

UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG



GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

Orientation to Academic and Student Life

Faculty of Humanities



HUMANITIES
MAIN

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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
09h00-11h45	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	HoS - SHCD	OMSH
13h25 - 13h35	HoS - SLLM	
13h35 - 13h45	HoS - SoSS	
13h45 - 13h55	HoS - WSoA	
13h55 - 14h05	Comfort Break	
14h05 - 14h50	Library Services	
14h50 - 15h15	Tattoo Competition	
15h15 - 16h00	Wits Writing Centre	

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 - 13h45	Careers in Humanities	OMSH
13h45 - 14h15	Gender and Equity	
14h15 - 14h25	Comfort Break	
14h25 - 14h55	Self Awareness	
14h55 - 15h25	Disability Rights Unit	
15h25 - 16h00	Mental Wellbeing	

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; Education Campus (Glass Lab))

GTS WEEK 2

Day 5 - Monday, 26 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 09h35	Psychology	OMSH
09h35 - 10h10	Law	
10h10 - 10h20	Comfort Break	
10h20 - 10h55	Geography / Arch / Envir	
10h55 - 11h45	African Languages	
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 6 - Tuesday, 27 January 2026

Time	Activities				Venue
09h00 - 09h10	MC Introduction				OMSH
09h10 - 10h10	Ethical Use of AI and 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)				
13h00 - 13h15	Assembly outside the OLS building and be led to parallel departmental presentations				
	U1	OLS1	OLS2	OLS3	OLS4
13h15 - 13h45	English	Modern Languages	African Literature	Media Studies	Linguistics

Time	U1	OLS1	OLS2	OLS3	OLS4
13h48 - 14h18	Linguistics	English	Modern Languages	African Literature	Media Studies
14h20 - 14h55	Media Studies	Linguistics	English	Modern Languages	African Literature
14h58 - 15h28	African Literature	Media Studies	Linguistics	English	Modern Languages
15h30 - 16h00	Modern Languages	African Literature	Media Studies	Linguistics	English

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	Assembly outside the Umthombo building and be led to departmental presentations			
09h00 - 11h45	Wits Theatre	U3	U2	U1
	Dramatic Arts Film & Television Fine Arts Music Performing & Visual Arts Digital Arts	Social Work	Audiology	Speech Language Pathology

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Day 8 - Thursday, 29 January 2026

08h45 - 09h00	Assembly outside the FNB building and be led to parallel departmental presentations					
	NCB1	NCB2	FNB 5	FNB 35	FNB 33	FNB 36
09h00 - 09h25	Anthropology	Political Studies	International Relations	Sociology	History	Philosophy
09h27 - 09h52	Philosophy	Anthropology	Political Studies	International Relations	Sociology	History
09h54 - 10h20	History	Philosophy	Anthropology	Political Studies	International Relations	Sociology
10h22 - 10h47	Sociology	History	Philosophy	Anthropology	Political Studies	International Relations
10h50 - 11h15	International Relations	Sociology	History	Philosophy	Anthropology	Political Studies
11h17 - 11h45	Political Studies	International Relations	Sociology	History	Philosophy	Anthropology
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Innovation Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)					
13h15 - 16h00	Time Off					

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
OLS - Oppenheimer Life Science Building

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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