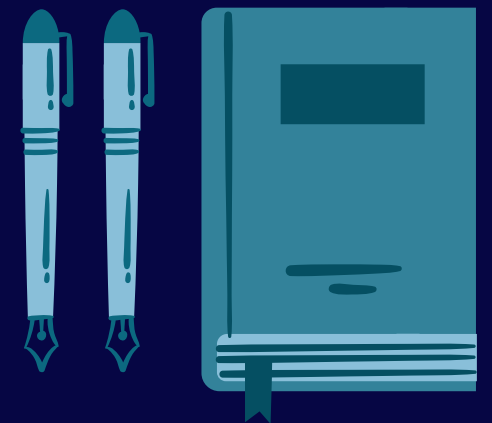


EMS MATIES

WELCOMING BOOKLET

2025

WELCOME
TO THE EMS
FACULTY!



THE FACULTY
THAT MEANS
BUSINESS...

FIRST-YEAR 101

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR ECONOMICS AND
MANAGEMENT SCIENCES STUDENT COMMITTEE



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- We'll show you the best study spots around campus as well!

Welcome from

THE DEAN'S OFFICE



Dear new first-year students,

Welcome to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (EMS) at Stellenbosch University. We are thrilled to have you join our community of over 8,500 students, the largest on campus. As you embark on this exciting journey, we hope that you take time to appreciate the significance of this moment; your hard work and commitment have put you on this path towards achieving your dreams.

Success in your studies will depend on your dedication and planning. Attend all your classes, prepare for classes and submit assignments on time. Utilise the academic support services available to you, including tutoring and advising, as they can significantly enhance your learning experience.

Your time at university will be filled with new experiences, challenges and opportunities to grow. While the university experience can have its ups and downs, know that you are not alone. As you begin this incredible adventure, remember that we believe in your potential to succeed. If you ever need assistance or guidance, don't hesitate to reach out – we are all here to help you achieve success, both academically and otherwise.

We encourage you to embrace this new chapter in your life. Explore new interests, join clubs and make lasting friendships, all while maintaining a consistent study plan. Your university journey is not just about academics, it's also about personal growth and building connections. This is sure to be an exciting year for you at the EMS Faculty. We look forward to celebrating your achievements along the way and reading your name at graduation in a few years from now.

All the best for your journey as an EMS Matie!

Prof Pieter von Wielligh, Acting Dean and Prof Ada Jansen, Vice-Dean: Learning and Teaching

Welcome from **JELENA JERLING**



CHAIRPERSON OF THE EBSK

Dear Matie,
A new chapter in your life is about to begin, and we are thrilled to welcome you to the EMS Faculty at Stellenbosch University. As you embark on this exciting journey, know that you are joining a vibrant community of passionate learners and dedicated staff.

The EMS Faculty Student Committee is committed to making your transition as smooth as possible and we are here to support you, guide you, and celebrate your successes. Whether you are seeking academic advice, looking to connect with fellow students, or simply want to unwind and have fun, we've got you covered. Our goal is to create a supportive and inclusive environment where you can thrive.

We encourage you to get involved, explore your interests, and step outside your comfort zone. Join clubs and societies, participate in campus initiatives, and make the most of your university experience. Remember, your time at Stellenbosch is precious, so make it count.

We look forward to meeting you and working together to make your time at the EMS Faculty unforgettable. Welcome to the EMS family!

Welcome from ATHALIA GOUNDER



VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE EBSK

Hi Maties!

Welcome to the Stellenbosch University where your journey toward success begins! Choosing the EMS Faculty (the best faculty) means you've joined a community committed to academic excellence, personal growth, and preparing future leaders. We know that university can be a challenging experience, with new responsibilities, rigorous academics, and endless opportunities to navigate. But rest assured, you are not alone in this journey.

As the EBSK, we are here to provide you with the tools, guidance, and representation you need to excel. Our goal is to ensure that every EMS student feels confident, so you can focus on reaching your full potential and pursuing your dreams.

While academics are a vital part of your university experience, we encourage you to make the most of everything our faculty has to offer. Join societies, attend events, and form connections with your peers—you're building a network that will support you for years to come.

