

## AMENDED TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2021

Approved at the Joint Senex/EMC Meeting dated 10 March 2021 and

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**UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS** – Monday, 4 January 2021

ACADEMIC TERMS		
TERM	FROM	TO
1	29 March	23 July
2	02 August	17 September
3	27 September	24 December

REGISTRATION DATES			
UNDERGRADUATE			
New Students	01 March – 26 March (Including Saturdays)		
Returning Students	22 February – 26 March (Including Saturdays)		
POSTGRADUATE			
Full Research (Master's and Doctorates)		Course Work (Master's)	
New Students	01 February – 30 July	New Students	22 February – 26 March
Returning Students	01 February – 26 March	Returning Students	22 February – 26 March

LECTURES (Blended, Online, Multimodal Format)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	29 March	22 June	58
Annual	29 March	26 October	137
Second Semester	02 August	17 November	67

GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Autumn Virtual Graduation	27 May	28 May	2
Durban - Spring Graduation	13 September	14 September	2

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	23 June	27 June	5
Annual	27 October	31 October	5
Second Semester	18 November	22 November	5

COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	28 June	09 July	10
Annual	01 November	22 November	16*
Second Semester	23 November	06 December	10

\* Diwali

**UNIVERSITY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 28 DECEMBER 2021 UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2021.**

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

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**2021 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
2. Indicating the number of days allocated for lectures/practicals (see column 9 below) after all prescribed factors have been accommodated.
  - 2.1 Number of weeks for first semester = 11 weeks and 3 days
  - 2.2 Number of weeks for Annual = 27 weeks and 2 days
  - 2.3 Number of weeks for second semester = 13 weeks and 2 days

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
REGISTRATION PERIOD		TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR 2021 (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								
Semester 1 01 Feb – 26 Mar	8	Semester 1 29 Mar – 09 July	15	-	-	Semester 1 23 June – 27 June	5 Days incl W/ends	Semester 1 28 June – 09 July	2	Semester 1 12 + 2 days	Semester 1 62	Semester 1 4	Semester 1 58				
Annual 01 Feb – 26 Mar	8	Annual 29 Mar – 23 July	17	-	-	Annual -	0	Annual -	0	Annual 17	Annual 85	Annual 4	Annual 81				
<b>MID-YEAR VACATION 26 JULY TO 30 JULY (1 WEEK)</b>																	
Semester 2 -----	-----	Semester 2 02 Aug – 06 Dec	18 + 1 day	20 Sept – 24 Sept	1	Semester 2 18 Nov – 22 Nov	5 Days incl w/ends	Semester 2 23 Nov – 06 Dec	2	Semester 2 13 + 3 days	68	1	67				
Annual -----	-----	Annual 02 Aug – 22 Nov	17 + 1 day	20 Sept – 24 Sept	1	Annual 27 Oct - 31 Oct	5 Days incl W/ends	Annual 01 Nov – 22 Nov	3 + 1 day	Annual 11 + 2 days	57	1	56				

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND RELIGIOUS DAYS

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS			RELIGIOUS DAYS		
HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	RELIGIOUS DAY	DATE	DAY
New Year's Day	01 January	Friday	Isaiah Shembe Day	10 March	Wednesday
Human Rights' Day	21 March	Sunday	Isaiah Shembe Day	02 May	Sunday
Public Holiday	22 March	Monday	Ascension Day	13 May	Thursday
Good Friday	02 April	Friday	*Eid-ul-Fitr	13 May	Thursday
Family Day	05 April	Monday	*Eid-ul-Adha	20 July	Tuesday
Freedom Day	27 April	Tuesday	Rosh Hashana	07 September	Tuesday
Workers Day	01 May	Saturday	Rosh Hashana	08 September	Wednesday
Youth Day	16 June	Wednesday	Yom Kippur	16 September	Thursday
National Women's Day	09 August	Monday	Diwali	04 November	Thursday
Heritage Day	24 September	Friday			
Day of Reconciliation	16 December	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.		
Christmas Day	25 December	Saturday			
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Sunday			
Public Holiday	27 December	Monday			

