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AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**COMMENCEMENT OF REMOTE MULTIMODAL FLEXIBLE
 TEACHING AND LEARNING ON 01 JUNE**

ACADEMIC TERMS			
TERM	FROM		TO
1	03 February		18 September
2	28 September		24 December
REGISTRATION			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	06 January	01 February	23
Annual	06 January	01 February	23
TEACHING AND LEARNING			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Annual	03 February	16 November	145
GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
Virtual Autumn Graduation	10 June		
Virtual Spring Graduation	Unknown		
COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Annual	17 November	07 December	15
PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMS			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Annual	04 January	15 January	10

UNIVERSITY VACATION – 24 DECEMBER 2020 UNTIL 03 JANUARY 2021

DETAIL 2020 CALENDAR		
Remote multimodal flexible teaching, learning and formative assessment	1 June	18 September
Vacation	19 September	27 September
Remote multimodal flexible teaching, learning and formative assessment	28 September	16 November
Invigilated summative examinations	17 November	7 December
Processing of examination marks and completion of requirements for practical's (including practical assessments)	8 December	24 December
Vacation	25 December	03 January 2021
Continuation of completion of requirements for practical's (including practical assessments) and supplementary exams	04 January 2021	15 January 2021
Processing of marks	18 January 2021	29 January 2021
COMMENCEMENT OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMME FOR 2021		
Registration commences	01 February 2021	
Lectures commence	01 March 2021	

The above revised Academic Calendar is based on the following assumptions:

The return of students and staff will be aligned to the Covid 19 Lockdown Level and Pronouncements by the President and Minister. Under Level 3 and 2, groups of students will be phased-in, based on national criteria to ensure a controlled return, physical distancing and other protocols to support student and staff health and safety. Under Level 1 of Lockdown, all students will return to campuses with physical distancing and health protocols still in place.

1. That all programmes will be regarded as annual programmes and the academic calendar will be based purely on an annual academic calendar.
2. No provisions for semester programmes.
3. As per the annual academic calendar, 145 days of teaching time is provided and it includes formative assessment.
4. Commencement of blended/multi modal teaching and learning on 01 June.
5. 31 days of teaching time has already been completed until the start of the lockdown period.
6. Teaching time will be calculated from 01 June (day 32 will start on 01 June).
7. Only one examination period will be catered for at the end of the year.
8. 15 days for examinations as per annual calendar. The period of 8 December until the second week of January will be used for marking, moderation, capturing, auditing, supplementary exams, completion of requirements for practicals (including practical assessments), with registration starting on 1 February 2021.
9. No study periods.
10. Vacation periods
 - (i) 19 – 27 September (9 days including weekends and public holiday)
 - (ii) 25 – 03 January (10 days including weekends and public holidays)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2020			RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS 2020		
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			

Disclaimer: The approved amended DUT Academic Calendar will be subject to change.