



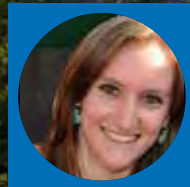
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FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

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As an urban based university situated in the heart of the commercial hub of Johannesburg, Wits is a place where ideas, passions and questions can be fully explored.

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STEP 1 APPLY ONLINE

- To apply online, go to:
 www.wits.ac.za/applications/
- You may apply for a maximum of three degrees (order of preference is not important).
- If you apply for two programmes within one faculty, you are advised to apply for one programme in a less restricted faculty (e.g. Humanities, Commerce or Science).
- Try to keep your options open, especially when applying for programmes in Faculties such as Health Sciences or Engineering.

Need help?

Student Enrolment Centre (SEnC)



Wits University, Ground Floor, Solomon Mahlangu House (Senate House), Braamfontein Campus East, Jorissen Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa


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 www.wits.ac.za/undergraduate/about-us

 www.wits.ac.za/askwits/

STEP 2 UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Log in with your person/student number and your date of birth in the following format: yy/mm/dd
- Upload supporting documents onto the Student Self-Service Portal:  <https://self-service.wits.ac.za>
- Applicants who have written a foreign qualification will need to obtain a certificate of complete exemption or foreign conditional exemption from the South African Matriculation Board:  <http://mb.usaf.ac.za>
- Wits University will submit applications for Matriculation Exemption directly to the Matriculation Board on behalf of the applicant. When submitting an application for study at Wits, a set of correctly certified supporting documents must be submitted: (School leaving certificates; University transcripts (if applicable); Passport/ID/Birth Certificate)
- Two sets of correctly certified copies of supporting documents to be couriered to the Student Enrolment Centre (SEnC): **Wits University, Student Enrolment Centre, Ground Floor, Solomon Mahlangu House (Senate House), Braamfontein Campus East, Jorissen Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa.**

Wits is an English-medium University. You therefore have to be proficient in English before you enroll. Should you not have completed your studies in English or not have passed an English Language examination at the GCSE/GCE/O Level, you will have to take an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) test. A pass of the IELTS test with a score of at least 7.0 is required. Contact the British Council in your home country for IELTS tests, or go to:  www.ielts.org

The University prefers an applicant to take the IELTS test. However, consideration will be given if an applicant has passed the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) at a level which is equivalent to the IELTS 7.0.  www.toefl.com

The Wits Language School offers English training to students who wish to improve their language skills.

 www.witslanguageschool.com

STEP 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPLICATION

- You will receive an email from the University acknowledging receipt of your application
- The acknowledgment email will contain a person number (which will become your student number)
- All records of correspondence from the University will be available on the student self-service portal (main menu/wits student self-service/communication history)
- Check the status of your application and to-do items on the student self-service portal regularly.
- If you are still studying at the time of your application, you will need to submit a duly certified copy of your final school results, before a decision can be taken.

Student Self Service Portal:  <https://self-service.wits.ac.za>

STEP 4 PAYMENT OF APPLICATION FEE

- Non-refundable application fee of R100 for South African citizens
- Non-refundable application fee for International citizens of R700
- Payment to be made at the time of application
- Payment to be made before closing dates

Methods of Payment:

- 1) Deposit exact amount into the University's bank account: Standard Bank, Account name: Wits University - Application Fees. Current Account Number: 200 346 385, Branch code: Braamfontein 004 805. CI Number 074A. International payment swift code: SBZAZAJJ. Use the unique payment number as a reference
- 2) Pay by cash or credit card at the Wits Fees Office, Ground Floor, Solomon Mahlangu House (Senate House), Braamfontein Campus East, Jorissen Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa

STEP 5 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

- Offers can only be confirmed after receiving final results (which can be delivered by hand or couriered to the Student Enrolment Centre).
- Each choice of degree is treated as a separate application. The order of choice does not matter. Each degree is assessed individually.
- Successful applicants will receive communication offering a firm place and information about the registration and orientation programme
- Communication will include further instructions (e.g. pay deposit or attend interview)
- You can only accept one offer as places are limited. You are required to respond to the offer within a few days to secure your place.

Want to amend your application?

- Do not submit a new application
- Check with the Student Enrolment Centre (SEnC) if applications are still open for your new selection. Changes should be submitted before the closing date.
- Contact your Admissions Consultant via email
- Should your contact details change (e.g. email, residential or postal address or contact numbers) update your new details on the student self-service portal.

Student Self Service Portal:  <https://self-service.wits.ac.za>

International Qualifications Minimum Requirements

Exemption from South African Matriculation Board AND Pass in English Language AND Faculty Requirements in this table. GUIDELINE ONLY.

