



Academic Calendar for 2027

(Senate approved S 221/2025)

| Academic activity | Date(s) |
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| University re-opens for professional support staff | 5 January |
| University re-opens for academic staff | 11 January |
| Online registration (for returning and first-year students) | 11 January to 5 February |
| Previous year's Special Assessments | 11 to 15 January |
| Academic staff research period | 11 January to 5 February |
| First Semester | 8 February to 21 May |
| Mid-semester recess (First semester) | 27 March to 4 April |
| Study period for students | 24 to 26 May |
| Final Assessment (First Semester) | 27 May to 18 June |
| Winter recess for students and academic staff | 21 June to 2 July |
| Supplementary Assessments (First Semester) | 5 to 9 July |
| Research period for academic staff not involved in supplementary assessments | 5 to 9 July |
| Second Semester | 12 July to 15 October |
| Special Assessment (First Semester) | 26 to 30 July |
| Mid-semester recess (Second Semester) | 30 August to 3 September |
| Study Period for students | 18 to 20 October |
| Final Assessment (Second Semester) | 21 October to 12 November |
| Study Period for students involved in Supplementary Assessments | 15 to 19 November |
| Supplementary Assessments (Second Semester) | 22 to 26 November |
| Start of the December holiday for students | 27 November |
| Start of December holiday for academic employees | 6 December (close of business) |
| Start of December holiday for support employees | 15 December (close of business) |
| Special Assessments (Second Semester modules) to be concluded in January of the new year (2028) | 10 to 14 January 2028 |

Public and University holidays:

| Description | 2027 Date |
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| New Year's Day | 1 January |
| University Holiday | 4 January |
| Human Rights Day | 21 March |
| Public Holiday due to Human Rights Day on Sunday | 22 March |
| Good Friday | 26 March |
| Family Day | 29 March |
| University Holiday | 26 April |
| Freedom Day | 27 April |
| Workers' Day | 1 May |
| Youth Day | 16 June |
| National Women's Day | 9 August |
| Heritage Day | 24 September |
| Day of Reconciliation | 16 December |
| Christmas Day | 25 December |
| Day of Goodwill | 26 December |
| Public Holiday due to Day of Goodwill on Sunday | 27 December |

ACADEMIC CALENDAR MAPPING FOR 2027

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| Assessments | Study Break | |
| <i>Supplementary Assessments (No leave for academics during supplementary assessments. Research period for staff not involved in supplementaries)</i> | Public School Holidays | |
| | From | To |
| | 23 March | 5 April |
| | 28 June | 19 July |
| | 23 September | 4 October |
| 9 December | To be confirmed | |
| <i>Special Assessment (Date)</i> | Academic recess (additional to the student recess periods) | |
| Academic activities | Student/Academic Recess | |
| Public Holidays | University Holiday | |

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| Notes | |
| University re-opens for support employees | 5 January |
| University re-opens for academic employees | 11 January |
| Start of academic activities | 8 February |
| University Holiday | 4 January and 26 April |
| Start of the December holiday for academic employees | 6 December (close of business) |
| Start of the December holiday for support employees | 15 December (close of business) |
| Lecturing timetable switches (2) | Monday timetable to be followed on Wednesday 24 March Friday timetable to be followed on Thursday 23 September |

| JANUARY | | | | | | | FEBRUARY | | | | | | | MARCH | | | | | | | APRIL | | | | | | | MAY | | | | | | | JUNE | | | | | | |
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| JULY | | | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | | SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | | DECEMBER | | | | | | |
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