

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING



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Your Guide To **First Year Success**

FYS *Orientation Timetable*



South Campus EBET Orientation Faculty Timetable

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Department of Architecture:
Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Department of Architectural Technology and Interior Design:
Diploma: Architectural Technology
Diploma: Interior Design

Please join our Telegram group: (insert link)

Event	26 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Residence Orientation		TBC
Event	27 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Residence Orientation		TBC
Pre-Uni Connect & Group Divisions		Buddy to communicate via e-mail
Event	28 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
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FYS Thrive Session Day 1		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	31 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
<p style="text-align: center;">VC Welcome Ceremony School of Architecture Meet and Greet</p> <p>We will receive you at our school. After the VC's address, we will break into our two departments and three programmes and will go through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarise yourself with the 2026 Rules and Regulations: This will include... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who are our Student Enforcers and their roles ○ Knowing the Department's Laptop recommended specs ○ School of Architecture - re-assessment of a portfolio 		School of Architecture, Building 8, Second Floor (VC welcome to be live-streamed in the School)

<p>examination & Continuous assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ rules around late submissions (Continuous assessments, projects/ assignments/ Projects and portfolio exams) ○ rule around re-submissions in the Department of Architectural Technology & Interior Design (Continuous assessments/ projects and assignments) ○ rule around Sub-minimum Class Mark required to be allowed into Exam ○ Shuttle Services ○ An insight to the Staff who will be helping you to grow in the Department ○ Module complains and steps on how to resolve them ○ Students and Staff parking arrangement ○ Warning emails on Poor Performances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resolve any registration queries you may have (FYS Buddies) 		
Executive Dean's Address/ Faculty Meet and Greet		<p>Goldfields Auditorium Mapungubwe Auditorium (Overflow) Newtonian Auditorium (Overflow)</p>
Event	2 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 2		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	3 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
<p>Department of Architectural Technology and Interior Design and Department of Architecture</p> <p>Ladies and gentlemen, fasten your seatbelts, rev your engines, and let the adventure begin! #SoA_AmazingRace2026</p>	09:00 - 15:00	South Campus, Building 8, 2nd floor - Main Studio
Event	4 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 3		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the complaint resolution process • Find out about student and staff parking arrangements • Understand our policies on warnings and dealing with poor performance • Ensure all your devices are seamlessly connected <p>We will have an interactive session with our esteemed studio staff, focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting a grasp of Moodle and MS Teams (don't forget to bring your smartphone, laptop, or tablet for hands-on experience). • The remainder of the day will be dedicated to immersive engagement in the design studio, revolving around the icebreaker project. <p><i>Please be informed that we won't be offering snacks or lunch during the session. We kindly request all students to bring their own refreshments for the event.</i></p>		
Event	6 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Campus Expo		South Campus
Event	9 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
<p style="text-align: center;">School of Architecture Official Opening and Welcoming (All students)</p> <p>The introduction of the School Icebreaker project will take place during the official school welcome event, with the participation of all students. Following the commencement, students will receive instructions from their studio leader, outlining the agenda for the week ahead.</p>	09:00	South Campus, Building 8, 2nd floor - Main Studio

Online Registration Information Sessions

Consultation sessions are scheduled for programmes where you may require assistance with selecting your modules. Programmes with no module selection or clearly defined module selection details are not listed above.

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Who	Email address	Programmes (Courses assigned to you)
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Department of Architectural Technology and Interior Design Ms Priya Peters	Priya.peters@mandela.ac.za	Diploma in Architectural Technology and Interior Design

Welcome to our vibrant community of first-year students! As you embark on this exciting journey, we want to ensure that you have all the necessary support to thrive in your academic endeavours.

Below are the contact details for the Director of the School, Heads of Departments, and relevant secretaries. Please feel free to reach out to them for any guidance or assistance throughout your academic year.

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School of Engineering:
 Higher Certificate: Mechatronic Engineering
 Higher Certificate: Renewable Energy Engineering
 Diploma: Operations Management
 BEng Tech: Electrical Engineering
 BEng Tech: Industrial Engineering
 BEng Tech: Marine Engineering
 BEng Tech: Mechanical Engineering
 BEng Mechatronics Engineering

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VC Welcome Ceremony		Indoor sports centre
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Event	2 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 2		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	3 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
EBET Student Success Coaches	09:00 - 09:30	On Campus 276 – 003 Mapungubwe Auditorium

School of Engineering Faculty Administrator Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration • Exemption • Sub-minimum and how does it work. • Cancellations process • Important dates • Online Registration 	09:30 – 10:00	On Campus 276 – 003 Mapungubwe Auditorium
Electrical Engineering, Higher Certificate BEng Tech: Electrical: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental Meet & Greet presentation. • Lab Tours 	10:30 – 12:00	On Campus: M Block 261 – M222
Industrial Engineering: Operations Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental Meet & Greet presentation. • Lab Tours 	10:30 – 12:00	On Campus: 276 – 119 Games Lab
Mechanical Engineering, Higher Certificate BEng Tech: Mechanical: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental Meet & Greet presentation. • Lab Tours 	10:30 – 12:00	On Campus: 276 – 0003 Mapungubwe Auditorium
Marine Engineering, Beng Tech: Marine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental Meet & Greet presentation. • Lab Tours 	10:30 – 12:00	On Campus: 261_2_M247
Mechatronics Engineering, BEng: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental Meet & Greet presentation. • Lab Tours 	10:30 – 12:00	On Campus: 207-N1
Event	4 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 3		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	5 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
WRSC111 Information Session with CH Dixie (face to face) MECHATRONICS ONLY	08:30-09:30	Building 123-007 South Campus
Event	6 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Campus Expo		North Campus
Event	9 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
First day of Lecture		As per the Timetable