Please note that meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Faculty	Qualifications	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary Level (O Level) • International General Certificate • Secondary Education (IGCSE) (for mature age exemption only) 	Advanced Level (A Level)
Faculty of Commerce, Law & Management	Commerce - not eligible	BAccSc; BEconSc - Maths - Grade A OR B
		BCom - Maths - Grade A, B OR C
		Law - Pass in English AND Maths
Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment	Engineering - not eligible	Engineering - Maths AND Physics - Grade A, B OR C
		Chemical Engineering and Metallurgy Required in addition, Chemistry Grade A, B OR C
		All Built Environment - Pass in Maths
Faculty of Humanities	Pass in English Language Grade C minimum PLUS Selection Test	Pass in English O OR A Level Grade C minimum
	EXCLUDES: - BA Law - Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Therapy	- Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Therapy Pass in Maths*
Faculty of Health Sciences	Health Sciences - not eligible	O Level English AND three recognised A Level subjects
		Dental Science Maths, Biology, Physics AND Chemistry - Grade A, B OR C
		All Other: Maths and a choice of two from Biology, Physics or Chemistry Grade A,B OR C
Faculty of Science	Science - not eligible	Maths AND Physics (as per degree requirements) Grade A, B OR C

OTHER FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED ACCORDING TO FACULTY REQUIREMENTS

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Qualifications		
Advanced Subsidiary (AS Level)	International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma)	Higher International General Certificate of Secondary Education (HIGCSE)
BAccSc; BEconSc - Maths - Grade A	BCom - Maths (HL, SL) Grade 4-7	BCom - Maths - Grade 1-3
BCom - Maths - Grade A OR B	BAccSc - Maths (HL, SL) Grade 5-7	BAccSc; BEconSc - Maths - Grade 1-2
Law - Pass in English AND Maths	BEconSc - Maths (HL, SL) Grade 6-7	Law - Pass in English AND Maths
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Maths AND Physics - Grade A, B OR C	Engineering - Maths (HL, SL), English AND Physics (HL) 4-7, (SL) 5-7	Engineering Maths AND Physics - Grade 1-3
Chemical Engineering and Metallurgy Required in addition, Chemistry Grade A, B OR C		
Built Environment - Pass in English AND Maths	Built Environment - Maths (HL, SL) AND English	Built Environment - English AND Maths
Pass in English Language Grade C minimum	Pass in English Language - Grade 4-7 minimum	Pass in English Language - Grade 1-3 minimum
- Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Therapy Pass in Maths*	- BA Law - Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Therapy Pass in Maths* (HL,SL OR Maths Method)	- BA Law - Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Therapy Pass in Maths*
English O Level as well as four recognised AS Level subjects		
Dental Science Maths, Biology, Physics AND Chemistry - Grade A OR B	Dental Science English, Maths, Biology AND Physics AND Chemistry (HL) 4-7 OR (SL) 5-7	Dental Science English, Maths, Biology, Physics AND Chemistry - Grade 1-3
All Other: Maths AND a choice of two from Biology, Physics OR Chemistry - Grade A OR B	All other: English, Maths, Biology, Physics OR Chemistry (HL) 4-7 OR (SL) 5-7	All Other: English, Maths AND Biology, Physics OR Chemistry Grade 1-3
Maths AND Physics (as per degree requirements) Grade A, B OR C	Maths AND Physics (as per degree requirements) (HL, SL) Grade 4-7	Maths AND Physics (as per degree requirements) Grade 1-3


For more information: www.wits.ac.za/internationalstudents

Health Sciences

All applicants to the Faculty of Health Sciences (except applicants who are applying for admission into the Graduate Entry Medical Programme – GEMP - ONLY) are required to write the **National Benchmark Tests (NBT)** before being considered for admission.

There are two tests. The first test is the Academic and Quantitative Literacy Test and the second test is the Mathematics Test. The test results will be used in addition to your foreign school qualifications for final decision-making purposes and other admission criteria.

