

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:



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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	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	
13h25 - 13h55	Dean of Science	
13h55 - 14h15	Meet the Assistant Dean	The Great Hall
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	Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
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	<p>Lunch + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)</p>	
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

Time	Activities	Venue
Student Life		
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 - 14h45	Introduction to FYE and FYE Mentorship (STPU)	
14h50 - 15h45	Panel Discussion (DRU, CCDU & Campus Health)	The Great Hall
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

Time	Activities	Venue
09h00 - 10h15	Geosciences	OLS 1
10h30 - 11h45	Biological Sciences	OLS 1
10h30 - 11h45	Geography, Archaeology & Environmental Studies	OLS 4
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 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 + Activations (Wits Sibanye-Stillwater Infinity Bridge, Library Lawns and Amphitheatre)	
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 3

Day 8 - Thursday, 29 January 2026

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

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

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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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