February 2025		
19h00 - 21h00	Comedy Show	Great Hall
Tuesday 4 February 2025		
19h00 - 21h00	Movie Night	OMSH
Thursday 6 February 2025		
16h00 - 19h00	Night Race	Alumni House
15h00 - 22h00	Beer Garden	Sturrock Park
Friday 7 February 2025		
09h00 - 16h00	Spirit Games	Rugby Stadium
18h00 - 02h00	Freshers Party	Sturrock Park







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