

#2023AY 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

What you need to know
at the start of the year

Dear First-Year Students

We look forward to welcoming you as you start your studies at Nelson Mandela University in 2023.

REGISTER

Once you have received your final acceptance notification, you need to register. You will get your **student card** after registration.



FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS ORIENTATION



Our **First-Year Success (FYS) Buddies** will connect with you online from late January. The FYS Orientation programme will start on **4 February**, along with our welcome events. Thereafter, various activities to connect with other new students and lecturers will take place until **17 February** as you transition into university life and studies.

LECTURES START 20 FEBRUARY 2023

WHAT TO EXPECT

You are probably wondering what your life-changing educational experiences will look like in the 2023 academic year (2023AY).

- You will have **face-to-face (F2F) lectures** in our venues on campus. You will also extend your learning experience with some virtual lectures via collaborative platforms, such as MS Teams, and several learning activities, including videos, on our **online Learning Management System (LMS)**. This is also referred to as Moodle or Learn.
- There will also be **small group learning experiences**, such as tutorials and supplementary instruction (SI) sessions. Some will be F2F, and others online.
- You will receive a **timetable** at registration that includes lectures and some small group activities, venue numbers, and time-slots.
- Depending on what programme you are 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 YOU

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.



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 from anywhere at any time.

You will get more specific information about the programme that you are studying from your Executive Dean and Head of Department.

It will be great to see
you on campus in 2023!

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