

## B.A. CURRICULUM PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

**Dear First-Year B.A General Student,**

Congratulations on your admission to the University, and welcome to the beginning of your academic journey in 2026.

This letter provides important information regarding the **registration process**. Please note that registration is a **multi-step process**, and you will only be able to register once all required steps have been completed successfully.

You are also reminded to **carefully read your Firm Offer Letter**, as offers are **time-bound** and will expire after the period indicated in the letter. Failure to accept the offer and register within the stipulated timeframe will result in the offer lapsing.

### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

To register, you must complete the following steps in the order outlined below:

#### **Step 1: Accept Your Offer**

Log into the Self-Service Portal ( [Student Self-Service - Wits University](#)) and formally accept your offer of admission before the expiry date stated in your Firm Offer Letter.

#### **Step 2: Curriculum Planning**

In the self-service portal select **ONLINE CURRICULUM PLANNER** to select and submit your proposed courses for the academic year. This ensures that your academic load complies with the rules of your qualification. Refer to the guide attached.

#### **Step 3: Fees and Contract**

You must either:

- Pay the required registration fee, or
- Apply for a fee postponement, if applicable (for guidance click [First Fee Payment Postponement Guide \(1\).pdf](#)).
- You will also be required to sign the University Contract as part of this step. (click on the link for guidance [Student Contract User Guide 2026.pdf](#))

#### **Step 4: Approval and Final Registration**

Once your curriculum plan has been reviewed and approved, you must:

- Accept the approved curriculum plan, and
- Proceed to complete your online registration on the Self-Service Portal.

We strongly encourage you to complete these steps as soon as possible to avoid your offer lapsing.

Should you have difficulties with registration, please call the numbers **011 717 4040/4548/4099** for assistance.

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Only after completing all these steps will your registration be finalised. Please visit the link [New First Year Students - Wits University](#) for more information including activating your student email. A proof of registration letter will be sent to your student email after registration. Please access your student email.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

1. We have listed the subjects, courses or modules (codes and titles), credits, and the semester and timetable slots for each first-year subject available for the BA General degree below. Please use this list and the information above to complete your online proposed curriculum.
2. Some subjects that do not clash at the first-year level of study will clash on the timetable later if you select them both as majors. For example, third-year Psychology and third-year Politics clash on the timetable. If you choose subjects that clash as majors, you will need to either extend the time to complete your degree or take one of the subjects on the part-time schedule (if this option is available). It is recommended that you check with your curriculum counsellor re which subjects you choose might clash at the second and/or third-year levels so that you know what options you will have for choosing your majors.

<b>Subject: African Languages</b>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Class (Timetable slots)</b>
<b>Subject: African Languages</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/african-languages">https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/african-languages</a>				
<b>Course codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Class</b>
AFRL1003A	Elementary IsiZulu Language and Culture IA	Semester 1	18	A,B,C,D,E
AFRL1005A	Elementary Sesotho Language and Culture IA	Semester 1 & 2	18	A,B,C,D,E
AFRL1004A	Elementary IsiZulu Language and Culture IB	Semester 1 & 2	18	A,B,C,D,E
AFRL1006A	Elementary Sesotho Language and Culture IB	Semester 1 & 2	18	A,B,C,D,E
<b>Subject: African languages for home language speakers</b>				
AFRL1007A	The History and Relationship of South African Languages	Semester 1	18	B
AFRL1002A	Drama, Ritual and Performance I	Semester 2	18	B
<b>Subject: African Literature</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/african-literature">https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/african-literature</a>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>
AFRT1002A	Oral Literature & Performance in South Africa	Semester 1	18	A
AFRT1001A	African Fiction - An Introduction I	Semester 2	18	A
<b>Subject: Anthropology</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/anthropology/">https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/anthropology/</a>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>
ANTH1006A	Culture and Humanity	Semester 1	18	A
ANTH1007A	Practices of Identification	Semester 2	18	A
<b>Subject: Archeology</b>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>
ARCL 1011A	Archeology I	Full-year	36	D
<b>Subject: Arts and Global Citizenship</b>				
WDFL1000A	Arts and Global Citizenship IA	Semester 1	18	Gen
WDFL1001A	Arts and Global Citizenship IB	Semester 2	18	Gen
<b>Subject: English</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/english/">https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/english/</a>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slots)</b>
ENGL1003A	Global Literature and Film I	Semester 1	18	A/D
ENGL1001A	English Literature in Context I	Semester 2	18	A/D
<b>Subject: Film Visual and Performing Arts</b>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>
IACS1000A	Film, Visual and Performing Arts IA	Semester 1	18	E
IACS1001A	Film, Visual and Performing Arts IB	Semester 2	18	E
<b>Subject: Geography</b>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Session</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>