We know the road ahead may come with its challenges, but remember: you are part of a faculty that thrives on determination, resilience, and collaboration. We are here to support you in experiencing an extraordinary year of growth, learning, and success. Welcome to the EMS Family—we're honored to have you with us!



MEET THE EBSK





WHO ARE WE ?

We're the EBSK—that's the:



**ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
STUDENT COMMITTEE**
EKONOMIESE- EN BESTUURSWETENSKAPPE
STUDENTEKOMITEE

We're your go-to squad for all things EMS! Think of us as your faculty Avengers (minus the capes, unfortunately).

We're here to represent, guide, and support YOU—the students of the best faculty on campus. From academic advice and classroom confidence to making your university journey as smooth as possible, we're your cheerleaders, troubleshooters, and advocates all rolled into one.

Got a challenge? We're on it. Need advice? We've got you. Looking for someone to hype you up after acing that assignment? Say no more! At the end of the day, we're here to ensure you thrive, grow, and absolutely smash your goals—because when EMS students win, we all win.

Welcome to the EMS family!

Where can you find us?

If you need anything, don't be afraid to pop by our offices :)

We're on the 3rd floor of the Schumann Annex buildings, and are always here to offer help with a smile!

Can't find anyone at the office?

Shoot us an email @ebsk.sun.ac.za or send us a dm on our instagram handle [@ebsk_students](https://www.instagram.com/ebsk_students)

EBSK EXECUTIVE



**Chairperson & Head of
Student Relations**
Jelena Jerling

If staying at home and binge watching series counted as a hobby, I'd be a pro. Powered by an unhealthy addiction to chai lattes.



**Vice-Chairperson & Head
of Student Experience**
Athalia Gounder

Carried by His grace, fearless in His strength and empowered by His love, all for His glory :)
I'm a sucker for dad jokes, and a certified car lover (Lightning McQueen is my hero).
Always keen on making new friends!



Treasurer
Stephen Saasa

The idea of endless opportunity is on my mind every single day, and one of my favourite things to do is listen to someone ramble about their dreams and aspirations. I also have an unhealthy obsession with Malva pudding, and only wear white socks



Secretary
Gillian Young

I love adventure, going on road trips and making memories with the people closest to me.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

WE ARE THE TEAM FOCUSES ON FACILITATING AND ENHANCING YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE ON CAMPUS. THIS INCLUDES ORGANIZING EVENTS, FOSTERING COMMUNITY, AND ENSURING YOUR STUDENT LIFE IS VIBRANT AND INCLUSIVE.



Companies & Interactions

Shandré Pillay

I'm just a guy who loves his football and a good time with his homies

P.S. God loves you



Events

Victoria Parkes

I love music, failed attempts at cooking and going for joy rides on the university scooters. One thing I cannot do is park a car



Merchandise

Kopano Moropa

"Playing street soccer with fellow mates fills up my day. Along with fifa games and watching soccer, I can pretty much say soccer is part of my daily routine.



Media & Marketing

Jane Dixie

Il'm all about sipping Coke, meeting new people, and hanging out with my friends. I've got a major sweet tooth, and nothing makes me happier than putting a smile on someone's face!



Transformation

Sikelele Mangcobonga

"Sometimes it's the people no one imagines anything of who do the things that no one can imagine., - Iman I changed my password to Stephen Curry they said it is too strong



Social Impact

Wanga Ramenu

I love listening to music, so 9/10 times you'll see me walking around campus with my airpods in. I rely on Jesus' guidance daily and He fuels my optimistic outlook on life. Whenever you see me, I can guarantee you'll catch me with a smile on my face :)

EBSK

STUDENT RELATIONS

WE ARE YOUR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO ENSURE THAT YOUR VOICE IS HEARD AND YOUR CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED. YOUR OPINIONS MATTER, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO REPRESENTING YOUR BEST INTERESTS



Industrial Psychology

Prudence Motaung

I am a fun person who loves having a good time and experiencing new things. I can sing and dance hehe.



Business Management

Bourgeoise Kivanda

My brain is a linguistic library and a memory vault. I can speak four languages and recall the most obscure facts with precision.



School of Accountancy

Sonwabo Duna

People may think they have me figured out, but I am always the wild card. Lover of all things Real Housewives, a pillar in my community, people say I have a flair for the dramatic while I say I just keep things interesting.



