



**REVISED 2023 TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR  
APPROVED BY JOINT EMC/SENEX AT ITS MEETING DATED 25 JANUARY 2023**

**UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS – Tuesday, 03 January 2023**

Administrative staff and those academic staff required for registration preparation, as determined by Heads of Departments, return on Tuesday, 03 January 2023. All other staff return on Monday, 09 January 2023.

<b>ACADEMIC TERMS</b>			
<b>TERM</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
1	20 February	06 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 1 and 2 = Semester 1</li> <li>• Term 3 and 4 = Semester 2</li> <li>• Term 1 to 4 = Annual</li> </ul>
2	17 April	30 June	
3	17 July	22 September	
4	02 October	15 December	

**2023 REGISTRATION DATES**

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF WEEKS</b>
<b>Undergraduate</b>			
New Students	16 January	17 February	5
Returning Students	16 January	17 February	5
<b>Postgraduate</b>			
<b>Full Research (Master's and Doctorates)</b>			
New Students	16 January	31 July	28
Returning Students	16 January	17 February	5
<b>Course Work (Master's)</b>			
New Students	16 January	17 February	5
Returning Students	16 January	17 February	5
Late Registration	20 February	03 March	2
Refer to Annexure 3 for dates for module/programme changes			

<b>LECTURES</b>			
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF DAYS</b>
First Semester	20 February	06 June	68
Annual	20 February	10 October	141
Second Semester	17 July	07 November	76

<b>GRADUATION CEREMONIES</b>			
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF DAYS</b>
Midlands - Autumn Graduation	15 May	17 May	3
Durban - Autumn Graduation	22 May	02 June	11
Durban - Spring Graduation	20 September	21 September	2

<b>EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)</b>			
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF DAYS</b>
First Semester	07 June	11 June	5
Annual	11 October	15 October	5
Second Semester	08 November	12 November	5

<b>COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS</b>			
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF DAYS</b>
First Semester	12 June	26 June	10
Annual	16 October	03 November	15
Second Semester	13 November	24 November	10

**UNIVERSITY CLOSED – 18 December 2023 until 31 December 2023.**

Refer to Annexure 1 for information on how the above dates are accommodated in the Calendar and Annexure 2 for public holidays & religious days

## 2023 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 An estimate 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.

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
REGISTRATION PERIOD		TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR 2023 (CALCULATED FROM FIRST DAY OF LECTURES TO LAST DAY OF RESPECTIVE SEMESTER/ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS)		(MINUS) MID SEMESTER VACATION PERIOD		(MINUS) STUDY PERIOD * (Excluding Weekends – Not included in the calculation of the days)		(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 16 Jan – 17 Feb	5	Semester 1 20 Feb – 26 June	18 + 1 day	11 April – 14 April	4 Days	Semester 1 07 June – 11 June	3 days + *w/end	Semester 1 12 June – 26 June	2	Semester 1 14 + 4 days	Semester 1 74	Semester 1 6	Semester 1 68
Annual 16 Jan – 17 Feb	5	Annual 20 Feb – 30 June	19	11 April – 14 April	4 Days	Annual -	0	Annual -	0	Annual 18 + 1 day	Annual 91	Annual 6	Annual 85
<b>MID-YEAR VACATION 03 JULY TO 14 JULY (2 WEEKS)</b>													
Semester 2 -----	-----	Semester 2 17 July – 24 Nov	19	26 Sept – 29 Sept	4 Days	Semester 08 Nov - 12 Nov	3 days + *w/end	Semester 2 13 Nov – 24 Nov	2	Semester 2 15 + 3 days	78	2	Semester 2 76
Annual -----	-----	Annual 17 July – 03 Nov	16	26 Sept – 29 Sept	4 Days	Annual 11 Oct – 15 Oct	3 days + *w/end	Annual 16 Oct – 03 Nov	3	Annual 11 + 3 days	58	2	Annual 56

