

First Year Experience: Reflections on the challenges of yesterday, and proposing evidence-based solutions for tomorrow

Join us in the week of 4-8 October for live webinars during lunchtime where UFS, DUT, UCT, UWC and WITS share their experiences, their challenges, and their data driven solutions for the future. A webinar will be offered every day of the week. Each institution will be presenting on a different topic on their respective day.

1pm to
2pm

4 Oct 2021 - UFS: Helping our students transition into university and preparing them for a changing workforce: moving the First Year Experience to include a focus on employability

UFS101 has changed tremendously over the years. Join this interactive webinar for a showcase of the latest version, where this compulsory First Year Seminar for 8000+ students now has a strong focus on employability, graduate attributes and entrepreneurship. We will also discuss collaboration with faculties and support services at the university, to ultimately support our students and enhance their success and employability. [Click here to register.](#)

5 Oct 2021 - UWC: Who are the Students that Participate in the First Year Mentorship Programme?

This workshop focuses on the FYTM programme's participants. Who are the students that volunteer to be part of the mentorship programme? Where do they come from? What are their needs? How can we support these students and future first year students? In this workshop we interrogate the data, discuss patterns that emerged and suggest an action plan to support student wellbeing, retention and success particularly at first year level. [Click here to register.](#)

6 Oct 2021 - DUT: Using BUSSE Data

In this webinar, we will discuss using BUSSE Data to make recommendations for the institution to improve the experience of First-Year Students. Participants will be taken through the DUT BUSSE results, looking at trends over time, and linking student expectations with academic performance. Participants will be able to take back the approach and learnings to their own institutions to leverage BUSSE data in their institution. [Click here to register.](#)

7 Oct 2021 - WITS: Challenges in the Digital Skills Course, and Solutions Based Evidence in Response to the Pandemic

Participants can expect to be provided with insight on the creation and inception of the Wits University Digital Skills Programme (Pre-Covid). Since the pandemic, we have had to make major adjustments to the programme offering in order for it to accommodate remote learning. We will therefore take a look into how Wits University was able to redesign the programme, its delivery and the impact of the online offering. [Click here to register.](#)

8 Oct 2021 - UCT: Data, Analytics, Decisions! Oh my! Journeying toward data-informed decision-making at UCT

From nascent stages of disorganization and disarray and into challenges, conversations, and collaborations - this interactive webinar will explore and discuss UCT's ongoing journey towards data-informed decision-making. In particular, we will explore important questions to ask, thinking across scales, and aligning initiatives to underpin and support student success. [Click here to register.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

