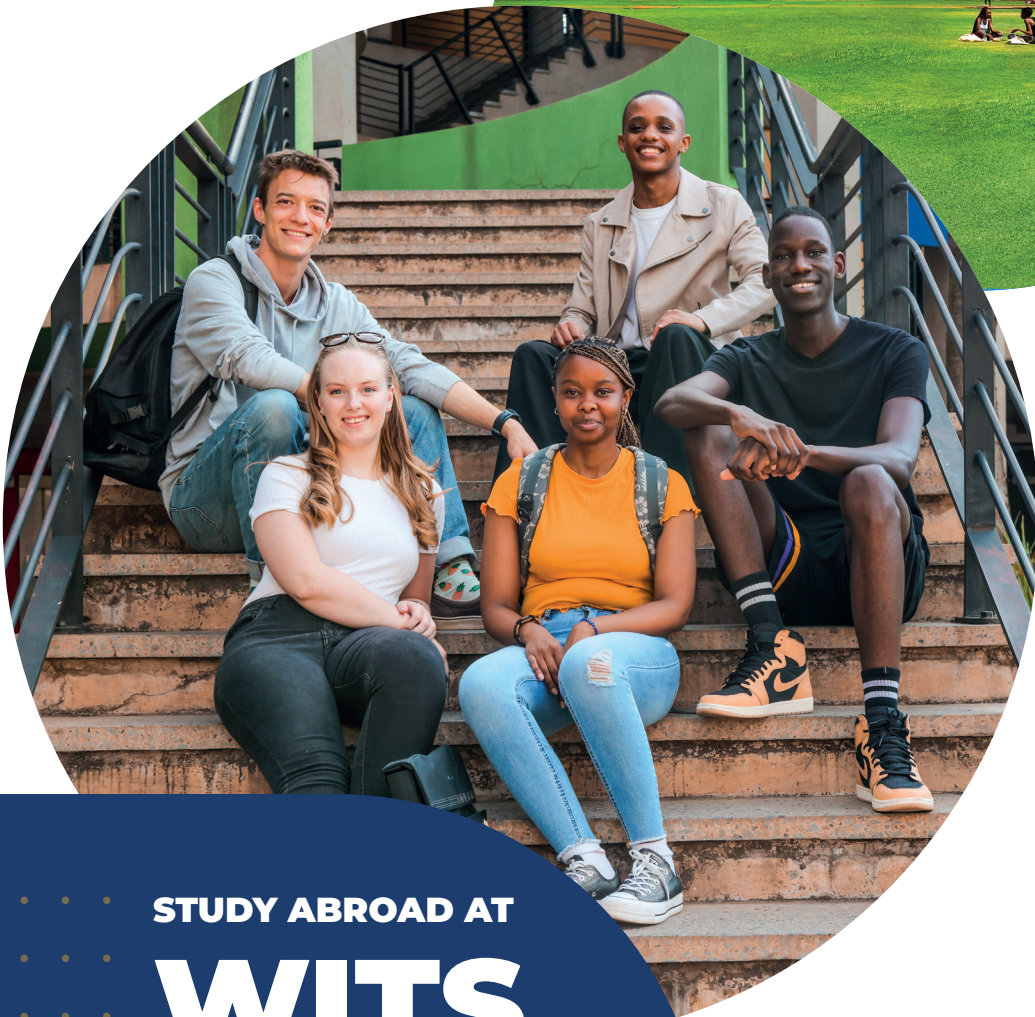
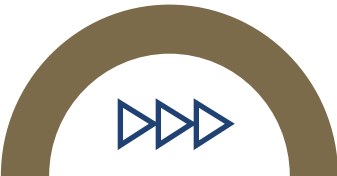


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STUDY ABROAD AT
WITS

Embrace new cultures!
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INTRODUCTION

Study at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (Wits), one of Africa's premier research universities with a proud reputation for its academic and research excellence, innovation and enlightened discourse.

Embark on a transformative journey that transcends borders and broadens horizons. At Wits, we offer more than just education; we provide an immersive experience that combines world-class learning with the rich cultural diversity of Johannesburg. Studying abroad at Wits opens doors to unparalleled opportunities, fostering personal and intellectual growth in a dynamic and inclusive environment. Join us in shaping the future and embracing the global perspective that Wits has to offer.