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND RELIGIOUS DAYS FOR 2023

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS			RELIGIOUS DAYS		
HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	RELIGIOUS DAY	DATE	DAY
New Year's Day	01 January	Sunday	Isaiah Shembe Day	10 March	Friday
Public Holiday	02 January	Monday	Isaiah Shembe Day	02 May	Tuesday
Human Rights' Day	21 March	Tuesday	*Eid-ul-Fitr	22 April	Saturday
Good Friday	07 April	Friday	Ascension Day	18 May	Thursday
Family Day	10 April	Monday	*Eid-ul-Adha	29 June	Thursday
Freedom Day	27 April	Thursday	Rosh Hashanah	15-17 September	Friday - Sunday
Worker's Day	01 May	Monday	Yom Kippur	24-25 September	Sunday - Monday
Youth Day	16 June	Friday	Deepavali/Diwali	12 November	Sunday
National Women's Day	09 August	Wednesday			
Heritage Day	24 September	Sunday	<b>*Dependent upon the sighting of the moon</b>		
Public Holiday	25 September	Monday	<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>		
Day of Reconciliation	16 December	Saturday			
Christmas Day	25 December	Monday			
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Tuesday			

**DATES FOR PROGRAMME/MODULE CHANGES**

<b>MODULE/PROGRAMME CHANGES</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Final date for any changes to <u>first semester</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	17 March
Last day to cancel <u>first semester</u> <b>modules</b> or to de-register for first semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that <b>module</b> /programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any <b>module</b> /programme prior to or as at this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published.	17 April
Final date for any changes to <u>annual</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	25 April
Last day to cancel <u>annual</u> <b>modules</b> or to de-register for annual programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that <b>module</b> /programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any <b>module</b> /programme prior to or as at this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published	09 June
Final date for any changes to <u>second semester</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	14 August
Last day to cancel <u>second semester</u> <b>modules</b> or to de-register for second semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that <b>module</b> /programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any <b>module</b> /programme prior to or as at this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published	07 September

