

TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2021

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ACADEMIC TERMS		
TERM	FROM	TO
1	15 March	09 July
2	19 July	17 September
3	27 September	17 December

REGISTRATION			
<i>Faculties to decide on their registration dates (Inclusive of Weekends)</i>			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	22 February	14 March	18
Annual	22 February	14 March	18
New Students	01 March	14 March	14

LECTURES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	15 March	15 June	63
Annual	15 March	19 October	141
Second Semester	19 July	02 November	72

GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Midlands- Autumn Graduation	19 May	20 May	2
Durban - Autumn Graduation	24 May	31 May	7
Durban - Spring Graduation	13 September	14 September	2

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	16 June	20 June	5
Annual	20 October	24 October	5
Second Semester	03 November	07 November	5

COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	21 June	02 July	10
Annual	25 October	15 November	16*
Second Semester	08 November	19 November	10

* Diwali

UNIVERSITY CLOSURES - 20 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
 - 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 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				
<u>Semester 1</u> 22 Feb – 14 Mar	3	<u>Semester 1</u> 15 Mar – 02 July	16	-	-	<u>Semester 1</u> 16 June – 20 June	5 Days incl W/ends	<u>Semester 1</u> 21 June – 02 June	2	<u>Semester 1</u> 13 + 1 day	<u>Semester 1</u> 66	<u>Semester 1</u> 3	<u>Semester 1</u> 63
<u>Annual</u> 22 Feb – 14 Mar	3	<u>Annual</u> 15 Feb – 02 July	16	-	-	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> 17	<u>Annual</u> 84	<u>Annual</u> 4	<u>Annual</u> 80
MID-YEAR VACATION 12 JULY TO 16 JULY (1 WEEK)													
<u>Semester 2</u> -----	-----	<u>Semester 2</u> 19 July – 19 Nov	18	20 Sept – 24 Sept	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 03 Nov – 07 Nov	5 Days incl w/ends	<u>Semester 2</u> 08 Nov – 19 Nov	2	<u>Semester 2</u> 14 + 3 days	73	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 72
<u>Annual</u> -----	-----	<u>Annual</u> 19 July – 15 Nov	17 + 1 day	20 Sept – 24 Sept	1	<u>Annual</u> 20 Oct - 24 Oct	5 Days incl W/ends	<u>Annual</u> 25 Oct – 15 Nov	3 + 1 day	<u>Annual</u> 12 + 2 days	62	1	<u>Annual</u> 61

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			