



DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
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AMENDED TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2021

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UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS – Monday, 4 January 2021

ACADEMIC TERMS		
TERM	FROM	TO
1	29 March	23 July
2	02 August	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	141
Second Semester	01 September	30 November	64

GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Autumn Virtual Graduation	27 May	28 May	2
Durban - Spring Graduation	TBD	TBD	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	01 December	05 December	5

COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	28 June	30 June	03
Amended First Semester	02 August	11 August	8*
Annual	01 November	22 November	16**
Second Semester	06 December	20 December	11***
*National Woman's Day		***Day of Reconciliation	
**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 = 28 weeks and 1 day
 - 2.3 Number of weeks for second semester = 12 weeks and 4 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					
<u>Semester 1</u> 01 Feb – 26 Mar	8	<u>Semester 1</u> 29 Mar – 09 July		-	-	<u>Semester 1</u> 23 June – 27 June	5 Days incl W/ends	<u>Semester 1</u> 28–30 June 02-11 Aug	3 days 7 days	<u>Semester 1</u>	<u>Semester 1</u>	<u>Semester 1</u>	<u>Semester 1</u>	
<u>Annual</u> 01 Feb – 26 Mar	8	<u>Annual</u> 29 Mar – 23 July	17	-	-	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> 17	<u>Annual</u> 85	<u>Annual</u> 4	<u>Annual</u> 81	
MID-YEAR VACATION 26 JULY TO 30 JULY (1 WEEK)														
<u>Semester 2</u> -----	-----	<u>Semester 2</u> 01 Sep – 20 Dec	16	-	-	<u>Semester 2</u> 01 Dec – 05 Dec	5 Days incl w/ends	<u>Semester 2</u> 06 Dec – 20 Dec	2 + 1 day	<u>Semester 2</u>	13 + 1 day	66	2	<u>Semester 2</u> 64
<u>Annual</u> -----	-----	<u>Annual</u> 02 Aug – 22 Nov	16 + 1 day	-	-	<u>Annual</u> 27 Oct - 31 Oct	5 Days incl W/ends	<u>Annual</u> 01 Nov – 22 Nov	3 + 1 day	<u>Annual</u>	12 + 2 days	62	2	<u>Annual</u> 60

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			

NOTES:

- First Semester Exams have been moved from 28 June 2021 – 09 July 2021 to 02 - 11 August 2021 (7 days). Exams took place on 28 - 30 June 2021
- Catch up practicals and continuous online assessment will be extended until 11 August 2021
- The vacation from 20 - 23 September 2021 was removed (4 days)
- Fourteen working days have been allocated for Exams processing from 12 - 31 August 2021
- Second semester commencement changed from 02 August 2021 to 01 September 2021
- Second semester teachings days changed from 67 to 64
- Second semester study period changed from 18 - 22 November 2021 to 01 - 05 December 2021
- Second Semester examinations changed from 23 November 2021 - 06 December 2021 to 06 - 20 December 2021
- Annual teaching days changed from 137 to 141 days
- Annual exams and study period remains the same

