



2026 Orientation Programme: Faculty of Science

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SCIENCE: Orientation Programme 2026	
Group A Majors	Archaeology, Biology, Environmental & Geographical Science, Geology, Quantitative Biology, Marine Biology, Ocean & Atmosphere Science
Group B Majors	Artificial Intelligence, Business Computing, Computer Science, Computer Engineering
Group C Majors	Biochemistry, Chemistry, Genetics, Human Anatomy & Physiology
Group D Majors	Applied Statistics, Applied Mathematics, Astrophysics, Mathematical Statistics, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics & Data Science

WEDNESDAY - 4 FEBRUARY				
TIME	GROUP 1 – 10		VENUE	
08H00	Registration and welcome		Sarah Baartman Hall	
09H00	Welcome to UCT by academic and student leadership		Sarah Baartman Hall	
10H00	Why is Science important in today's world: Prof Hussein Suleman		Sarah Baartman Hall	
11H00	BREAK			
TIME	GROUP 1 – 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 – 10	VENUE
11H15	BSc Curriculum Overview: Prof Emese Bordy	PD Hahn 1	Maths Choices: Dr Harry Wiggins & Mr Ruach Slayen	PD Hahn 2
12H00	Maths Choices: Dr Harry Wiggins & Mr Ruach Slayen	PD Hahn 1	BSc Curriculum Overview: Prof Emese Bordy	PD Hahn 2
13H15	LUNCH			
TIME	GROUP 1 – 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 – 10	VENUE
14H00	Navigating Amathuba Thomas King /Shanali Govender	PD Hahn 1	Navigating Amathuba Thomas King /Shanali Govender	PD Hahn 2
15H00	Curriculum Pathways: Dr Cesarina Edmonds-Smith	PD Hahn 1	Introduction to Computing and Digital Literacy: OLs	SciLab A, B, C, D
16H00	Introduction to Computing and Digital Literacy: OLs	SciLab A, B, C, D	Curriculum Pathways: Dr Cesarina Edmonds-Smith	PD Hahn 1
17H00	Q&A with Senior Student Advisors and Deputy Dean Undergrad Matters & SSA			PD Hahn 1

THURSDAY - 5 FEBRUARY				
TIME	GROUP 1 - 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 - 10	VENUE
08H00	Arrival and welcome	PD Hahn 1	Arrival and welcome	PD Hahn 2
09H00	What is Science: Dr Miengah Abrahams	PD Hahn 1	What is Science: A/Prof Colleen O'Ryan	PD Hahn 2
10H00	What is Science: A/Prof Colleen O'Ryan	PD Hahn 1	What is Science: Dr Miengah Abrahams	PD Hahn 2
11H00	BREAK			
11H15	Department Talks by HODs	PD Hahn 1	Department Talks by HODs	PD Hahn 2
13H15	LUNCH			
TIME	GROUP 1 - 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 - 10	VENUE
14H00	Group A Majors	PD Hahn 1	Group B Majors	PD Hahn 2
14H30	Group B Majors	PD Hahn 1	Group A Majors	PD Hahn 2
15H00	Group C Majors	PD Hahn 1	Group D Majors	PD Hahn 2
15H30	Group D Majors	PD Hahn 1	Group C Majors	PD Hahn 2
TIME	GROUP 1 – 10			VENUE
16H00	Q&A with Senior Student Advisors and Deputy Dean Undergrad Matters & SSA			PD Hahn 1
FRIDAY - 6 FEBRUARY				
TIME	GROUP 1 – 10		VENUE	
08H00	Arrival and directions Registration Demonstration		Outside PD Hahn	
09H00	Group A Majors - Cluster based advice: Student Advisors		James 3A	
	Group B Majors - Cluster based advice: Student Advisors		Chris Hani LT	
	Group C Majors - Cluster based advice: Student Advisors		MCB LT2	
	Group D Majors - Cluster based advice: Student Advisors		JAMES 4A	
13H15	LUNCH			
14H00	Online registration support in labs: OLs		SciLab A, B	
15H00	Further training in Computing and Digital Literacy: OLs		SciLab A	