PLEASE NOTE:

- These are standard tests for all medical schools in South Africa, and you are only required to write the tests once, irrespective of the number of medical schools you have applied to.
- Applicants must register on the NBT website,  www.nbt.ac.za, or by mobile, to write the tests. Registration closes approximately three weeks prior to each of the test dates. You can register for the NBT even before you submit your application to the University. DO NOT wait for an official notification from the University in order to register and write the tests. You may miss the end of July deadline.
- A fee is charged for the tests. The fee can only be paid once you have registered to write the test.
- The tests should have been written by **13 August 2017**. Results received for tests written after this date **WILL NOT** be taken into consideration. Applicants are encouraged to write the tests as early as possible.
- For a comprehensive list of test dates, registration dates and available venues, please refer to the NBT website.
- Both tests must be written at one session.
- ONLY the first attempt results will be taken into account for selection purposes and thus it is not advisable to write the tests more than once in any year.
- Applicants who achieve in the 'Basic' range (refer to table below), are unlikely to be considered for a place in the Health Sciences degrees. For more information on the Performance levels, please refer to the NBT website:

 www.nbt.ac.za

Benchmark Performance Levels

Proficient
Intermediate
Basic

Academic Literacy		Quantitative Literacy		Mathematics	
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
64	100	70	100	68	100
38	63	38	69	35	67
0	37	0	37	0	34

Humanities



FOR ALL ARTS DEGREES (EXCLUDING BA LAW), applicants with mature age exemption, as per the SA Matriculation Board are required to write the National Benchmark Test (NBT), Academic and Quantitative Literacy (AQL).

 <http://mb.usaf.ac.za>


Applicants have to register to write the test, on the NBT website:  www.nbt.ac.za

Applicants must take the test by no later than 30 October 2017.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPEECH AND HEARING THERAPY AND BA (SOCIAL WORK) APPLICANTS

All applicants to the Faculty of Humanities applying for the Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Therapy and Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, are required to write the National Benchmark Tests (NBT) before being considered for admission.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applicants must register on the NBT website,  www.nbt.ac.za, or by cellular phone, to write the tests. Registration closes approximately three weeks prior to each of the test dates. You can register for the NBT before you submit your application to the University. DO NOT wait for an official notification from the University in order to register and write the tests. You may miss the end of **July** deadline.
- A fee is charged for the tests. The fee can only be paid once you have registered to write the test.
- The tests should have been written by **13 August 2017**. Results received for tests written after this date **WILL NOT** be taken into consideration. Applicants are encouraged to write the tests as early as possible.
- For a comprehensive list of test dates, registration dates and available venues, please refer to the NBT website.
- Both tests must be written in one session.
- Social Work Applicants do not need to write the Mathematics Test.
- Only the first attempt results will be taken into account for selection purposes and thus it is not advisable to write the tests more than once in any year.

Fees are paid annually at the beginning of the year.

All International Students must pay 75% of tuition fees and related costs at the time of registration.

The balance to be paid by the end of March. 🌐 studysa.international@wits.ac.za

OPTIONS FOR FINANCING YOUR STUDIES

Parents/guardian/religious groups

Your parents or guardian may be able to help you with funding, or their employers may offer students bursaries. Many church groups and other religious organisations offer bursaries to their members.

Bank Loan

Most major banking institutions offer student loans at attractive interest rates. Interest rates may decrease for consecutive years of study. Normally, bank loans cover the duration of study and are repaid once you start working, or once you have graduated. Some banks offer a grace period to students who are completing internships, articles or community service. In most instances, you are required to repay the interest while still studying. Sometimes surety/security is required, which means that a relative, friend or sponsor must guarantee to repay the loan if you fail to do so. Visit your local bank to find out what products they offer students.

Scholarships and bursaries

A number of companies offer bursaries to academically promising students. Bursaries differ considerably in their selection criteria and in what they cover. Some bursaries are very comprehensive and cover tuition fees, accommodation costs, books and travel costs, while others may offer a relatively small financial contribution to your studies. Bursaries cover a range of qualifications or subject choices. There are bursaries for engineers, computer scientists, social workers and health professionals, and may be offered on the basis of financial need, disability status, religious group or academic merit. Most bursaries are renewable on a yearly basis and are dependant on successful completion of the academic year. If you fail your course or decide to drop out, you may be liable for all bursary funds paid out on your behalf.

Some bursaries, such as contract bursaries, require that you work for the bursary company for a set period once you have completed your studies.

For a list of all bursaries, visit:

🌐 <http://bursaries-southafrica.co.za/>

Self-funding

Work first to raise funds! As a young person ready to start your life, this may seem a dim prospect but often people who have worked for a few years before commencing their studies really enjoy their studies once they start - so much so that they go on to post-graduate study! Another option is to work part-time while you study. But don't over-extend yourself and fail your courses as a result.

National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) For South African Citizens Only

NSFAS, funded by the Government, is financial assistance in the form of a loan. Like a bank loan a NSFAS loan is repayable once you start working. You are expected to start repaying your loan only once you are employed and earning more than R30 000 per year. The period allowed for repayments varies according to individual circumstances. Special legislation allows NSFAS to require employers to deduct loan repayments from the wages or salaries of borrowers.