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Industrial Engineering	Prof Ann Lourens	Ann.Lourens@mandela.ac.za	Mrs Nicole Truter	Nicole.Truter@mandela.ac.za

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School of Information Technology:
Higher Certificate: Information Technology (User Support Services)
Diploma: Information Technology (Communication Networks)
Diploma: Information Technology (Support Services)
Diploma: Information Technology (Software Development)
Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT)

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Pre-Uni Connect & Group Divisions		Buddy to communicate via e-mail
Event	28 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Pre-Uni Connect & Group Divisions		Buddy to communicate via e-mail
FYS Thrive Session Day 1		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	31 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
VC Welcome Ceremony		Indoor sports centre
Executive Dean's Address/ Faculty Meet and Greet		Goldfields Auditorium Mapungubwe Auditorium (Overflow) Newtonian Auditorium (Overflow)
Event	2 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 2		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	3 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
Welcome to the School of IT Session 1 (First compulsory session for ALL first-year students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address by the Director and Head of Departments - Rules and Regulations - Introduction to First Year Lecturers - Timetable information - Academic discussions - Digital Classroom Preparation 	08:30 to 14:30	Software Development, Support Services and Communication Network, BIT and HCERT Students: Goldfields Auditorium, North Campus

Event	4 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 3		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	5 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
Welcome to the School of IT Session 2 (Second compulsory session for ALL first-year students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address by the Director and Head of Departments - Rules and Regulations - Introduction to First Year Lecturers - Timetable information - Academic discussions Digital Classroom Preparation	08:30 to 14:30	Software Development, Support Services and Communication Network, BIT and HCERT Students: Goldfields Auditorium, North Campus
Event	6 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Campus Expo		North Campus
Event	9 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
First Day of Lectures		As per the Timetable

George Campus EBET Orientation Faculty Timetable		
School of Information Technology: Higher Certificate: Information Technology (User Support Services)		
Event	26 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Residence Orientation		TBC
Event	27 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Residence Orientation		TBC
Pre-Uni Connect & Group Divisions		Buddy to communicate via e-mail
Event	28 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Pre-Uni Connect & Group Divisions		Buddy to communicate via e-mail
FYS Thrive Session Day 1		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	30 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 2		
Event	31 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
VC Welcome Ceremony	8h30 for 9h00	George: Furntech

Disclaimer: This Orientation Timetable is subject to modification based on updates received from the faculty.

Event	2 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
Technology@Mandela: ICT Services Introduction Basic Computer Skills Training	12h00-14h15	Mopani Computer Lab
Event	3 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
Welcome to the School of IT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules and Regulations Introduction to First Year Lecturers Timetable information Academic discussions <p>Mr C. Moolman</p>	09h00-09h30	HC Students 302 000 7
UADS: Ms M. Mbuli	09h30-09h45	302 000 7
Academic Administration: Mrs N. Nokhepheyi	09h45-10h00	302 000 7
Emthonjeni: Ms N. Calitz	10h00-10h15	302 000 7
Transformation:	10h15-10h30	302 000 7
Campus Health Services: Ms P. Antoinette	10h30-10h45	302 000 7
Academic literacies: Ms N Maduna	10h45-11h00	302 000 7
Madibaz Sport	11h00-11h15	302 000 7
Get to Know Your Library	11h15-11h30	302 000 7
Campus Protection: Safety and Security on Campus	11h30-11h45	302 000 7
Living with the Primates	11h45-12h00	302 000 7
Event	4 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 3		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	5 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
Campus Environment Matters	9h00-11h00	Furntech
Campus Safety	11h15-13h00	Furntech
Event	6 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
Financial literacy session	09h00-10h00	Furntech
FYS Campus Expo	10h15-13h15	George Campus
Event	9 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
First Day of Lectures		As per the Timetable

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Who	Email address	Programmes (Courses assigned to you)
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Dr Melissa Makalima	Program Coordinator: BIT	Melissa.makalima@mandela.ac.za

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School of the Built Environment and Civil Engineering: Higher Certificate in Human Settlement Development Diploma in Building Bachelor of Engineering Technology in Civil Engineering Bachelor of Human Settlement Development Bachelor of Science in Construction Economics: Quantity Surveying with Financial & Bus Mgt Bachelor of Science in Construction Studies

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Departmental Meet and Greet	09:00-10:30am	CM Department - M136 QS Department - M132 Building and Human Settlement - M154 Civil Engineering -M222
Campus Tour	11:00am - 13:00pm	Meeting next to Bitumen Lab
Event	4 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 3		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	5 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
SoBECE Presentation	09:00-13:00pm	Auditorium, North Campus
Team Building	TBC	CM Department
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