# 2023 Academic Calendar Mapping

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Su <small>New Year's Day</small>	1 We <small>Registration</small>	1 We 8 8	1 Sa	1 Mo <small>Worker's Day</small>	1 Th <small>DBN Graduation</small> 65 65	1 Sa	1 Tu 12 97	1 Fr 34 119	1 Su	1 We 72	1 Fr
2 Mo <small>Public Holiday</small>	2 Th <small>Registration</small>	2 Th 9 9	2 Su	2 Tu <small>Isalah Shembe Day</small> 43 43	2 Fr <small>DBN Graduation</small> 66 66	2 Su	2 We 13 98	2 Sa	2 Mo 50 135	2 Th 73 <small>Annual Exam</small>	2 Sa
3 Tu	3 Fr <small>Registration</small>	3 Fr 10 10	3 Mo 30 30	3 We 44 44	3 Sa	3 Mo	3 Th 14 99	3 Su	3 Tu 51 136	3 Fr 74	3 Su
4 We	4 Sa <small>Registration</small>	4 Sa	4 Tu 31 31	4 Th 45 45	4 Su	4 Tu	4 Fr 15 100	4 Mo 35 120	4 We 52 137	4 Sa	4 Mo
5 Th	5 Su <small>Registration</small>	5 Su	5 We 32 32	5 Fr 46 46	5 Mo 67 67	5 We	5 Sa	5 Tu 36 121	5 Th 53 138	5 Su	5 Tu
6 Fr	6 Mo <small>Registration</small>	6 Mo 11 11	6 Th 33 33	6 Sa	6 Tu 68 68	6 Th	6 Su	6 We 37 122	6 Fr 54 139	6 Mo 75	6 We
7 Sa	7 Tu <small>Registration</small>	7 Tu 12 12	7 Fr <small>Good Friday</small>	7 Su	7 We <small>Exam Study Period</small> 69 69	7 Fr	7 Mo 16 101	7 Th 38 123	7 Sa	7 Tu 76	7 Th
8 Su	8 We <small>Registration</small>	8 We 13 13	8 Sa	8 Mo 47 47	8 Th <small>Exam Study Period</small> 70 70	8 Sa	8 Tu 17 102	8 Fr 39 124	8 Su	8 We <small>Exam Study Period</small> 76	8 Fr
9 Mo	9 Th <small>Registration</small>	9 Th 14 14	9 Su	9 Tu 48 48	9 Fr <small>Exam Study Period</small> 71 71	9 Su	9 We <small>National Woman's Day</small>	9 Sa	9 Mo 55 140	9 Th <small>Exam Study Period</small> 74	9 Sa
10 Tu	10 Fr <small>Registration</small>	10 Fr <small>Isalah Shembe Day</small> 15 15	10 Mo <small>Family Day</small>	10 We 49 49	10 Sa	10 Mo	10 Th 18 103	10 Su	10 Tu 56 141	10 Fr <small>Exam Study Period</small> 74	10 Su
11 We	11 Sa <small>Registration</small>	11 Sa	11 Tu <small>Vacation</small>	11 Th 50 50	11 Su	11 Tu	11 Fr 19 104	11 Mo 40 125	11 We 57	11 Sa <small>Exam Study Period</small> 75	11 Mo
12 Th	12 Su <small>Registration</small>	12 Su	12 We <small>Vacation</small>	12 Fr 51 51	12 Mo	12 We	12 Sa <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 72 72	12 Tu 41 126	12 Th 58	12 Su <small>Exam Study Period</small> 76	12 Tu
13 Fr	13 Mo <small>Registration</small>	13 Mo 16 16	13 Th <small>Vacation</small>	13 Sa	13 Tu <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 73 73	13 Th	13 Sa <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 73 73	13 We 42 127	13 Fr 59	13 Mo <small>Exam Study Period</small> 76	13 We
14 Sa	14 Tu <small>Registration</small>	14 Tu 17 17	14 Fr <small>Vacation</small>	14 Su	14 We <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 74 74	14 Fr	14 Mo 20 105	14 Th 43 128	14 Sa	14 Tu <small>Exam Study Period</small> 76	14 Th
15 Su	15 We <small>Registration</small>	15 We 18 18	15 Sa	15 Mo <small>PMB Graduation</small> 52 52	15 Th 75 75	15 Sa	15 Tu 21 106	15 Fr <small>Rosh Hoshana</small> 44 129	15 Su	15 We <small>2nd Semester Exam</small> 76	15 Fr
16 Mo	16 Th <small>Registration</small>	16 Th 19 19	16 Su	16 Tu <small>PMB Graduation</small> 53 53	16 Fr <small>Youth Day</small>	16 Su	16 We 22 107	16 Sa <small>Rosh Hoshana</small>	16 Mo 60	16 Th <small>2nd Semester Exam</small> 76	16 Sa <small>Day of Reconciliation</small>
17 Tu	17 Fr <small>Registration</small>	17 Fr 20 20	17 Mo 34 34	17 We <small>Ascension Day</small> 54 54	17 Sa	17 Mo 1 86	17 Th 23 108	17 Su <small>Rosh Hoshana</small>	17 Tu 61	17 Fr <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	17 Su