Your academic adventure awaits – come, discover, and excel at Wits University!

Wits welcomes study abroad students. As a study abroad student, you can experience what Wits has to offer across four of its five faculties, while immersing yourself in a vibrant city and a dynamic society in transition in the Global South. This site offers you the most important information if you consider studying at Wits for one or two semesters as a non-degree student.





WITS LIBRARY

The Wits Library consists of two main libraries (Wartenweiler and William Cullen), as well as 14 branch libraries where students have access to over one million book volumes, 400,000 journal titles and 46,000 updated electronic resources.

Visit the Library and be awed by the beautiful collections of incunabula, early printed books and rare manuscripts. Browse through the Africana Collection, which contains exquisitely illustrated volumes on the flora, fauna and exploration of the southern half of the continent of Africa.

And while you're at it, take some time to explore the Historical and Literary Papers department, which is home to material documenting the early days of trade unions, political trials and apartheid.

FIND OUT MORE | www.wits.ac.za/library/

STUDENT SERVICES

All registered students at Wits have access to resources including the Campus Health and Wellness Centre, the Disability Rights Unit and the Counselling and Careers Development Unit. Postgraduate students also have full access to various sports facilities through the Wits Sport associations.

FIND OUT MORE | www.wits.ac.za/students/

LATEST RESEARCH NEWS FROM WITS

Witsies win 6 Science Oscars at the prestigious NSTF-South32 Awards 2020-2021 (national research awards) for outstanding contributions to science, engineering, technology and innovation out of 13 categories.



Dr Tegan Bristow (*Fak'ugesi African Digital Innovation*)



Professor Raymond Durrheim (Geosciences)
Exploration, Earthquake and Mining Seismology



Dr Bavesh Kana and team
(Biomimicry to verify tests for Covid-19)



Dr Musa Manzi and team,
(Geophysics) *Legacy Data for Minerals and Mining*



Professor Bruce Mellado
(Collider Particle Physics – CERN)



Dr Boitumelo Ramatsetse
(Mathematics)
Reconfigurable Vibrating Screen (RSV)



AM I ELIGIBLE?

To study at Wits for one or two semesters as part of your home institution's degree, you must be currently registered in an accredited institution outside South Africa. At the time of coming to Wits, you must have completed at least one year of university study.

If Wits has a valid student exchange agreement with your home institution, you can study at Wits as an **exchange student**. Based on reciprocity, you will be liable for tuition fees at your home institution, and your tuition fees at Wits will be waived. You will need to be nominated by your home institution.

If your home institution does not have a student exchange agreement with Wits, you are considered an **occasional student**. You will be liable for the study abroad semester fee, which is a flat fee.





WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Most courses at Wits are open to study abroad students. You can choose up to a maximum of four courses per semester from the general academic offering, except for courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Depending on your previous studies, you should generally select courses that are in line with your current year of study, i.e. if you are a second-year student at your home university, look for second-year courses at Wits.



Eligible Faculties



Commerce,
Law and
Management



Engineering
and the Built
Environment



Humanities



Science



HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Identify the courses most suitable to the programme at your home institution.
2. Complete the “Inbound Semester Study Abroad [Application Form](#)”.
3. If you are an exchange student, contact your International Office regarding nomination and submission of application documents.
4. If you are an occasional student, send your application form and all supporting documents to the International Students Office (ISO).
5. Once received, the ISO will check your application documents.
6. Complete applications will be forwarded to the relevant Faculty/School for assessment.
7. Should your application be successful, a formal offer letter will be issued.





WHAT DOES IT COST?



Exchange Student: Your tuition and international registration fees will be waived, based on reciprocity.

Occasional Student: The study abroad fee, which includes tuition and related costs for four courses, amounts to ZAR 54,820 per semester.

Students are liable to pay for their own accommodation, transport, and all living expenses.

Please note: The study abroad fee is subject to change on an annual basis.

IMMIGRATION



The University is not permitted to register you until you have produced your **VALID Study Visa**.