ECP (Extended Curriculum Programme)

Megan Mangiagalli

I'm obsessed with all things university and can't resist getting involved in every little thing. When I'm not running around campus, you'll find me enjoying a tamaties iced coffee and cuddling my cat – they're my ultimate stress relief! I can't wait to help make your first year purr-fect!



Economics

Zolile Dyasi

I dabble and dabble in this and that, Always intrigued!! I'll appear and disappear Never on time, but never late... My life's a series, shorter than one piece though. So you better catch the next episode, It's always a surprise. Motto to life: "No Grind, No Grit, No Greatness,,



Logistics

Loudi Smith

An underdog equestrian, who swoons over Harvey Specter's sharp suits & even sharper wit, and ask (almost) everyone to share their Apple playlists!



School of Public Leadership & Sustainable Development

Tshiamo KG Seekoei

Born and bred in Bloemfontein. I love to play soccer with friends and I am a big Liverpool supporter. I almost went pro swimming back in school




Statistics & Actuarial Science

Nkateko Kimmy Mabasa

I love reading and baking. Always chasing a good story or a tasty treat!

EMS FACULTY'S ORIENTATION SCHEDULE



PLEASE REFER TO THE OFFICIAL 2025 EMS WELCOMING PROGRAMME FOR MORE DETAILS

THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY

EVENT: PARENT MEETING WITH THE DEAN


- TIME: 14:30 - 16:00
- VENUE: VAN DER STERR 2121 OR 3124 (DETAILS UPON REGISTRATION)
- IMPORTANT: REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS COMPULSORY (SEE WELCOMING PROGRAMME)
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF EMS STUDENTS (NO STUDENTS OR SIBLINGS)
- ADDITIONAL: RECTOR'S WELCOMING AT 17:30, COETZENBURG CENTRE.

FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY

EVENT: FIRST-YEAR INFORMATION SESSION

- TIME: 08:30 - 12:00
- HIGHLIGHTS: MEET THE DEAN, LECTURERS, AND STUDENT COMMITTEE. RECEIVE CRITICAL INFO ON YOUR STUDIES.
- SEE WELCOMING PROGRAMME FOR THE ASSIGNED VENUES AND TIMESLOTS PER PROGRAMME. THE EBSK WILL BE HERE TO ASSIST YOU IN FINDING YOUR VENUES AS WELL!

EMS FACULTY'S ORIENTATION SCHEDULE



MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

EVENT: LIBRARY VISIT

Time: 09:00 - 11:00

- surnames A - F: 09:00 - 09:30
- surnames G - L: 09:30 - 10:00
- surnames M - Q: 10:00 - 10:30
- surnames R - Z: 10:30 - 11:00

Venue: Stellenbosch University Library

EVENT: TREASURE HUNT CAMPUS TOUR

This is where we, the EBSK, get to meet you all and show you around campus!

- Time: 14:00 - 17:00
- Venue: Open area between Van der Sterr and CGW Schumann buildings

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

EVENT: COMPUTER REGISTRATION

Time: 11:00 - 17:00

- Surnames A-E : 11:00 - 13:00
- Surnames F-L : 13:00 - 15:00
- Surnames M : 15:00 - 17:00