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GEOG1000A	Geography I	Full Year	36	E
<b>Subject: History</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/history/">https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/history/</a>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>
HIST1011A	Global Encounters and Contemporary Realities IA	Semester 1	18	C,D,E
HIST1015A	Global Encounters and Contemporary Realities ID	Semester 2	18	C,D,E
<b>Subject: International Relations</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/international-relations/">https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/international-relations/</a>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>
INTR1012A	International Relations: An Introduction to the Discipline	Semester 1	18	B
INTR1010A	The International Relations of South Africa and Africa	Semester 2	18	B
<b>Subject: Linguistics</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/linguistics/">https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/linguistics/</a>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>
LING1001A	Introduction to the Structure of Language I	Semester 1	18	A
LING1003A	Language, Mind and Society	Semester 2	18	A
<b>Subject: Media Studies</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/mediastudies/">https://www.wits.ac.za/mediastudies/</a>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slot)</b>
MDST1000A/	Media and Society 1A	Semester 1	18	C
MDST1001A/	Reading Media Forms 1B	Semester 2	18	C
<b>Modern Languages</b>				
<b>Course Codes</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>Session (Semester)</b>		<b>Class (Timetable slots)</b>
<b>French</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/french/">https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/french/</a>				
MDLL1003A	Basic French Language & Culture I	Semester 1	18	A
MDLL1009A	Intermediate French Language & Culture I	Semester 2	18	A
<b>German1</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/german/">https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/german/</a>				
MDLL1004A	Basic German Language & Culture I	Semester 1	18	E
MDLL1010A	Intermediate German Language & Culture I	Semester 2	18	E
<b>Italian</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/italian-studies/">https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/italian-studies/</a>				
MDLL1005A	Basic Italian Language & Culture I	Semester 1	18	D
MDLL1011A	Intermediate Italian Language & Culture I	Semester 2	18	D
<b>Portuguese</b> <a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/portuguese/">https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/portuguese/</a>				
MDLL1006A	Basic Portuguese & Culture	Semester 1	18	D
MDLL1012A	Intermediate Portuguese and Culture	Semester 2	18	D
<b>South African Sign Language</b>				

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<a href="https://www.wits.ac.za/witslanguageschool/courses/learning-languages/south-african-sign-language/">https://www.wits.ac.za/witslanguageschool/courses/learning-languages/south-african-sign-language/</a>				
SASL1000A	South African Sign Language: Basic IA	Semester 1	18	A,C,D
SASL1001A	South African Sign Language: Basic IB	Semester 2	18	A,C,D

### Subject: Philosophy

<https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/philosophy/>

Course codes	Course Titles	Session (Semester)		Class (Timetable slots)
PHIL1003A	Introduction to Philosophy – Knowledge & Reality I	Semester 1	18	A,C
PHIL1002A	Introduction to Ethics I	Semester 2	18	A,C

### Subject: Political Studies

<https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/political-studies/>

Course Codes	Course Titles	Session (Semester)		Class (Timetable slot)
POLS1007A	Introduction to Political Studies	Semester 1	18	E
POLS1008A	States Power and Governance	Semester 2	18	E

### Subject: Psychology

<https://www.wits.ac.za/shcd/psychology/>

Course Code	Title	Session		Class (Timetable slots)
PSYC1009A	Psychology I	Full Year	36	B,E

### Subject: Sociology

<https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/sociology/>

Course Codes	Course Titles	Session (Semester)		Class (Timetable slot)
SOCL1014A	Identity and Society I	Semester 1	18	D
SOCL1013A	Southern Africa in the Era of Globalisation I	Semester 2	18	D

### CREDITS:

To complete the requirements for the **B.A General** degree, you must obtain a **minimum of 432 credits overall: 144 credits in first year; 144 credits in second year; and 144 credits in third year**. To obtain credits, you must **pass** the full-year courses or semester (half-year) modules that you register for.

First-year level full-year courses or semester (half-year) modules will have a course code where the first four letters indicate the subject (e.g. ENGL = English), the first number represents the year level (1 for first-year), and the next three numbers and the letter A at the end represent the unique course code e.g. ENGL1001A. **At the first-year level, you must select first-year courses and modules that have a 1 in the course code** (you can only register for the second year of study in a subject if you have completed the full first year of study in that subject and for the third year of study in a subject if you have completed the full second year of study in that subject).

