

FACULTY OF SCIENCES



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Your Guide To **First Year Success**

FYS *Orientation Timetable*



South Campus Science Orientation Faculty Timetable

BSc (General)
BSc (Biochemistry, Chemistry, Microbiology and Physiology)
BSc (Physical Science and Mathematics)
BSc (Computer Science)
BSc (Geosciences, Geography and Geology)
BSc (Biological Sciences)
BSc (Environmental Sciences)
BSc Extended

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	29 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
BSc Extended Studies Information video		Online: https://youtu.be/HVwTjJe5_Zc
Information on registration of the BSc streams		Online: https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:8ef34957-2078-424a-9363-971cb09813a7
Event	30 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Nature Reserve Tour (please wear closed shoes, hat and put on sunscreen)	08:30- 10:00 (serve bottled water)	NMU Nature Reserve (Grysbok Trail) Meet in front of Building 127, Inkanyezi @08:20
Student Games	11:00 - 13:00	On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002)
Event	31 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
VC Welcoming Ceremony	09:00 - 10:30	Indoor Sports Centre South Campus

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Executive Dean's Address/ Faculty Meet and Greet	11:00 – 12:30	Building 35 0040 (Overflow Venue 35 0027)
Event	2 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 2		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	3 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
BSc & Extended Studies <i>curriculum advice session and pre-registration</i>	09:00 – 13:00	On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002) & Online:
Assisted Registration & Assistance to check registered modules	14:00-15:30	On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002)
Event	4 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 3		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	5 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
BSc & Extended Studies		
<i>Meet HoD and Lecturers</i> <i>Laboratory visits</i>	09:00 – 13:00	On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002)
<i>Academic advising session with the Faculty Academic Advisor</i>		On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002) & Online
Event	6 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Campus Expo		South Campus

North Campus Science Orientation Faculty Timetable

Dip Analytical Chemistry
Dip Polymer Technology
Dip Agricultural Management
Dip Game Ranch Management
Dip Chemical Process Technology

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
Nature Reserve Tour (please wear closed shoes, hat and put on sunscreen)	08:30- 10:00 (serve bottled water)	NMU Nature Reserve (Grysbok Trail) Meet in front of Building 127, Inkanyezi @08:20
Student Games	11:00 - 13:00	On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi
Event	31 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
VC Welcoming Ceremony	09:00 - 10:30	Indoor Sports Centre South Campus
Executive Dean's Address/ Faculty Meet and Greet	11:00 - 12:30	Building 35 0040 (Overflow Venue 35 0027)
Event	2 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 2		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	3 Feb 2026	Where/Platform

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All Diplomas: <i>curriculum advice session and pre-registration</i>	09:00 – 13:00	On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002) & Online:
Assisted Registration & Assistance to check registered modules	13:00-14:00	On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002)
Event	4 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Thrive Session Day 3		Buddy to communicate via WhatsApp
Event	5 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
Diploma (Gqeberha)	09:00 – 13:00	
<i>Meet HoD and Lecturers</i> <i>Laboratory visits</i>		Agriculture Diplomas: On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002) Chemistry Diplomas: On campus: Venue N1, North Campus
<i>Academic advising session with the Faculty Academic Advisor</i>		On campus: Auditorium Inkanyezi Building (127 0002) & Online
Event	6 Feb 2026	Where/Platform
FYS Campus Expo		South Campus

George Campus Science Orientation Faculty Timetable - 2026		
Faculty programmes: Diploma Agricultural Management Diploma Forestry Diploma Nature Conservation Diploma Wood Technology		
Event	26 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Residence Orientation		
Event	27 Jan 2026	Where/Platform
Residence Orientation		

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Pre-Uni Connect & Group Divisions		Buddy to communicate via e-mail
Event	Fri (30/01/26)	
FYS Thrive Session 2	8h00	
Event	Sat (31/01/26)	Where/Platform
VC Welcoming Address	8h30 for 9h00	On Campus: Furntech
Faculty Meet and Greet		Attendees will be directed from Furntech to Lecture Theatre after the VC's Welcome
Event	Mon (02/02/26)	Where/Platform
Welcome to the SNRS&M (JL)	09h00 – 10h00	Lecture Theatre
Get to Know Your Library	10h00 – 10h20	Lecture Theatre (Mlungisi Thusi)
Arts, Culture & Heritage	10h20– 10h30	Lecture Theatre (Ayabonga Maqhubela)
Universal Accessibility and Disability Services (UADS)	10h30 – 10h45	Lecture Theatre (Miso Mbuli)
Campus Health Services: Campus Clinic	10h45 – 11h00	Lecture Theatre (Antoinette Piet)
Emthonjeni Student Wellness	11h00 – 11h15	Lecture Theatre (Nandi Calitz)
Madibaz Sport	11h15 – 11h30	Lecture Theatre (Hugo Loubser)
Transformation Office	11h30 – 11h45	Lecture Theatre (Smankele Pindani)
Academic Literacies Writing Programme	11h45 – 12h15	Lecture Theatre (Nokuthula Maduna, Dr Champ Champion)
Academic Administration	12h15 – 12h45	David Alexander
Event	Tue (03/02/26)	Where/Platform
Technology@Mandela: ICT Services Introduction Basic Computer Skills Training	08h30 – 09h45	Mopani Computer Lab (Roli Pitwana)
Dept./ Prog. Welcome (HOD's, PM's) • Introduction staff • Modules • Course philosophy • Course structure • Timetables • Class attendance Study guides Ice breaker: Introductions	10:00-12h00	302 0003: Agriculture 302 0007: Nature Conservation Lecture Theatre: Forestry 349 0001: Wood Technology
BREAK	12h00 – 12h15	BREAK
Faculty Academic Admin	12h15 – 12h30	Lecture Theatre (Elise Labuschagne)
FYS THRIVE SESSION 3	12h45 – 15h00	
Event	Wed (04/02/26)	Where/Platform
Educational Campus Transect Walk		

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	09:00 – 12:00	Meeting Point: Grass Area in Front of the Pool
LUNCH	12:00 - 13:00	Picnic at the Pool
Student Societies: Agric Society, NMU Forestry Assoc., Green Campus Forum	14h00 – 15h30	Lecture Theatre
Event	Thu (05/02/26)	Where/Platform
Campus Environmental Matters	09h00 – 11h00	Furntech (J. Louw, E. Storm, S. Mapheto)
Campus safety	11h30 – 13h00	Lecture Theatre (SAPS)
Event	Fri (06/02/26)	Where/Platform
Attend campus exhibition		

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. We encourage you to follow this link: (insert link) to register online for these programmes.

For registration queries relating to the faculty, kindly contact the relevant Faculty Administrative Consultant below or use the following link:(insert link)

Who	Email address/Tel no	Programmes (Courses assigned to you)
Ms Fiona Heilbron	Fiona.Heilbron@mandela.ac.za	BSc Undergraduate programmes
Ms Fundiswa Qangule	Siyabonga.Mayana@mandela.ac.za	Dip (Game Ranch Management) Dip (Agricultural Management) Dip (Chemical Process Technology) Dip (Analytical Chemistry) Dip (Polymer Technology)
Elise Labuschagne (George Campus)	Elise.Labuschagne@mandela.ac.za	Dip (Game Ranch Management) Dip (Agricultural Management) Dip (Forestry) Dip (Wood Technology) Dip (Nature Conservation)