

#2023AY 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Learning and
Teaching Update

Dear Parents, Guardians, and the Mandela University Community

After three disruptive years due to the global coronavirus pandemic, you are probably wondering how learning and teaching will be offered at Mandela University in the 2023AY?

LEARNING & TEACHING

- Students will have **face-to-face (F2F) in-person lectures** in our venues on campus. They will also extend their learning experience with some virtual lectures via collaborative platforms, such as MS Teams, and several other learning activities.
- There will also be **small group learning experiences**, such as tutorials and supplementary instruction (SI) sessions. Some will be F2F, and others online.
- Depending on what programme your student is studying, there could also be **experiential learning activities**, such as laboratory or studio work, clinical training, school-based learning, and work integrated learning. These activities are offered F2F and some are undertaken in workplace settings, or hospitals and schools. Some of the preparation and supervision for these experiential learning activities takes place online.



SUPPORT FOR STUDYING

We provide a very **supportive learning environment** that includes F2F and online activities, such as success coaching, mentoring, writing development and **counselling**. A range of online resources can also be accessed by your student.

ACCOMMODATION

Be sure to act timeously in securing a place to stay for your student, as accommodation is limited. This can be on or off campus.

Contact: studenthousing@mandela.ac.za



STAYING CONNECTED

Given the way we blend F2F and online learning activities, we encourage all students to have a suitable computing device, such as a laptop.

There are initiatives in place for students to source laptops. We also have general computer labs on all our campuses that students can access. All our campuses, residences and off-campus residences have WiFi. In addition, as necessary, we provide students with data bundles during the academic year to make learning possible at any time.

IMPORTANT DATES

REGISTRATION

Once your student has received a final acceptance notification, they need to [register, preferably online](#).



FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS ORIENTATION

Our **First-Year Success (FYS) Buddies** will connect with your student, where possible, from late January. They will enjoy a series of activities both online and in-person thereafter.

WELCOME EVENTS

Various welcome events will take place **from 4 February**, including those with your student's faculty and also with the University's Vice-Chancellor Professor Sibongile Muthwa. Details on these events will follow.

LECTURES ON CAMPUS START 20 FEBRUARY 2023

We look forward to seeing
everyone on campus in 2023!

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