A standard first-year level semester (six-month) **module** counts **18 credits** and a standard first-year full-year **course** counts **36 credits**, therefore to obtain the required 144 credits at the first-year level, you will need to **select eight first-year modules worth 18 credits each or four full-year courses worth 36 credits each or a combination of first-year modules and courses that totals to 144 credits**.

A standard second-year level module counts 24 credits and a standard second-year

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course counts 48 credits; when you reach the second year of study, you will need to select six second-year modules worth 24 credits each or three second-year courses worth 48 credits each or a combination of second-year modules and courses that totals to 144 credits. A standard third-year level module counts 18 credits and a standard third-year course counts 36 credits; when you reach the third year of study, you will need to select eight third-year modules worth 18 credits each or four third-year courses worth 36 credits each or a combination of third-year modules and courses that totals to 144 credits.

### **SUBJECTS AND MAJORS:**

To complete the requirements for the **B.A General** degree, you must have **TWO major subjects** (subjects that you study throughout your degree). For each major subject, you must complete two modules or a full-year course in the subject at the first-year level, two modules or a full-year course in the subject at the second-year level, and four modules or two full-year courses in the subject at the third-year level as well as any other pre-requisite or co-requisite courses or modules that are required for each major subject (please see the explanation for this below).

The standard structure of the degree is as follows:

- 144 credits in 1st year (4 subjects with 2 modules or 1 course in each subject)
- 144 credits in 2nd year (3 subjects with 2 modules or 1 course in each subject)
- 144 credits in 3rd year (2 major subjects with 4 modules or 2 courses in each subject)

**At the first-year level, it is highly recommended that you choose your courses and modules so that these represent four subjects (i.e. two modules or one full-year course in each subject for four subjects).** Two of the subjects that you choose will become your majors so completing a full year of study at the first-year level for each of four subjects will give you the maximum number of choices for your majors (you can only take a subject as a major if you pass the full first year of study in that subject).

### **TIMETABLE SLOTS:**

At Wits, each undergraduate-level course or module is allocated a timetable slot that represents the times when in-person teaching and assessments could take place. There are five timetable slots:

**Slot A:** Monday 8h00-9h45; Tuesday 10h15-12h00; Wednesday 12h30-13h15; Thursday 14h15-17h00

**Slot B:** Tuesday 8h00-9h45; Wednesday 10h15-12h00; Thursday 12h30-13h15; Friday 14h15-17h00

**Slot C:** Wednesday 8h00-9h45; Thursday 10h15-12h00; Friday 12h30-13h15; Monday 14h15-17h00

**Slot D:** Thursday 8h00-9h45; Friday 10h15-12h00; Monday 12h30-13h15; Tuesday 14h15-17h00

**Slot E:** Friday 8h00-9h45; Monday 10h15-12h00; Tuesday 12h30-13h15; Wednesday 14h15-17h00

**When you choose your modules or courses, each of these must be on a different timetable slot i.e. you cannot register for more than one course or module on the same timetable slot during each semester.** If you register for a full-year course, the timetable slot that you choose needs to remain the same throughout the year (i.e. for both semesters).

To balance your workload, you will need to **select four courses or modules in the first semester of the year and four courses or modules in the second semester of**

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**the year**, with each course or module on a separate timetable slot.

### **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:**

To complete the requirements for the **B.A General** degree, **you must complete two first-year modules in one of the following subjects during your degree: isiZulu, Sesotho, or South African Sign Language.** Although these modules can be completed at any point during your degree, **it is highly recommended that you register for these during your first-year of study** (i.e. that you select three other subjects and either isiZulu, Sesotho, or South African Sign Language as your four first-year subjects).

If you are proficient in any two of the three languages above, you may request permission to rather register for one of the modern languages (French, German, Italian, or Portuguese). For proof that you are proficient in a language, the Faculty will require a matric pass in the subject, or a signed letter from the School of Literature, Language, and Media. For further information and advice, please contact the School of Literature, Language, and Media.

You can contact the following lecturers directly or access contact information on the School website: [Michiko.Kaneko@wits.ac.za](mailto:Michiko.Kaneko@wits.ac.za) (SASL), [Anita.Virga@wits.ac.za](mailto:Anita.Virga@wits.ac.za) (Modern Languages), [Innocentia.Mhlambi@wits.ac.za](mailto:Innocentia.Mhlambi@wits.ac.za), (African Languages); <https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/contact-us/>

We wish you every success as you begin your studies.