

UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG



GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

Orientation to Academic and Student Life

Faculty of Humanities



**HUMANITIES
EDU**

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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 - 09h10	MC Introduction	OMSH
09h10 - 09h40	Dean of Student Affairs	
09h40 - 10h40	Adjusting to University Life(CCDU/STPU)	
10h40 - 10h50	Comfort Break	
10h55 - 11h15	Dean of Humanities	
11h15 - 11h25	Assistant Dean - Undergraduate Affairs	
11h25 - 11h35	Faculty Registrar	
11h35 - 11h45	Academic Officer SRC	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	Online Digital Abilities	Online (West Campus, FNB 2B; West Campus, FNB 105; East Campus, SH1101); Education Campus (Glass Lab)

GTS WEEK 1

Day 2 - Wednesday, 21 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 09h10	Welcome to WSOE	Linder Auditorium
09h10 - 09h35	Welcome Remarks HoS	
09h35 - 09h50	Deputy Head Teacher Education	
09h50 - 10h05	Deputy Head Teaching & Learning	
10h10 - 10h25	Deputy Head Research	
10h25 - 10h40	Deputy Head Transformation, Internationalisation	
10h40 - 10h55	Performance	
10h55 - 11h10	Finance	
11h10 - 11h25	B. Ed Programme	
11h25 - 11h40	Teaching experience	
11h40 - 11h45	Q& A and Closing	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	Wits Education Campus: Explore and Conquer (Campus Tour)	Education Campus Bus Stop

GTS WEEK 1

Day 3 - Thursday, 22 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	Building Student Communities	Diggs Field & Hall 29
	Rise against Hunger	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 13h30	Welcome and Programme Director	Linder Auditorium
13h30 - 13h45	ESC Chairperson Remarks	
13h45 - 14h00	Strategic Talk on WSOE Students	
14h00 - 14h15	ESC Treasurer - Financial opportunities & support	
14h15 - 14h30	Students character development & adjusting to university life	
14h30 - 14h45	Academic Officer on Academic Conduct & Excellence	
14h45 - 15h00	Year Plan	
15h00 - 16h00	Q& A and Closing	

GTS WEEK 1

Day 4 - Friday, 23 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 10h15	Introduction to FYE and FYE Mentorship (STPU)	OMSH
10h15 - 10h30	MC Introduction	
10h30 - 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	Online Digital Abilities	Online (West Campus, FNB 2B; West Campus, FNB 105; East Campus, SH1101), Education Campus (Glass Lab)

GTS WEEK 2

Day 5 - Monday, 26 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 09h20	WSoE Community Outreach Programmes	Linder Auditorium
09h20 - 10h00	Integrated Academic Development & Academic writing	
10h00 - 10h20	Library Resources	
10h20 - 10h45	Careers and Counselling	
10h45 - 11h00	Gender & Equity	
11h00 - 11h30	Disability & Rights	
11h30 - 11h45	Parking, transport and protection	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	Online Digital Abilities	Online Education Campus (Glass Lab)

GTS WEEK 2

Day 6 - Tuesday, 27 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 09h25	Academic Misconduct	Linder Auditorium
09h25 - 09h45	Personal reflections from students	
09h45 - 09h55	Q & A	
09h55 - 10h10	Health and Safety	
10h10 - 10h20	Events, Venues & Booking System	
10h20 - 10h30	Q & A	
10h30 - 10h55	Student Pregnancy Policy	
10h55 - 11h20	Sexual Harrassment Policy	
11h20 - 11h40	Student code of conduct	
11h40 - 11h45	Closing	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	Time off	

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 Education Campus (Glass Lab)
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch	
13h15 - 16h00	Climate Change and Me What does climate change mean for me?	Online Education Campus (Glass Lab)

GTS WEEK 2

Day 8 - Thursday, 29 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 09h10	MC Introduction	Linder Auditorium
09h10 - 10h10	Navigating your first year: Ethical use of AI & Academic Integrity	
10h10 - 10h15	MC Introduction	
10h15 - 11h45	Mastering your University Experience (DLU)	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 13h30	Course Registration, Course Amendments & Adding/Dropping Procedures	L101
13h30 - 13h55	Updating of student information & Special concessions & Appeals and Grievance Procedures	
13h55 - 14h20	Standing Orders and Program Policies, Year End Processes, Publication of results & Provision of academic transcripts	
14h20 - 14h30	Q & A	
14h30 - 14h55	Bursary schemes available; Funza Lushaka (applications, selections, awarding, contract signing, declaration forms, capped bursary amount)	
14h55 - 15h20	Provincial bursaries & SETA's & Teaching Experience Allowances	
15h20-16h00	Q & A	

GTS WEEK 2

Day 9 - Friday, 30 January 2026

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

GTS WEEK 2

Day 10 - Monday, 2 February 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 09h15	MC Introduction	OMSH
09h15 - 10h15	Panel Discussion (STPU/TEEO/GEO/SRC)	
10h15 - 10h45	Q&A Session	
10h45 - 11h45	FASO Presentation	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16:00	Climate Change and Me Climate Change and Me based games Meet your tutors Q&A	Library Lawns

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 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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