



WITS STUDY ABROAD FACT SHEET 2026

A. Contact Information

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B. Academic Calendar

First Semester

Orientation 22 February

Class begins 03 February – 19 May

Exam period 25 June – 22 June

Second Semester

Orientation 26 July

Class begins 20 July – 27 October

Exam period 02 November – 27 November

C. Nomination

Nomination & Application deadline **First Semester (February to June):**
30 September
Second Semester (July to November):
31 March

Nomination Instructions	All the information noted below is required for the submission of a nomination form, particularly the English proficiency data (if applicable).
Nomination Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Student Last Name ✚ Student Middle Name(s) (if applicable) ✚ Student First Name(s) ✚ Student Email Address ✚ Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY format) ✚ Term(s) and year of Exchange (First Semester, Second Semester or Full Year) ✚ Level of Study (Undergraduate or Graduate) ✚ Degree/Study Program at Home Institution ✚ English Language Test Score, Type & Date Completed <p>*Note: Proof of English proficiency is required for students whose first language is NOT English</p>
Minimum English Language Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum test score of 7.0 ✚ Cambridge English Language Assessment (CAE) with a minimum of 185 points.
Application Form	<p>Nomination must be done by the International Office at the home institution</p> <p>Semester Study Abroad Application Form</p>

D. Academic Information

Website link for international program (Course list) [Faculty of Humanities](#)
[School of Education](#) (School based within the Faculty of Humanities)
[Faculty of Science](#)
[Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management](#)
[Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment](#)

Course Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Course availability is subject to change and for this reason we cannot guarantee registration in specific courses. For exchange term(s) at WITS, students should create a study plan that includes a mixture of courses from their major, minor and most especially free electives. ✚ The courses listed on an Incoming Exchange Application form will be reviewed by departmental advisors at Wits. If courses have been selected from more than one discipline, a request will be sent to the designated department contact for each discipline. ✚ Our academic departments will determine which courses an exchange student is approved to take. Each department has their own criteria when assessing course requests, the most important of which is whether a student has the
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	<p>required academic background to meet the course prerequisites.</p>
<p>TO NOTE</p>	<p>✚ A student may not be approved to take all the courses they have requested on their application. This can be due to several factors, including but not limited to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Course is restricted and not open to exchange students, ○ Course is full ○ Course is not offered in correct exchange term ○ Course is cancelled ○ Course conflicts with other registered courses ○ The student does not meet the academic prerequisites to take the course <p>✚ Students requesting full year courses must be prepared to complete both terms of the course (i.e. Semester One and Two) to receive academic credit for the course. This applies even if the course is offered online.</p>
<p>Minimum & maximum credits per semester</p>	<p>A maximum of four (4) semester courses per semester</p>
<p>Restricted faculty/ courses for international exchange students</p>	<p>Faculty of Health Sciences</p>
<p>Course Registration Period</p>	<p>Semester 1: 26 January 2026 – 13 February 2026 Semester 2: 13 July 2026 – 24 July 2026</p>

E. Accommodation

On-Campus Housing

The International Students Office will help with accommodation. Exchange students are usually placed at International or in nearby off-campus housing. All placements depend on availability.

Off-Campus Housing

Students are responsible for securing their own off-campus accommodation. Students seeking off-campus accommodation are advised to independently verify the suitability and safety of any property.

F. Visa Requirements

If your studies in South Africa are for more than three months, you are required to apply for a study visa. [Click here](#) for more information on the requirements.

G. Medical Aid

All students are required to have a [South African Medical Aid](#). (Immigration rules requires students to have a South African based medical aid. Wits does not accept travel insurance and international medical aid cover).