



# WITS STUDY ABROAD

## FACT SHEET 2025

### A. Contact Information

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### B. Academic Calendar

#### First Semester

*Orientation* 22 February

*Class begins* 10 February – 27 May

*Exam period* 02 June – 30 June

#### Second Semester

*Orientation* 26 July

*Class begins* 22 July – 28 October

*Exam period* 03 November – 28 November

### C. Nomination

*Nomination deadline* **First Semester (February to June):**  
30 September

**Second Semester (July to November):**  
31 March

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

## D. Academic Information

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

Course Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 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, concentration and most especially free electives.</li> <li>✚ The courses listed on an Incoming Exchange Application form will be reviewed by WITS's departmental advisors. If courses have been selected from more than one discipline, a request will be sent to the designated department contact for each discipline.</li> <li>✚ 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 required academic background to meet the course prerequisites.</li> </ul>
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**TO NOTE**

- ✚ 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 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 or the student does not meet the academic prerequisites to take the course.
- ✚ 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.

**Minimum & maximum credits per semester**  
**Restricted faculty/ courses for international exchange students**  
**Course Registration Period**

A maximum of four (4) semester courses per semester

Faculty of Health Sciences

**Semester 1:** 3 February – 21 February

**Semester 2:** 14 July – 1 August

## E. Accommodation

### *On-Campus Housing*

Accommodation is not guaranteed and is subject to availability. The International Students Office will assist in arranging accommodation where possible.

For those placed at International House, the accommodation fee is approximately **R391.00 per day**. This includes a single room (non-sharing), internet access and other facilities.

The full amount must be paid on or before check-in and payment can be made via EFT.

### *Off-Campus Housing*

Students are responsible for securing their own off-campus accommodations. Students seeking off-campus accommodations 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).