

UNIVERSITY OF THE  
WITWATERSRAND,  
JOHANNESBURG



# GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

## Orientation to Academic and Student Life

Faculty of Science



**An Electronic copy of this booklet is available here:**



**Access the Student Guide by scanning this QR Code:**



**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	Building Student Communities	Diggs Field & Hall 29
	Rise against Hunger	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 13h25	MC Introduction	The Great Hall
13h25 - 13h55	Dean of Science	
13h55 - 14h15	Meet the Assistant Dean	
14h15 - 14h25	Comfort Break	
14h30 - 15h00	Dean of Student Affairs	
15h00 - 16h00	Adjusting to University Life (CCDU/STPU)	

## GTS WEEK 1

### Day 2 - Wednesday, 21 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 09h45	Group 1: STLU Preparing to Become Students in Science	WSS 2
	Group 2: DRU	WSS 3
	Group 3: Introduction to Libraries	WSS 4
10h00-10h45	Group 1: DRU	WSS 2
	Group 2: Introduction to Libraries	WSS 3
	Group 3: STLU Preparing to Become Students in Science	WSS 4
11h00 - 11h45	Group 1: Introduction to Libraries	WSS 2
	Group 2: STLU Preparing to Become Students in Science	WSS 3
	Group 3: DRU	WSS 4
11h45 - 13h10	<b>Lunch + Activations</b> <b>(Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
13h15- 16h00	Wits Campus: Explore and Conquer (Campus Tour)	Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge



## GTS WEEK 2

### Day 3 - Thursday, 22 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 10h15	Mathematics Group 1	WSS 2
	Mathematics Group 2	WSS 4
10h30 - 11h45	Mathematics Group 3	WSS 2
	Mathematics Group 4	WSS 4
11h45 - 13h10	<b>Lunch + Activations</b> (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 4 - Friday 23 January 2026**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Student Life</b>		
09h00 - 11h45	Online Digital Abilities	Online (West Campus, FNB 2B; West Campus, FNB 105; East Campus, SH1101); Education Campus (Glass Lab)
11h45 - 13h10	<b>Lunch + Activations</b> (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 14h45	Introduction to FYE and FYE Mentorship (STPU)	The Great Hall
14h50 - 15h45	Panel Discussion (DRU, CCDU & Campus Health)	
15h45 - 16h00	Q & A Session	

## GTS WEEK 2

### Day 5 - Monday, 26 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 10h15	Chemistry Group 1	SH6
10h30 - 11h45	Chemistry Group 2	SH6
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**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Venue</b>
09h00 - 10h15	Geosciences	OLS 1
10h30 - 11h45	Biological Sciences	OLS 1
10h30 - 11h45	Geography, Archaeology & Environmental Studies	OLS 4
11h45 - 13h10	<b>Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</b>	
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 7 - Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 11h45	<b>Climate Change and Me</b> 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	<b>Lunch + Activations</b> (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 16h00	<b>Climate Change and Me</b> 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 3

### Day 8 - Thursday, 29 January 2026

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 10h00	Meet your Academic Advisors	OMSH
10h15 - 11h45	STLU Activity	
11h45 - 13h10	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
13h15 - 13h25	MC Introduction	The Great Hall
13h25 - 14h55	Mastering your University Experience (DLU)	
14h55 - 15h00	MC Introduction	
15h00 - 16h00	Navigating your first year: Ethical use of AI & Academic Integrity Experience	

### GTS WEEK 3

Day 9 - Friday 30 January 2026

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

### GTS WEEK 3

Day 10 - Monday, 2 February 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

### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE CALL CENTRE & REGISTRATION QUERIES:**

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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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