

UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG



GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

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 - Tuesday, 20 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	Wits Campus: Explore and Conquer (Campus Tour)	Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 13h25	MC Introduction	OMSH
13h25 - 13h55	Dean of Student Affairs	
13h55 - 14h55	Adjusting to University Life (CCDU/STPU)	
14h55 - 15h05	Comfort Break	
15h10 - 15h45	Dean of Engineering	
15h45 - 16h00	Meet the Faculty Registrar	

GTS WEEK 1

Day 2 - Wednesday, 21 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	EBE Student Council	OMSH
	Meet the ADU	
	ABCs Of Success	
	Dean's Address	
	EBE Student Experience 1	Walter Milton B fields
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	Building Student Communities	Diggs Field & Hall 29
	Rise Against hunger	

GTS WEEK 1

Day 3 - Thursday, 22 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	Online Digital Abilities	Online (West Campus, FNB 2B; West Campus, FNB 105; East Campus, SH1101); Education Campus (Glass Lab)
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	EBE Tribe Project	Hall 29
	EBE Community	Diggs Fields
	EBE House Competition	
	EBE Community Show-Offs	

GTS WEEK 1

Day 4 - Friday, 23 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	Online Digital Abilities	Online (West Campus, FNB 2B; West Campus, FNB 105; East Campus, SH1101); Education Campus (Glass Lab)
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 13h30	MC Introduction	OMSH
13h30 - 14h30	Panel Discussion (STPU/TEEO/GEO/SRC)	
14h30 - 15h00	Q&A Session	
15h00 - 16h00	FASO Presentation	

GTS WEEK 2

Day 5 - Monday, 26 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 10h30	Introduction to FYE and FYE Mentorship(STPU)	The Great Hall
10h35 - 11h30	Panel Discussion (DRU, CCDU & Campus Health)	
11h30 - 11h45	Q&A Session	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	EBE Community Exhibition	Hall 29
	EBE Community Awards	
	EBE Community Leaders	Diggs Fields
	Faculty /Schools Tour	West and East Campus

GTS WEEK 2

Day 6 - Tuesday, 27 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	Online Digital Abilities	Online (West Campus, FNB 2B; West Campus, FNB 105; East Campus, SH1101); Education Campus (Glass Lab)
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	First-Year Course Introductions	FNB 101; 102
	Course 1 Fundamentals	
	Course 2 Fundamentals	
	Course 3 Fundamentals	

GTS WEEK 2

Day 7 - Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	Climate Change and Me What is Climate Change and Me? An introduction to climate change at university	Online (West Campus, FNB 2B; West Campus, FNB 105; East Campus, SH1101); Education Campus (Glass Lab)
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch	
13h15 - 16h00	Climate Change and Me What does climate change mean for me?	Online (West Campus, FNB 2B; West Campus, FNB 105; East Campus, SH1101); Education Campus (Glass Lab)

GTS WEEK 2

Day 8 - Thursday, 29 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	Term 1 Course 1 Bootcamp	FNB 101; 102
	Term 1 Course 2 Bootcamp	
	Term 1 Course 3 Bootcamp	
	EBE Textbook Collections	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 13h25	MC Introduction	OMSH
13h25 - 14h25	Navigating your first year: Ethical use of AI & Academic Integrity	
14h25 - 14h30	MC Introduction	
14h30 - 16h00	Mastering your University Experience (DLU)	

GTS WEEK 2

Day 9 - Friday, 30 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 15h00	Spirit Games	Rugby Stadium

Monday, 2 February 2026

Day 10 - Friday, 30 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	Climate Change and Me Climate Change and Me based games Meet your tutors Q&A	Library Lawns
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	Time Off	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONTACT US

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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.

A student can contact the ADU in any of the following ways:

- Visit our offices at the 3rd Floor of the Chamber of Mines Building,
- Visit the Student Support Centre on the Upper Ground Floor in the Chamber of Mines
- ADU Email: aid.adu@wits.ac.za
- Main Office Lines: 011 717 7062 or 011 717 7174

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

26 January - 30 January 2026

Monday, 26 January 2026

**Reset
Monday -
Amphitheatre**

18h00 - 21h00



**OPEN MIC /
ACOUSTIC SET**

Tuesday, 27 January 2026

Games Night

Hall 29 (18h00 - 21h00)
Karaoke, Consoles,
Indigenous &
Board Games

Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Cultural Night

WAM (18h00 - 21h00)
Live Music,
Art Exhibition &
Docu screening

Thursday, 29 January 2026

Beer Garden

16h00 - 22h00

Sturrock Park



Thursday, 29 January 2026



Night Race

16h30 - 19h00

Alumni House

Friday, 30 January 2026

Freshers Party

18h00 - 02h00

Sturrock Park









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