2021 Calendar Mapping

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Fr New Year's Day	1 Mo	1 Mo	Registration	1 Th 4	1 Sa Workers Day	1 Tu 44 44	1 Th 65	1 Su	1 Fr 22 124	1 Mo 43	1 We
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Tu		2 Fr Good Friday	2 Su Isiah Shembe Day	2 We 45 45	2 Fr 66	2 Mo 82	2 Th 104	2 Tu 44	2 Th
3 Sa	3 We	3 We		3 Sa	3 Mo 23 23	3 Th 46 46	3 Sa	3 Tu 83	3 Fr 105	3 We 45	3 Fr
4 Mo	4 Th	4 Th		4 Su	4 Tu 24 24	4 Fr 47 47	4 Su	4 We 84	4 Sa	4 Mo 23 125	4 Th
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Fr		5 Mo Family Day	5 We 25 25	5 Sa	5 Mo 67	5 Th 85	5 Su	5 Tu 24 126	5 Fr
6 We	6 Sa	6 Sa		6 Tu 5	6 Th 26 26	6 Su	6 Tu 68	6 Fr 86	6 Mo 106	6 We 25 127	6 Sa
7 Th	7 Su	7 Su		7 We 6	7 Fr 27 27	7 Mo 48 48	7 We 69	7 Sa 87	7 Tu 107	7 Th 26 128	7 Su
8 Fr	8 Mo	8 Mo		8 Th 7	8 Sa	8 Tu 49 49	8 Th 70	8 Su 88	8 We 108	8 Fr 27 129	8 Mo
9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Tu		9 Fr 8	9 Su	9 We 50 50	9 Fr 71	9 Mo National Women's Day	9 Th 109	9 Sa	9 Tu
10 Su Continuation of 2nd Semester Lectures	10 We	10 We Isiah Shembe Day		10 Sa	10 Mo 28 28	10 Th 51 51	10 Sa	10 Tu 87	10 Fr 110	10 Su	10 We
11 Mo	11 Th	11 Th		11 Su	11 Tu 29 29	11 Fr 52 52	11 Su	11 We 88	11 Sa	11 Mo 28 130	11 Th
12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Fr		12 Mo 9	12 We 30 30	12 Sa	12 Mo 72	12 Th 90	12 Su	12 Tu 29 131	12 Fr
13 We	13 Sa	13 Sa		13 Tu 10	13 Th 31 31 Ascension Day * Eid-ul-Fitr	13 Su	13 Tu 73	13 Fr 91	13 Mo 111	13 We 30 132	13 Sa
14 Th	14 Su	14 Su		14 We 11	14 Fr 32 32	14 Mo 53 53	14 We 74	14 Sa 92	14 Tu 112	14 Th 31 133	14 Su
15 Fr	15 Mo	15 Mo		15 Th 12	15 Sa	15 Tu 54 54	15 Th 75	15 Su 93	15 We 113	15 Fr 32 134	15 Mo
16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Tu		16 Fr 13	16 Su	16 We Youth Day	16 Fr 76	16 Mo 94	16 Th 114	16 Sa	16 Tu
17 Su	17 We	17 We		17 Sa	17 Mo 33 33	17 Th 55 55	17 Sa	17 Tu 92	17 Fr 115	17 Su	17 We
18 Mo	18 Th	18 Th		18 Su	18 Tu 34 34	18 Fr 56 56	18 Su	18 We 93	18 Sa	18 Mo 33 135	18 Th
19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Fr		19 Mo 14	19 We 35 35	19 Sa	19 Mo 77	19 Th 94	19 Su	19 Tu 34 136	19 Fr
20 We	20 Sa	20 Sa		20 Tu 15	20 Th 36 36	20 Su	20 Tu 78 *Eid-ul-Adha	20 Fr 95	20 Mo 116	20 We 35 137	20 Sa
21 Th	21 Su	21 Su Human Rights Day		21 We 16	21 Fr 37 37	21 Mo 57 57	21 We 79	21 Sa 96	21 Th 117	21 Th 36 138	21 Su
22 Fr	22 Mo	22 Mo Public Holiday		22 Th 17	22 Sa	22 Tu 58 58	22 Th 80	22 Su 97	22 We 118	22 Fr 37 139	22 Mo
23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Tu		23 Fr 18	23 Su	23 We 59	23 Fr 81	23 Mo 98	23 Th 119	23 Sa	23 Tu
24 Su	24 We	24 We		24 Sa	24 Mo 38 38	24 Th 60	24 Sa	24 Tu 99	24 Fr 120	24 Su	24 We
25 Mo	25 Th	25 Th		25 Su	25 Tu 39 39	25 Fr 61	25 Su	25 We 100	25 Th 121	25 Mo 38 140	25 Th
26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Fr		26 We 19	26 We 40 40	26 Fr 62	26 Mo	26 Th 101	26 We 122	26 Tu 39 141	26 Fr
27 We	27 Sa	27 Sa		27 Tu 20	27 Th 41 41	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Fr 102	27 We 123	27 We 40	27 Sa
28 Th	28 Su	28 Su		28 We 21	28 Fr 42 42	28 Mo	28 We 63	28 Th 103	28 Th 124	28 Th 41	28 Su
29 Fr	29 Mo	29 Mo		29 Th 22	29 Sa	29 Tu 64	29 Th	29 Fr 104	29 Fr 125	29 Fr 42	29 Mo
30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Tu		30 Fr	30 Su	30 We	30 Fr	30 Mo 105	30 Mo 126	30 Tu	30 Tu
31 Su	31 We	31 We		31 Mo	31 Tu 43 43	31 We	31 Sa	31 Tu 102	31 Tu	31 Su	31 We

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