NSFAS rewards students who succeed academically. Academic results are used to calculate rebates. If you pass all your courses in any one year, 40% of your annual loan will converted to a bursary. (A bursary, as defined in the Act No.56, 1999, is part of the loan which you do not have to pay back.) This means you need to repay only 60% of your loan (plus interest) for that year! A student who passes half his/her courses will qualify for a 20% rebate.

If you graduate within the minimum number of years required, you will have saved 40% of your loan each year, and you will owe far less than someone who takes longer to complete their degree.

By repaying your NSFAS loan as quickly as possible, you will increase the funds available in the NSFAS scheme and thus the amount of money available to assist future generations of students who need financial assistance to study.

🌐 www.nsfas.org.za/

Wits offers scholarships and merit awards to academically exceptional students. There is normally no requirement to repay a scholarship or merit award at the end of your studies. However, if you do not complete your course or if you fail, you may be liable for monies paid on your behalf.

Foreign Results

South African students who have completed a foreign qualification such as A level, AS level, IB and German Abitur, may be eligible for recognition of distinctions achieved in these qualifications. The award will be up to a maximum of R30 000 only. Academically excellent applicants with foreign school leaving qualifications may apply on an *ad hoc* basis.

Conditions apply, which include:

Scholarship students are still eligible for NSFAS funding (the difference between the scholarship and the cost of being at University may be covered by NSFAS).

Students who took a gap year (not longer than a year), may be eligible for a University Entrance Scholarship. Please advise the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office once you register, as the scholarship will not be automatically recorded on the student system. The scholarship is applicable for the year of registration.

The student should provide the University's Financial Aid and Scholarships Office with any official remarked results issued by the examination authority that may impact on the amount of the scholarship by 30 September of the same year for which the scholarship has been awarded.

Sports Scholarships

If you have competed in top level sport, represented your province or South Africa and you display the appropriate academic potential, you may be eligible for a Wits Sport Bursary. Terms and conditions are outlined in the sport bursary application form which can be downloaded from 🌐 www.wits.ac.za/sport/sports-bursaries/

Applications must be received by the end of August. Queries may be directed to:

bursaries.witssport@wits.ac.za



Documentation required by International Applicants

when registering at Wits

1. Study Visa

Prior to leaving your home country, you must apply for, and obtain, a study visa (endorsed with a practical training visa for academic degrees that require practical training) from the South African High Commission, Embassy Consulate or Trade Mission in your country of residence. If there is no South African representative in your country, you must apply to the South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission nearest to your home country. A police clearance certificate will be required when applying for a study visa.

In addition, you will require appropriate, comprehensive South African medical aid cover, a letter of firm offer or a provisional offer from the University, and a letter of undertaking from the international Students Office. It may take several weeks to process your study visa, therefore you should make enquiries as soon as you receive a firm offer or a provisional offer from the University.

Please note that should you arrive in South Africa without a study visa, you will not be allowed to enroll at the University and you will be required to return to your home country.

2. Medical Aid Cover

In terms of the Immigration Amendment Act 13 of 2002, any prospective Student to South Africa must provide proof of medical cover with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1988. The University requires proof of full Medical Aid Cover with a South African based Medical Aid Scheme for a full calendar year, until 31 December of that year. Such cover must include minimum hospitalisation, emergency and day-to-day cover including doctor's visits and medication. You will not be permitted to enroll at the University without proof of medical aid cover.

 www.wits.ac.za/undergraduate/entry-requirements/international-students/

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Study Visa

- Make sure your study visa is still valid (refer to dates of issue and expiry).
- Ensure that the study visa is issued for the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, or any of its variations.

South African Medical Aid

Medical Aid cover must be with a registered South African Medical Aid Provider and valid until 31 December.

Original Certificates

Undergraduate students should bring with them their original School Leaving Certificates and/or Tertiary Qualifications for Matriculation Exemption.

Luggage

Please carry a set of clothing in your hand luggage.

Money


Arrange funds for fees and living expenses.

Transport

Arrange for an airport shuttle/taxi to Wits University or place of residence.

 www.wits.ac.za/internationalstudents/

Closing Dates



Bachelor of Architecture	30 JUN 2017
Health Sciences (all degrees)	
BA in Speech and Hearing Therapy	
Sport Bursaries	31 AUG 2017
All other University Degrees	30 SEPT 2017
Residence Applications	30 SEPT 2017
Applications to NSFAS (all applications to NSFAS, must be made directly with NSFAS)	
 www.nsfas.org.za/	

Academic Rankings



**Ranked
NUMBER 1**
in the country
100 - 200 band




www.wits.ac.za/about-wits/facts-and-figures/academic-rankings/

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