18 We	18 Sa <small>Registration</small>	18 Sa	18 Tu 35 35	18 Th <small>Ascension Day</small> 55 55	18 Su	18 Tu 2 87	18 Fr 24 109	18 Mo 45 130	18 We 62	18 Sa <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	18 Mo
19 Th	19 Su <small>Registration</small>	19 Su	19 We 36 36	19 Fr 56 56	19 Mo <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 76 76	19 We 3 88	19 Sa	19 Tu 46 131	19 Th 63	19 Su <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	19 Tu
20 Fr	20 Mo <small>Registration</small> 1 1	20 Mo 21 21	20 Th 37 37	20 Sa	20 Tu <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 77 77	20 Th 4 89	20 Su	20 We <small>DBN Graduation</small> 47 132	20 Fr 64	20 Mo <small>2nd Semester Exam</small> 76	20 We <small>Vacation</small>
21 Sa	21 Tu <small>Registration</small> 2 2	21 Tu <small>Human Right's Day</small>	21 Fr 38 38	21 Su	21 We <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 78 78	21 Fr 5 90	21 Mo 25 110	21 Th 48 133	21 Sa	21 Tu <small>2nd Semester Exam</small> 76	21 Th
22 Su	22 We <small>Registration</small> 3 3	22 We 22 22	22 Sa <small>Eid-ul-Fitr</small>	22 Mo <small>DBN Graduation</small> 57 57	22 Th 80 80	22 Sa	22 Tu 26 111	22 Fr 49 134	22 Su	22 We <small>2nd Semester Exam</small> 76	22 Fr
23 Mo	23 Th <small>Registration</small> 4 4	23 Th 23 23	23 Su	23 Tu <small>DBN Graduation</small> 58 58	23 Fr	23 Su	23 We 27 112	23 Sa	23 Mo 65	23 Th <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	23 Sa
24 Tu	24 Fr <small>Registration</small> 5 5	24 Fr 24 24	24 Mo 39 39	24 We <small>DBN Graduation</small> 59 59	24 Sa	24 Mo 6 91	24 Th 28 113	24 Su <small>Yom Kippur</small> <small>Heritage Day</small>	24 Tu 66	24 Fr <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	24 Su
25 We	25 Sa <small>Registration</small>	25 Sa	25 Tu 40 40	25 Th <small>DBN Graduation</small> 60 60	25 Su	25 Tu 7 92	25 Fr 29 114	25 Mo <small>Yom Kippur</small> <small>Public Holiday</small>	25 We 67	25 Sa <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	25 Mo <small>Christmas Day</small>
26 Th	26 Su <small>Registration</small>	26 Su	26 We 41 41	26 Fr <small>DBN Graduation</small> 61 61	26 Mo <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 81 81	26 We 8 93	26 Sa	26 Tu <small>Vacation</small>	26 Th 68	26 Fr <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	26 Tu <small>Day of Goodwill</small>
27 Fr	27 Mo <small>Registration</small> 6 6	27 Mo 25 25	27 Th <small>Freedom Day</small>	27 Sa	27 Tu <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 82 82	27 Th 9 94	27 Su	27 We <small>Vacation</small>	27 Fr 69	27 Mo <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	27 We
28 Sa	28 Tu <small>Registration</small> 7 7	28 Tu 26 26	28 Fr 42 42	28 Su	28 We <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 83 83	28 Fr 10 95	28 Mo 30 115	28 Th <small>Vacation</small>	28 Tu 68	28 Sa <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	28 Tu
29 Su	29 We <small>Registration</small>	29 We 27 27	29 Sa	29 Mo <small>DBN Graduation</small> 62 62	29 Th <small>Eid-ul-Adha</small> 84 84	29 Sa	29 Tu 31 116	29 Fr <small>Vacation</small>	29 Tu 68	29 We <small>Annual Exam</small> 76	29 Fr
30 Mo	30 Th <small>Registration</small>	30 Th 28 28	30 Su	30 Tu <small>DBN Graduation</small> 63 63	30 Fr 85 85	30 Su	30 We 32 117	30 Sa	30 Mo 70 <small>Annual Exam</small>	30 Th	30 Sa
31 Tu	31 Fr <small>Registration</small>	31 Fr 29 29	31 We	31 We <small>DBN Graduation</small> 64 64	31 Mo 96 96	31 Mo 11 96	31 Th 33 118	31 Tu 71 <small>Annual Exam</small>	31 Tu 71	31 We	31 Su

**KEY TO CALENDAR**

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