Venue: Jan Mouton Learning Centre, 2nd floor, Rooms 2010 & 2011

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

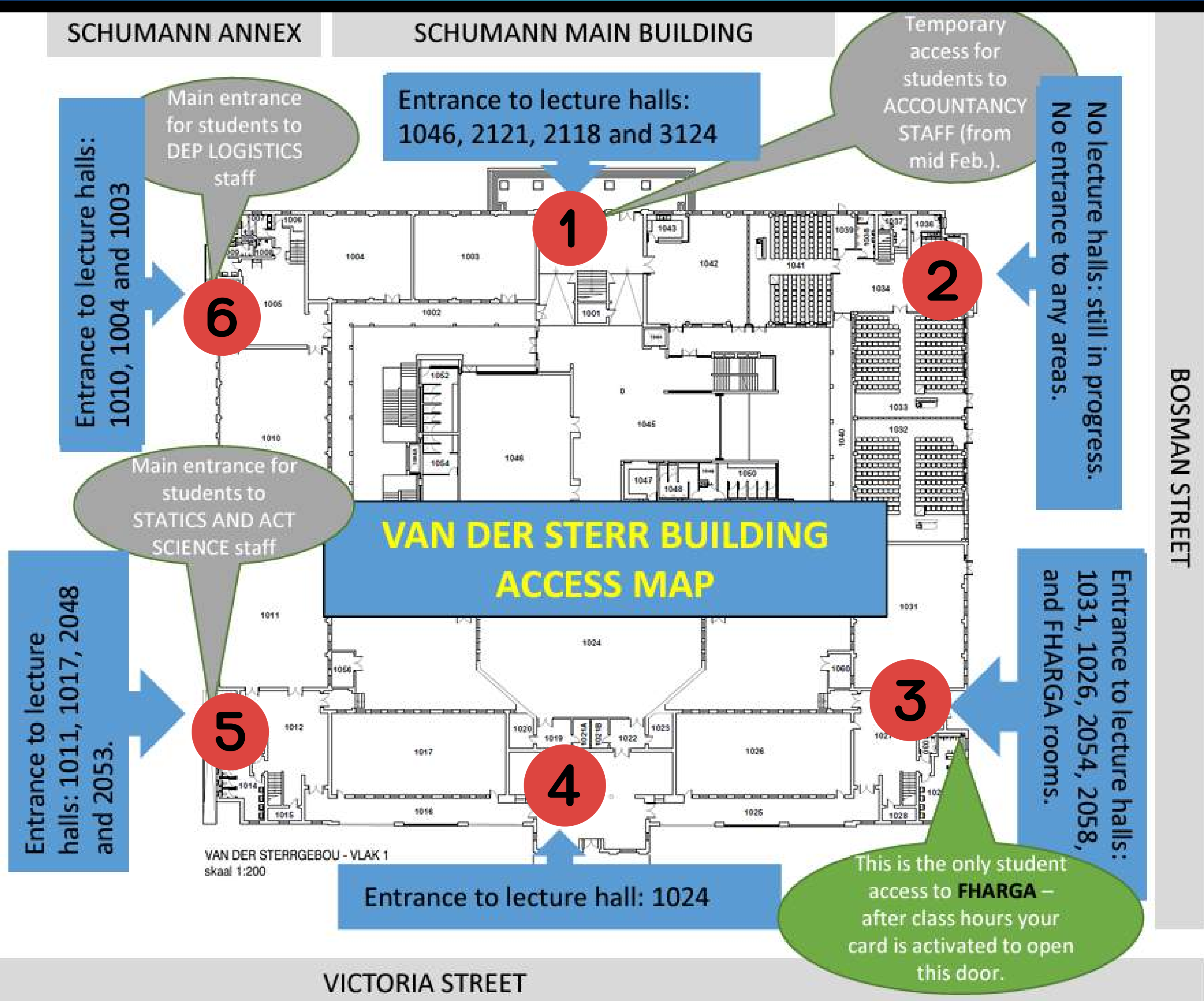
EVENT: COMPUTER REGISTRATION (CONT.)

Time: 08:00 - 12:00

- Surnames N-Si : 08:00 - 10:00
- Surnames Sk-Z: 10:00 - 12:00

Venue: Jan Mouton Learning Centre, 2nd floor, Rooms 2010 & 2011

WELCOME TO THE VAN DER STERR BUILDING, ONE OF THE
EMS FACULTY'S MAIN BUILDINGS—AND DEFINITELY ONE OF
THE TRICKIEST TO NAVIGATE! DON'T WORRY, THOUGH,
WE'VE GOT A MAP TO HELP YOU CONQUER THE CONFUSION
AND FIND YOUR WAY!





