

## AMENDED TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2021

Approved at the Senex Meeting dated 16 August 2021

**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
Spring Virtual Graduation	01 December	01 December	1

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
<b>MID-YEAR VACATION 26 JULY TO 30 JULY (1 WEEK)</b>													
<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	<p>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.</p>		
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
- Spring Graduation dates changed from 13-14 September to 01 December 2021

# 2021 Calendar Mapping

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Fr New Year's Day	1 Mo Exams	1 Mo	1 Th 4	1 Sa Workers Day	1 Tu 44	1 Th 65	1 Su	1 We 103	1 Fr 22	1 Mo 43	1 We
2 Sa	2 Tu Exams	2 Tu	2 Fr Good Friday	2 Su Isra' Shemoo Day	2 We 45	2 Fr 66	2 Mo 82	2 Th 104	2 Sa	2 Tu 44	2 Th
3 Su	3 We Exams	3 We	3 Sa	3 Mo 23	3 Th 46	3 Sa	3 Tu 83	3 Fr 105	3 Su	3 We 45	3 Fr
4 Mo	4 Th Exams	4 Th	4 Su	4 Tu 24	4 Fr 47	4 Su	4 We 84	4 Sa 106	4 Mo 23	4 Th 46	4 Sa
5 Tu	5 Fr Exams	5 Fr	5 Mo Family Day	5 We 25	5 Sa	5 Mo 67	5 Th 85	5 Su 107	5 Tu 24	5 Fr 47	5 Su
6 We	6 Sa Exams	6 Sa	6 Tu 5	6 Th 26	6 Su	6 Tu 68	6 Fr 86	6 Mo 108	6 We 25	6 Sa	6 Mo
7 Th	7 Su Exams	7 Su	7 We 6	7 Fr 27	7 Mo 48	7 We 69	7 Sa 87	7 Tu 109	7 Th 26	7 Su	7 Tu
8 Fr	8 Mo Exams	8 Mo	8 Th 7	8 Sa	8 Tu 49	8 Th 70	8 Su 88	8 We 110	8 Fr 27	8 Mo	8 We
9 Sa	9 Tu Exams	9 Tu	9 Tu 8	9 Su	9 We 50	9 Fr 71	9 Mo 89	9 Th 111	9 Sa	9 Tu 48	9 Th
10 Su	10 We Exams	10 We Isra' Shemoo Day	10 Sa	10 Mo 28	10 Th 51	10 Sa	10 Tu 90	10 Fr 112	10 Su	10 We 49	10 Fr
11 Mo	11 Th Exams	11 Th	11 Su	11 Tu 29	11 Fr 52	11 Su	11 We 91	11 Tu 113	11 Mo 28	11 Th 51	11 Sa
12 Tu	12 Fr Exams	12 Fr	12 Mo 9	12 We 30	12 Sa	12 Mo 72	12 Th 92	12 We 114	12 Tu 29	12 Fr 52	12 Su
13 We	13 Sa Exams	13 Sa	13 Tu 10	13 Th 31	13 Su	13 Tu 73	13 Th 93	13 We 115	13 Mo 30	13 Sa	13 Mo
14 Th	14 Su Exams	14 Su	13 Tu 10	14 Fr 32	14 Mo 53	14 We 74	14 Sa 94	14 Tu 116	14 Th 31	14 Su	14 Tu
15 Fr	15 Mo Exams	15 Mo	15 Th 12	15 Sa	15 Tu 54	15 Th 75	15 Sa 95	15 We 117	15 Fr 32	15 Mo 53	15 We
16 Sa	16 Tu Exams	16 Tu	16 Fr 13	16 Su	16 We Youth Day	16 Fr 76	16 Mo 96	16 Th 118	16 Th 32	16 Tu 54	16 Th
17 Su	17 We Exams	17 We	17 Sa	17 Mo 33	17 Th 55	17 Sa	17 Tu 97	17 We 119	17 Tu 33	17 We 55	17 Fr
18 Mo	18 Th Exams	18 Th	18 Su	18 Tu 34	18 Th 56	18 Su	18 We 98	18 Th 120	18 Mo 33	18 Th 56	18 Sa
19 Tu	19 Fr Exams	19 Fr	19 Tu 14	19 We 35	19 Sa	19 Mo 77	19 Th 99	19 We 121	19 Tu 34	19 Fr 57	19 Tu
20 We	20 Sa Exams	20 Sa	20 Tu 15	20 Th 36	20 Su	20 Tu 78	20 Th 100	20 We 122	20 We 35	20 Sa	20 Mo
21 Th	21 Su Exams	21 Su	21 Tu 16	21 Th 37	21 Mo 57	21 Tu 79	21 Th 101	21 We 123	21 Th 36	21 Su	21 Tu
22 Fr	22 Sa Exams	22 Mo	22 Tu 17	22 Th 38	22 Tu 58	22 Th 80	22 Fr 102	22 We 124	22 Fr 37	22 Mo	22 We
23 Sa	23 Su Exams	23 Tu	23 Tu 18	23 Su	23 We 59	23 Fr 81	23 Mo 103	23 Th 125	23 Tu 38	23 Tu	23 Th
24 Su	24 Mo Exams	24 We	24 Tu 19	24 Th 39	24 Th 60	24 Sa	24 Tu 104	24 We 126	24 Fr 39	24 We	24 Fr
25 Mo	25 Tu Exams	25 Th	25 Tu 20	25 Th 40	25 Fr 61	25 Su	25 Tu 105	25 We 127	25 Mo 38	25 Th 61	25 Sa
26 Tu	26 We Exams	26 Fr	26 Tu 21	26 Th 41	26 Sa	26 Mo	26 Tu 106	26 We 128	26 Tu 39	26 Fr 62	26 Su
27 We	27 Th Exams	27 Sa	27 Tu 22	27 Th 42	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Tu 107	27 We 129	27 We 40	27 Sa	27 Mo
28 Th	28 Fr Exams	28 Su	28 Tu 23	28 Th 43	28 Mo	28 We	28 Tu 108	28 Th 130	28 Th 41	28 Su	28 Tu
29 Fr	29 Sa Exams	29 Mo	29 Tu 24	29 Th 44	29 Tu	29 Th	29 Tu 109	29 We 131	29 Fr 42	29 Mo	29 We
30 Sa	30 Su Exams	30 Tu	30 Tu 25	30 Th 45	30 We	30 Fr	30 Tu 110	30 Th 132	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th
31 Su	31 Mo Exams	31 We	31 Tu 26	31 Th 46	31 Mo	31 Sa	31 Tu 111	31 We 133	31 Su	31 We	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