Learning with Technology – Information Letter to all First Year 2026 Students

Welcome to the University of Johannesburg (UJ), and welcome to CAT@UJ! We are here to help and guide you in connecting to UJ's online resources so that you can make the most of your academic journey.

← **Click on the CAT image** to watch the **First Year Orientation 2026** video, where you will be shown links to all the resources mentioned below.

First things first: **uLink** is your go-to online hub for everything related to your studies. You need to log in with a password, which you'll set up during registration.

If you have missed doing this or need to change your password, you can do it as follows: Access uLink via https://ulink.uj.ac.za/Default.aspx. Below the *Login* tile, click on *Create a password*. Enter your student ID and/password number, click *Continue*, and follow the steps. Ensure that you create a secure password that meets the UJ criteria.

Once you're in uLink, you'll find:

- Moodle modules: This is where your course materials are and where you can interact with your lecturers and fellow students.
- Personal Timetable and Registration Info: Stay organised with your class schedule and registration details.
- Test and Exam Results: Easily keep track of your academic progress.
- Financial Statements: Keep an eye on your fees and payments.
- Inter-Campus Bus Schedule: Useful if you need to move between campuses.
- Free Software: Get access to tools such as Microsoft Office.
- UJ Services: Explore the library and other services available to you.
- Free Short Learning Programmes (SLPs): Take a course in your spare time and earn a certificate.

Please explore **uLink** and its features. It's your all-in-one toolkit.

A good chunk of your learning will happen online, so get familiar with **UJ Moodle**, our **Learning Management System** (LMS). When you log in to uLink, you will see a tile for UJ Moodle Login. After clicking on the tile, you will see your modules, where you can find announcements, module information, study materials, and links to tests and assignments.

It is critical that you download the UJ Moodle App onto your phone or tablet for easy access and Moodle notifications. Access the instruction document by clicking **here**.

To help you make the most of Moodle, we've created a self-paced module called "Discovering UJ Moodle", which you can access via the Moodle tile on uLink. Similarly, explore the **"First Year Orientation: Learning with Technology"** and **"UJ 101" modules**, which will be of great help in settling in at the University of Johannesburg (UJ).

Through the **"First Year Orientation: Learning with Technology"** module, we will send you reminder invitations to participate in online sessions from January 21st to January 30th, 2026. These sessions will prepare you for classes starting on February 9th. There are three sessions daily; you can attend as many as you like. The session links are active only during their scheduled times. See the schedule with links for joining these online sessions **here**.

Don't forget to visit **your faculty's/college's orientation module** on Moodle (accessible via uLink) for faculty/college-specific and general UJ support to help you settle in and succeed. Most importantly, you must attend all **the in-person sessions for your faculty on your relevant campus, which will run from Monday to Thursday, 2–5 February 2026**. Visit the following website to find the schedules for your faculty's orientation sessions: **First Year Orientation - University of Johannesburg**

Lastly, don't rush to buy textbooks. Wait for your lecturers to recommend specific titles. You'll also have options to obtain a laptop.

Don't hesitate to contact us at **uhelp@uj.ac.za** for help and support. You can also visit us at our offices on **APK, D Ring 3**.

Once again, a hearty welcome to UJ! We wish you success in your studies.