



## REVISED 2025 TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR APPROVED BY JOINT EMC & SENEX – MEETING DATED 16 MAY 2025

**UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS – Monday, 06 January 2025**

ACADEMIC TERMS			
TERM	FROM	TO	NOTES
1	10 February	28 March	<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	07 April	27 June	
3	14 July	19 September	
4	29 September	19 December	

2025 REGISTRATION DATES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF WEEKS
<b>Undergraduate</b>			
New Students	13 January	07 February	4
Returning Students	13 January	07 February	4
<b>Postgraduate</b>			
<b>Full Research (Master's and Doctorates)</b>			
New Students	13 January	31 July	29
Returning Students	13 January	07 February	4
<b>Course Work (Master's)</b>			
New Students	13 January	07 February	4
Returning Students	13 January	07 February	4
Late Registration	10 February	21 February	2
Refer to Annexure 3 for dates for module/programme changes			

LECTURES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	10 February	30 May	70
Annual	10 February	30 September	141
Second Semester	14 July	14 October	62

GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Midlands - Autumn Graduation	12 May	14 May	3
Durban - Autumn Graduation	19 May	28 May	09
Durban - Spring Graduation	18 September	19 September	2

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	Cancelled	Cancelled	-
Annual	01 October	05 October	5
Second Semester	15 October	19 October	5

<b>EXAMINATION DATES</b>			
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF DAYS</b>
First Semester	02 June	18 June	13*
Annual	06 October	17 October	10
Second Semester	21 October	05 November	12

\*Youth Day: 16 June 2025 - No examinations will be scheduled on this day.

<b>SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION DATES</b>			
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF DAYS</b>
First Semester	14 July	21 July	6
Annual	10 November	14 November	5
Second Semester	27 November	04 December	6

**UNIVERSITY CLOSURE: 22 - 31 December 2025**

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

## 2025 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 2025 (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 13 Jan – 07 Feb	4	Semester 1 10 Feb – 18 June	18 + 3 days	31 Mar – 04 April	5 Days	Semester 1 -	-	Semester 1 02 June – 18 June	2 + 2 days	Semester 1 15 + 1 day	Semester 1 76	Semester 1 6	Semester 1 70
Annual 13 Jan – 07 Feb	4	Annual 10 Feb – 27 June	20	31 Mar – 04 April	5 Days	Annual -	-	Annual -	-	Annual 19	Annual 95	Annual 6	Annual 89
<b>MID-YEAR VACATION 30 JUNE TO 11 JULY (2 WEEKS)</b>													
Semester 2 -----	-----	Semester 2 14 July – 05 Nov	16 + 2 days (*Diwali Excluded)	22 Sept – 26 Sept	5 Days	Semester 15 Oct - 19 Oct	3 days + *w/end	Semester 2 21 Oct – 05 Nov	2 + 2 days	Semester 2 12 + 2 days	62	0	Semester 2 62
Annual -----	-----	Annual 14 July – 17 Oct	14	22 Sept – 26 Sept	5 Days	Annual 01 Oct – 05 Oct	3 days + *w/end	Annual 06 Oct – 17 Oct	2	Annual 10 + 2 days	52	0	Annual 52

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND RELIGIOUS DAYS FOR 2025**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS			RELIGIOUS DAYS		
HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	RELIGIOUS DAY	DATE	DAY
New Year's Day	01 January	Wednesday	Isaiah Shembe Day	10 March	Sunday
DUT Holiday	02 January	Thursday	*Eid-ul-Fitr	31 March	Monday
Human Rights' Day	21 March	Friday	Isaiah Shembe Day	02 May	Friday
Good Friday	18 April	Friday	Ascension Day	29 May	Thursday
Family Day	21 April	Monday	*Eid-ul-Adha	07 June	Saturday
Freedom Day	27 April	Sunday	Rosh Hashanah	22-24 September	Monday - Wednesday
*Public Holiday; Freedom Day observed	28 April	Monday	Yom Kippur	01-02 October	Wednesday - Thursday
Workers Day	01 May	Thursday	Deepavali/Diwali	20 October	Monday
Youth Day	16 June	Monday			
National Women's Day	09 August	Saturday			
Heritage Day	24 September	Wednesday	<b>*Dependent upon the sighting of the moon</b>		
Day of Reconciliation	16 December	Tuesday	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	Thursday			
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Friday			
*The Public Holidays Act (Act No. 36 of 1994) determines that whenever any public holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday following it shall be a public holiday.					

## DATES FOR PROGRAMME/MODULE CHANGES

MODULE/PROGRAMME CHANGES	DATE
Final date for any changes to <u>first-semester</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	07 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 of this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published.	28 March
Final date for any changes to <u>annual</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	14 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 of this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published	27 May
Final date for any changes to <u>second-semester</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	08 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 of this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published	25 August

# 2025 Academic Calendar Mapping



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