You are required to apply for a Study Visa at the South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission in your country of residence. If there is no South African representative in that country, you must apply at the nearest South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission. This processing of the Study Visa takes at least 6 to 8 weeks.



MEDICAL AID

In terms of the Immigration Act No. 13 of 2002 as Amended and its Regulations, any prospective student to the Republic of South Africa must provide proof of medical cover with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 Act 131 of 1998.

Although you might be able to secure a study visa with other types of medical products, be they South African or otherwise, the University of the Witwatersrand only accepts South African Medical Aid products.

[International Students Medical requirements](#)

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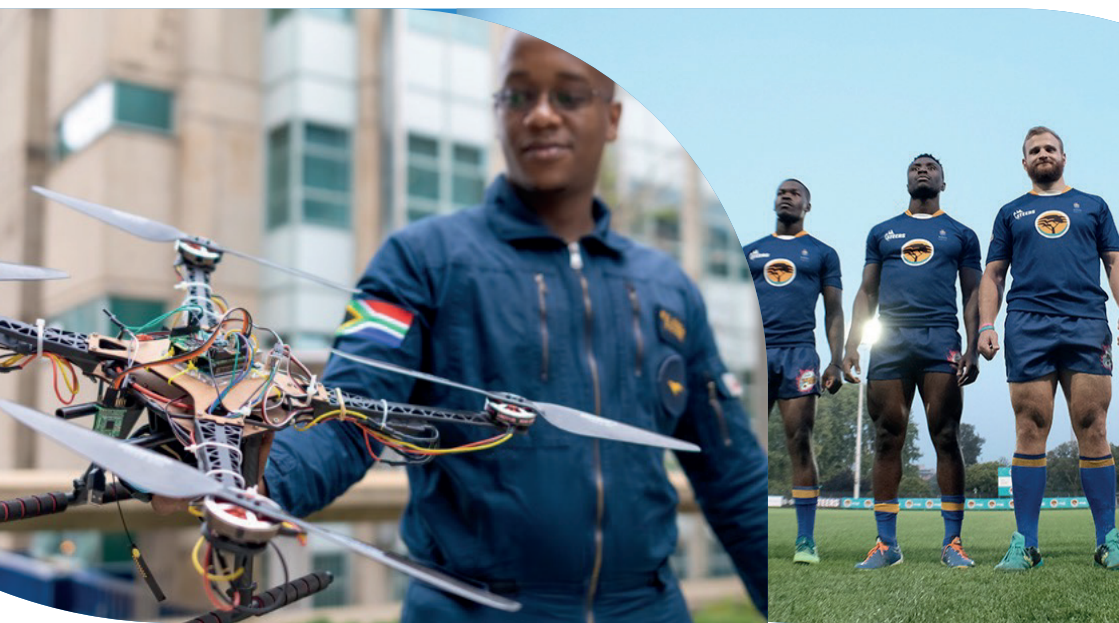
ACCOMMODATION

Exchange students are usually placed at International House, or any on-campus accommodation sourced by us depending on availability. International House is located on the East Campus of the University and is self-catering. While International House is self-catering, you have the option to opt-in for meals at the university dining halls, but this will incur additional costs.

The accommodation costs are calculated from the day of arrival (check-in) until the last day that the student checks out of the accommodation. Accommodation at International House is arranged automatically unless the student specifies an alternative preference. International House application forms are completed on arrival.

PREPARING TO COME TO WITS

- Letter of Acceptance from the University, accept the offer on the [Student Self Service Portal](#).
- Valid Passport
- Apply for the Study Visa. When collecting your Study Visa, check the date of issue and expiry. Ensure that the visa is issued for the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, or any of its variations.
- Apply for South African Medical Aid Cover with a registered South African Medical Aid Provider until last day of the month of the study visa.
- Make travel arrangements to come to travel to South Africa
- Arrange for funds for fees (if applicable) accommodation and living expenses. The FOREX payment must be done in advance.
- Request for a transfer from the ORTIA to Wits University. This is through the International Students Office.
- Pack a set of clothing in your hand luggage!