MONDAY - 9 FEBRUARY					
TIME	GROUP 1 - 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 - 10	VENUE	
09H00	Insights from OLs: What I wish I knew on Day 1	PD Hahn 1	Insights from OLs: What I wish I knew on Day 1	PD Hahn 2	
10H00	Academic Integrity: Prof Emese Bordy	PD Hahn 1	How to even UCT: Mohammed Kajee	PD Hahn 2	
	Financial Education Derisa Govender				
10H30	How to even UCT: Mohammed Kajee	PD Hahn 1	Financial Education Derisa Govender	PD Hahn 2	
			Academic Integrity: Prof Emese Bordy		
11H00	BREAK				
11H15	SCIENCE GROUP ACTIVITY			TBC	
12H00	LUNCH				
TIME	GROUP 1 - 5	VENUE	GROUP 6 - 10	VENUE	
13H00	Science Campus Tour	Various	Science Faculty Hike	PD Hahn 2	
16H00	Touch base with OLs			PD Hahn 1	
TUESDAY - 10 FEBRUARY					
TIME	GROUP 1 - 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 - 10	VENUE	
09H00	Insights from OLs: Consent	PD Hahn 1	Insights from OLs: Consent	PD Hahn 2	
10H00	Disability Services: Ms Lesego Modutle	PD Hahn 1	SWS Counselling Services: Ms Nadia Williams	PD Hahn 2	
10H30	SWS Counselling Services: Ms Nadia Williams	PD Hahn 1	Disability Services: Ms Lesego Modutle	PD Hahn 2	
11H00	BREAK				
11H15	Science Faculty Support Structure: Mohammed Kajee	PD Hahn 1	Careers Services: Safia Lagerdien	PD Hahn 2	
11H40	Careers Services: Safia Lagerdien	PD Hahn 1	Science Faculty Support Structure: Mohammed Kajee	PD Hahn 2	
12H00	LUNCH				

GROUP 1 – 10				
TIME	GROUP 1 – 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 – 10	VENUE
13H00	Science Faculty Hike	PD Hahn 1	Science Campus Tour	Various
16H00	Touch base with OLs			PD Hahn 1
WEDNESDAY - 11 FEBRUARY				
TIME	GROUP 1 – 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 – 10	VENUE
09H00	Insights from OLs Culture Shock at UCT	PD Hahn 1	Insights from OLs Culture Shock at UCT	PD Hahn 2
10H00	Science is Tough (But So Are You!): Mohammed Kajee	PD Hahn 1	Library Orientation Auliya TJ Badrudeen	PD Hahn 2
10H30	Library Orientation Auliya TJ Badrudeen	PD Hahn 1	Science is Tough (But So Are You!): A/Prof Dale Taylor	PD Hahn 2
11H00	BREAK			
11H15	CPS: Sidwell Ntshibilikwana	PD Hahn 1	Building a culture of consent: Stella Musungu	PD Hahn 2
11H40	Building a culture of consent: Stella Musungu	PD Hahn 1	CPS: Sidwell Ntshibilikwana	PD Hahn 2
12H00	LUNCH			
TIME	GROUP 1 – 6	VENUE	GROUP 7 – 10	VENUE
13H00	Science Orientation Closing Prof Suleman	PD Hahn 1	Science Orientation Closing Prof Bordy	PD Hahn 2
13H30	Science Group Activity			Chris Hani LT
THURSDAY - 12 FEBRUARY				
TIME	GROUP 1 – 10			VENUE
09H00	Further training in Computing and Digital Literacy OLs			SciLab A
ALL DAY	DSA Welcome Festival / FIRST YEAR FESTIVAL			UCT RUGBY FIELD
FRIDAY - 13 FEBRUARY				
TIME	GROUP 1 – 10			VENUE
09H00	Further training in Computing and Digital Literacy OLs			SciLab A
ALL DAY	Amathuba Course review (online) Evaluation and feedback (online) Registration Further Assistance OLS			ONLINE