

TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2020
(AMENDED CALENDAR APPROVED BY SENATE ON 13 NOVEMBER 2019 AND RATIFIED BY COUNCIL ON 30 NOVEMBER 2019)

UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS – Friday, 3 January 2020

Administrative staff and those academic staff required for registration preparation, as determined by Heads of Departments, return on Friday, 3 January 2020. All other staff return on Monday 6 January 2020.

ACADEMIC TERMS		
TERM	FROM	TO
1	03 February	03 April
2	14 April	19 June
3	13 July	18 September
4	28 September	11 December

REGISTRATION <i>Faculties to decide on their registration dates</i>			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	06 January	01 February	23
Annual	06 January	01 February	23

LECTURES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	03 February	14 May	66
Annual	03 February	02 October	145
Second Semester	13 July	23 October	69

GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Midlands- Autumn Graduation	29 April	30 April	2
Durban - Autumn Graduation	04 May	11 May	7
Durban - Spring Graduation	14 September	15 September	2

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	15 May	19 May	5
Annual	03 October	07 October	5
Second Semester	24 October	28 October	5

COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	20 May	03 June	11*
Annual	08 October	28 October	15
Second Semester	29 October	11 November	10

*Accession Day

UNIVERSITY CLOSES - 11 December 2020 until 31 December 2020.

See Annexure 1 for information on how the above dates are accommodated in the Calendar and Annexure 2 for public and religious holidays

Office of the Registrar

2020 SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR**NOTE:**

This schedule is aimed at:

1. Illustrating all prescribed factors that need to be accommodated when devising the academic calendar, including the provisions of:
 - 1.1 A 5-day study period for students (including weekends); and
 - 1.2 A minimum of 14 weeks per semester for lectures/practicals for semesterised programmes.
2. Indicating the number of days allocated for lectures/practicals (see column 9 below) after all prescribed factors have been accommodated.

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REGISTRATION PERIOD		TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR 2020 (CALCULATED FROM FIRST DAY OF LECTURES TO LAST DAY OF RESPECTIVE SEMESTER/ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS)		(MINUS) MID SEMESTER VACATION PERIOD		(MINUS) STUDY PERIOD (Including weekends)		(MINUS) EXAMS		(EQUALS) REMAINING WEEKS	(EQUALS) REMAINING DAYS (EXCLUDING WEEKENDS)	(MINUS) PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THAT ARE NOT PART OF THE VACATION PERIODS	(EQUALS) DAYS FOR LECTURES/PRACTICALS
DATES	WEEKS	DATES	WEEKS	DATES	WEEKS	DATE	WEEKS	DATE	WEEKS				
<u>Semester 1</u> 06 Jan – 01 Feb	4	<u>Semester 1</u> 3 Feb – 4 June	18	06 Apr – 09 Apr	1	<u>Semester 1</u> 15 May – 19 May	5 Days incl W/ends	<u>Semester 1</u> 20 May – 03 June	2 + 1 Day	<u>Semester 1</u> 14	<u>Semester 1</u> 70	<u>Semester 1</u> 4	<u>Semester 1</u> 66
<u>Annual</u> 06 Jan – 01 Feb	4	<u>Annual</u> 03 Feb – 19 June	20	06 Apr – 09 Apr	1	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> 19	<u>Annual</u> 96	<u>Annual</u> 5	<u>Annual</u> 91
MID-YEAR VACATION 22 JUNE TO 10 JULY (3 WEEKS)													
<u>Semester 2</u> -----	-----	<u>Semester 2</u> 13 July – 11 Nov	17 + 3 days	21 Sept – 25 Sept	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 24 Oct – 28 Oct	5 Days incl w/ends	<u>Semester 2</u> 29 Oct – 11 Nov	2	<u>Semester 2</u> 14	70	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 69
<u>Annual</u> -----	-----	<u>Annual</u> 13 July – 28 Oct	15 + 3 days	21 Sept – 25 Sept	1	<u>Annual</u> 03 Oct - 07 Oct	5 Days incl W/ends	<u>Annual</u> 08 Oct – 28 Oct	3	<u>Annual</u> 11	55	1	<u>Annual</u> 54

PUBLIC AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS			RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS		
HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	RELIGIOUS DAY	DATE	DAY
New Year's Day	1 January	Wednesday	Isaiah Shembe Day	10 March	Tuesday
Human Rights' Day	21 March	Saturday	Isaiah Shembe Day	02 May	Saturday
Good Friday	10 April	Friday	Ascension Day	21 May	Thursday
Family Day	13 April	Monday	*Eid-ul-Fitr	24 May	Sunday
Freedom Day	27 April	Monday	*Eid-ul-Adha	31 July	Friday
Workers Day	01 May	Friday	Rosh Hashana	19 September	Saturday
Youth Day	16 June	Tuesday	Rosh Hashana	20 September	Sunday
National Women's Day	09 August	Sunday	Yom Kippur	28 September	Monday
Public Holiday (National Women's Day observed)	10 August	Monday	Diwali / Deepavali	13 November	Friday
Heritage Day	24 September	Thursday	The University respects the religious beliefs of all staff and students. As a result, tests, assessments and examinations will not be scheduled on the above days; however, the University will remain open and operational on these days.		
Day of Reconciliation	16 December	Wednesday			
Christmas Day	25 December	Friday			
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Saturday			