“Exposure to diverse cultures not only broadens perspectives but also enhances adaptability and cross-cultural communication skills. The immersion in a foreign academic environment provides unique learning opportunities, including specialized courses and research collaborations, contributing to a more comprehensive educational experience.”

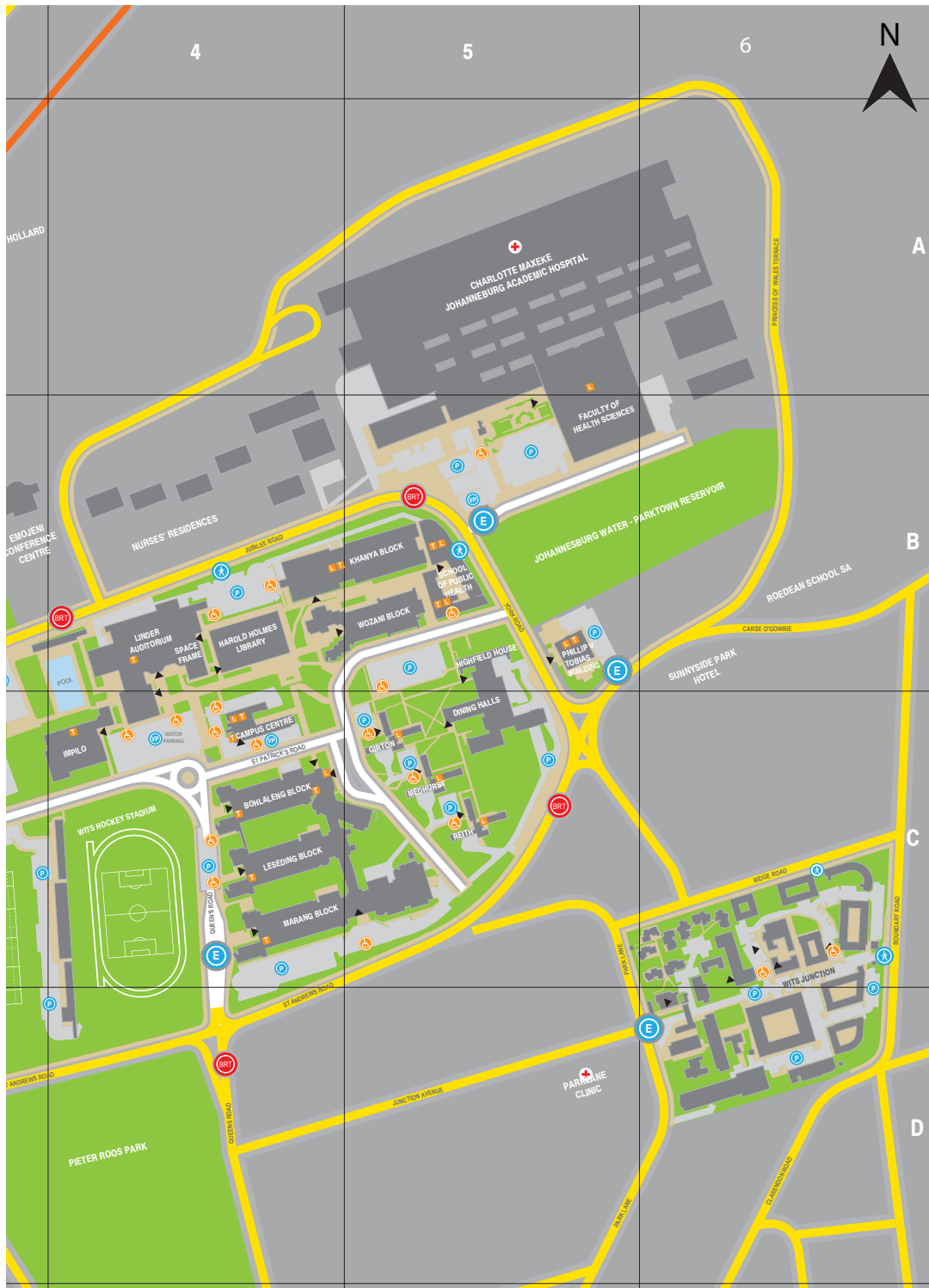


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