IMPORTANT DATES

FIRST SEMESTER

University reopens	2 Jan
First Term commences (start for all students)	10 Feb
First Term ends	28 March
Graduation Ceremonies	24 – 28 March
Mid Semester 1 Recess	29 March – 6 April
Second Term commences	7 April
Second Term ends	16 May
Mid Year Assessments:	
a) June A2 Assessment Period	19 May – 10 June
b) June A3 Assessment Period	11 June – 28 June
First Semester ends	28 June
Mid Year Recess	29 June – 20 July

SECOND SEMESTER

Third Term commences	21 July
Third Term ends	5 September
Mid Semester 2 Recess	6 – 14 September
Fourth Term commences	15 September
Fourth Term ends	24 October
End of Year Assessments:	
a) November A2 Assessment Period	27 October – 19 November
b) November A3 Assessment Period	20 November – 6 December
Graduation Ceremonies	8 – 12 December
Second Semester ends	12 December



IMPORTANT RESOURCES & SU STRUCTURES

EQUALITY UNIT

If you ever experience unfair discrimination or such, it needs to be reported! You can do so by means of SU's website, or by emailing the equality unit @ unfair@sun.ac.za

The SRC

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is the main student body at Stellenbosch University (SU). The SRC represents students' interests and runs various initiatives through different portfolios, managed by a team of elected members and appointed managers.

Contact them @:
sr@sun.ac.za / 021 808 2757

The AAC

The Academic Affairs Council (AAC) aims to aid students' academic needs, and is a branch under the SRC. Your EBSK reports to them :)

Contact details:
-academicaffairs@sun.ac.za



DISABILITY UNIT

Contact the disability unit @ disability@sun.ac.za for support for students with disabilities, including academic assistance, tailored materials, and financial aid. It works to create an inclusive environment, helping students reach their full potential and integrate into campus life.



The CSCD

The Centre for Student Counselling and Development (CSCD) psychological, developmental, and support services aimed at helping students grow personally, engage critically, and thrive academically, all while supporting you on your journey towards graduation.

Contact them @ 021 808 4707 / studysuccess@sun.ac.za / supportus@sun.ac.za
Office Hours: 08:00-16:30



Tips and Tricks:

- Attend Class & Stay Engaged: You'd be amazed at how much you can learn when you're actually in class. It's lot harder to skip when you're actively participating. Get to know your lecturers—they may become your future reference letters.
- Master SUNLearn (now EMSLearn) & Stay Organized: SUNLearn is key for accessing course content and tracking deadlines. Your module frameworks will tell you everything you need to know! Use a planner or app to manage your schedule and avoid last-minute stress. 
- Form Study Groups & Attend Tutorials: Study groups are like group therapy... but for your coursework. Tutorials are where the magic happens (aka where you ask all the questions you didn't ask in class).
- Ask for Help & Get Support: There's no shame in asking questions—it's the smartest thing you can do. Lecturers and advisors are there to help!
- Find Balance & Take Care of Your Mental Health: University isn't just about books—it's about you. Make time for things that keep you happy, whether that's Netflix, hiking, or perfecting your pancake flip. And if stress sneaks up on you, don't hesitate to talk to someone—mental health matters! Stellenbosch University offers counseling services, academic workshops, and support groups. 

BEST STUDY SPOTS AROUND CAMPUS?

1

THE BIB (STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY)

WITH PUBLIC & PRIVATE, RESERVABLE STUDY SPACES, COMPUTERS AND OUR "MAKER SPACE", THE BIB IS OUR GO TO PLACE TO STUDY!

-LOCATION: ON THE ROOIPLEIN

2

THE JAN MOUTON

ANOTHER AMAZING COMPUTER LAB VENUE WITH MORE WORK AND STUDY SPACES AS WELL!

-LOCATION: IN FRONT OF THE NEELSIE MAIN ENTRANCE



4

NEELSIE FHARGA'S (STRICTLY EMS STUDENTS ONLY!!)

FHARGA IS THE AFRIKAANS ACRONYM FOR THE OLD NAME OF THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES COMPUTER USER AREA (FEMSCUA)

FHA (FAKULTEIT HANDEL EN ADMINISTRASIE)
R (REKENAAR) G (GEBRUIKERS) A (AREA)



3

THE SS

HAS MANY STUDY AMENITIES, WHERE YOU CAN GET DOWN TO BUSINESS, AND IS AVAILABLE 24/7!

-LOCATION: IN THE JC SMUTS BUILDING



5

- 2ND FLOOR OF THE SCHUMANN BUILDING

- VAN DER STERR BUILDING

THESE ARE THE REGULAR LECTURE VENUES IN THE EMS HUB!

GOODLUCK FINDING
YOUR WAY!





**Best of luck,
first-years!
Your
adventure
begins!**