# 2021 Academic Calendar Mapping (Colour Coded)

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Fr New Year's Day	1 Mo	1 Mo	1 Th	1 Sa Workers Day	1 Tu	1 Th 1st Semester Exam	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo	1 We
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Tu	2 Fr Good Friday	2 Su	2 We	2 Fr	2 Mo	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th 2nd Semester Exams
3 Su	3 We	3 We	3 Sa	3 Mo	3 Th	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Fr	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr
4 Mo	4 Th	4 Th	4 Su	4 Tu	4 Fr	4 Su	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo	4 Th	4 Sa
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Fr	5 Mo Family Day	5 We	5 Sa	5 Mo	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su
6 We	6 Sa	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 Th	6 Su	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Mo	6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo 2nd Semester Exams
7 Th	7 Su	7 Su	7 We	7 Fr	7 Mo	7 We	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu
8 Fr	8 Mo	8 Mo	8 Th	8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo	8 We
9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Tu	9 Fr	9 Su	9 We	9 Fr	9 Mo	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th
10 Su Continuation of 2nd Semester Lectures	10 We	10 We	10 Sa	10 Mo	10 Th	10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Su	10 We	10 Fr
11 Mo	11 Th	11 Th	11 Su	11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Su	11 We	11 Sa	11 Mo	11 Th	11 Sa
12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Fr	12 Mo	12 We	12 Sa	12 Mo	12 Th	12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su
13 We	13 Sa	13 Sa	13 Tu	13 Th	13 Su	13 Tu	13 Fr	13 Mo	13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo
14 Th	14 Su	14 Su	14 We	14 Fr	14 Mo	14 We	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu
15 Fr	15 Mo	15 Mo	15 Th	15 Sa	15 Tu	15 Th	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 We
16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Tu	16 Fr	16 Su	16 We	16 Fr	16 Mo	16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Th Day of Reconciliation
17 Su	17 We	17 We	17 Sa	17 Mo	17 Th	17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Fr	17 Su	17 We	17 Fr
18 Mo	18 Th	18 Th	18 Su	18 Tu	18 Fr	18 Su	18 We	18 Sa	18 Mo	18 Th	18 Sa
19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Fr	19 Mo	19 We	19 Sa	19 Mo	19 Th	19 Su	19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Su
20 We	20 Sa	20 Sa	20 Tu	20 Th	20 Su	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Mo	20 We	20 Sa	20 Mo
21 Th	21 Su	21 Su	21 We	21 Fr	21 Mo	21 We	21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu
22 Fr	22 Mo	22 Mo	22 Th	22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th	22 Su	22 We	22 Fr	22 Mo	22 We
23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Tu	23 Fr	23 Su	23 We	23 Fr	23 Mo	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Th
24 Su	24 We	24 We	24 Sa	24 Mo	24 Th	24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Su	24 We	24 Fr
25 Mo	25 Th	25 Th	25 Su	25 Tu	25 Fr	25 Su	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo	25 Th	25 Sa Christmas Day
26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Fr	26 Mo	26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su Day of Goodwill
27 We	27 Sa	27 Sa	27 Tu	27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Mo	27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo Public Holiday
28 Th	28 Su	28 Su	28 We	28 Fr	28 Mo	28 We	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu
29 Fr			29 Th	29 Sa	29 Tu	29 Th	29 Su	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo	29 We
30 Sa			30 Fr	30 Su	30 We	30 Fr	30 Mo	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th
31 Su			31 We	31 Mo	31 We	31 Sa	31 Tu		31 Su		31 Fr

- Weekends
- Public Holiday
- Religious Holiday
- Registration
- Vacation
- Graduation
- Exam Study Period
- Exam Period
- 1st Semester Lecture Days
- Annual Lecture Days
- 2nd Semester Lecture Days