



GEMP 2018: OVERVIEW, RULES AND DISCLAIMER

Minimum Entry Requirements for the GEMP Programme

1. A completed undergraduate university degree at a minimum of Bachelor's or Bachelor of Technology degree level with an average of at least 60% over the final two completed years of study. National Diplomas, Technical Diplomas, Certificates and similar qualifications cannot be considered for entry. We also accept applications from candidates who are in their final year of study towards their current university degree.
2. Sciences Requirements (ALL of the following are compulsory):
 - 50% for first year university degree level Biology (full course). Equivalent courses such as Anatomy, Physiology, Zoology, Life Sciences and similar courses will also be considered.
 - 50% for first year university degree level Physics (half course).
 - 50% for first year university degree level Chemistry (half course).
 - The above three subjects MUST be completed at first-year of a university Bachelor's degree or higher. Diploma or certificate studies will not be considered.
3. Mathematics Requirement (one of the following possibilities):
 - 60% for Matric Mathematics (National Senior Certificate (NSC) – 2008 to present); or
 - Pass on Higher Grade or 60% on Standard Grade for Matric Mathematics (pre-2008); or
 - 50% for a full-course Mathematics at first year university degree level.
4. Language Requirement (one of the following possibilities):
 - 60% for Matric English Home Language or First Additional Language (National Senior Certificate (NSC) – 2008 to present); or
 - Pass on Higher Grade or 60% on Standard Grade for Matric English First or Second Language (pre-2008); or
 - 50% for a full-course English at first year university degree level.

International applicants:

 - Score of at least 7 for the IELTS test (International English Language Test System); or
 - A pass in English Language at the GCSE/GCE/IGSCE Ordinary level (or equivalent examination); or
 - Pass in English in a school-leaving examination equivalent to the South African National Senior Certificate; or

- If the tertiary studies were at an English-medium institution, a letter from that institution stating that instruction and examinations were conducted in English must be provided.
5. Applicants who are only applying for the GEMP in the Faculty of Health Sciences do not have to write the National Benchmark Test. If an applicant is also applying for a different degree in the Faculty (example Pharmacy or Physiotherapy), they have to write the NBT, but the NBT results will not be used in the consideration for the GEMP application.

Acceptance into GEMP

The number of available places in the Graduate Entry Medical Programme (GEMP) is severely limited and at no stage of the application process can or will any guarantee of entry be made by any person or department. Places are limited by the number of students proceeding from MBChB 2 into MBChB 3 (also called GEMP 1), as well as by the number of students who are repeating the GEMP 1 year. As a result of this there is no fixed number of students accepted into the GEMP every year.

1. Applicants who are invited to *write* the WAPT are in no way guaranteed a place in the programme. Furthermore, not all applicants who *pass* the WAPT are guaranteed a place in the programme.
2. The WAPT dates and times may change closer to the time but the final arrangements will be communicated to all invited candidates. The deadline for notifying candidates about their invitation to the WAPT may also change at very short notice. The Faculty will send the invitations to the email address and the mobile telephone number submitted by the candidate on their application and we will not take responsibility for the non-receipt of the invitations by candidates. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their correct up-to-date contact details are available to the University.
3. Candidates may be rejected based on their Composite Index scores even while they are still studying the minimum requirement subjects (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) as the results of these courses are not used in the Composite Index calculation. Also, candidates who fail these minimum requirement courses will be rejected even if their Composite Index is acceptable and they have written and passed the WAPT, as they will then not have met the minimum requirements for entry into the programme.
4. The WAPT test is subjected to internationally accepted standard-setting procedures and therefore no requests for remarks or reviewing of scripts will be considered.
5. The Faculty of Health Sciences reserves the right to request additional information from students and/or institutions regarding courses completed for the minimum requirements (Biology, Physics and Chemistry) to ensure that these courses are sufficient.

The Role of Wits Plus

- Wits Plus courses are NOT exclusively for GEMP; special permission to accept GEMP students was obtained on request of Health Sciences. These courses are also attended by first-time degree registrations, repeating students and other occasional students. ***A separate group for GEMP is not feasible.***
- Academic ownership resides with Faculty / School.
- Wits Plus is the administrative support hub.
- These courses are subject to Faculty of Health Sciences' rules and conditions.
- Finances are dealt with by Central fees.
- Occasional students do not qualify for bursaries or residence accommodation.

Implications of Studying through Wits Plus

- Evening classes between 17:30 and 21:00.
- Part-time courses are equivalent to full-time courses.
- Class attendance and laboratory work are compulsory: 80% class attendance required.
- Exams are written during the day with full-time students.

GEMP Courses Offered by Wits Plus

Course code	Title	Day	Venue
PHYS1031	Physics I	Tuesday & Wednesday (S1)	P114
CHEM1049/A	Chemistry	Tuesday & Wednesday (S2)	C6 & C9
MCBG1001/A	Introductory Molecular and Cell Biology I	Monday & Thursday (S1)	WSS4
APES1003/A	Introductory Physiology and Environmental Sciences I	Monday & Thursday (S2)	WSS4

Please take note of the following:

- It is strongly *recommended* that the GEMP prerequisite courses are completed over two (2) years, structured as follows:
 - Year 1: Physics (semester 1) and Chemistry (semester 2)
 - Year 2: Biology (full year)
- Biology consists of two separate semester courses with no aggregate. From 2019, students will have to start Biology in semester one, no mid-year start will be allowed.

Labs and Practicals

Physics

Option 1: mid-semester break (first semester) – six sessions in total; two sessions a day, probably Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday of that week. Leave would be required.

Alternatively, if students are available during the week they could attend practical sessions with full-time Physics students during the first block starting from the second week as follows:

- Monday and Tuesday afternoons, 14:00 to 17:00, with engineering students
- Tuesday mornings, 08:00 to 11:00, with medical students
- Wednesday mornings, 08:00 to 11:00, with therapeutic science students
- Thursday afternoons, 14:00 to 17:00, with BSc auxiliary students

Chemistry

Four full days in November – leave would be required.

Biology

Lab work to be done in the evenings as scheduled in the timetable.

Acknowledgement by GEMP Applicant:

I hereby confirm that I have received the GEMP 2018: OVERVIEW, RULES AND DISCLAIMER. I further confirm that I have familiarised myself of the contents and that I accept the contents.

Full names: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____