



TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2027

(Approved by Senate on 02 September 2026 and ratified by Council on 19 September 2026)

UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS – Monday, 04 January 2027

ACADEMIC TERMS			
TERM	FROM	TO	NOTES
1	08 February	25 March	- Term 1 and 2 = Semester 1 - Term 3 and 4 = Semester 2 - Term 1 to 4 = Annual
2	05 April	18 June	
3	12 July	17 September	
4	27 September	17 December	

2027 REGISTRATION DATES			
Undergraduate	FROM	TO	NO. OF WEEKS
New Students	11 January	05 February	4
Returning Students	11 January	05 February	4
Postgraduate			
Full Research (Master's and Doctorates)			
New Students	11 January	30 July	29
Returning Students*	11 January	05 February	4
*Exception (Returning Master's/Doctoral Students Awaiting Examination Outcome)	The day after the Higher Degrees Committee meeting in March	10 Working Days after the Higher Degrees Committee meeting in March	2 **
**This late re-registration period only applies to returning Master's or Doctoral students who submitted their dissertation/thesis for examination by 02 November 2026 and are awaiting the outcome of the March 2027 Higher Degrees Committee meeting. If approved for the Autumn graduation ceremony, registration is not required.			
Course Work (Master's)			
New Students	11 January	05 February	4
Returning Students	11 January	05 February	4
Late Registration	08 February	19 February	2
Refer to Annexure 3 for dates for module/programme changes			

LECTURES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	08 February	25 May	69
Annual	08 February	28 September	137
Second Semester	12 July	13 October	62

GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Autumn Graduation (Midlands)	03 May	05 May	3
Autumn Graduation (Durban)	10 May	20 May	9
Spring Graduation (Durban)	15 September	16 September	2

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	26 May	30 May	5
Annual	29 September	03 October	5
Second Semester	14 October	18 October	5

MAIN EXAMINATION DATES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	31 May	15 June	12
Annual	04 October	18 October	11*
Second Semester	19 October	04 November	13**

*Yom Kippur: 11 October 2027 - No examinations will be scheduled on this day.

**Diwali: 28 October 2027- No examinations will be scheduled on this day.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION DATES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	05 July	12 July	6
Annual	15 November	19 November	5
Second Semester	24 November	01 December	6

PUBLICATION OF EXAMINATION RESULTS		
	EXAM SESSION	PUBLICATION DATE
First Semester	Main Examinations	02 July 2027
	Supplementary Examinations	26 July 2027
	Special Examinations	27 August 2027
Annual	Main Examinations	05 November 2027
	Supplementary Examinations	30 November 2027
	Special Examinations	24 February 2028
Second Semester	Main Examinations	30 November 2027
	Supplementary Examinations	17 December 2027
	Special Examinations	24 February 2028

UNIVERSITY CLOSURE: 20 - 31 DECEMBER 2027

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

2027 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 estimated 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 2027 (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				
<u>Semester 1</u> 11 Jan – 05 Feb	4	<u>Semester 1</u> 08 Feb – 15 June	18 + 2 days	30 Mar – 02 April	4 Days	<u>Semester 1</u> 26 May – 30 May	3 days + *w/end	<u>Semester 1</u> 31 May – 15 June	2 + 2 days	<u>Semester 1</u> 14 + 3 days	<u>Semester 1</u> 73	<u>Semester 1</u> 4	<u>Semester 1</u> 69
<u>Annual</u> 11 Jan – 05 Feb	4	<u>Annual</u> 08 Feb – 18 June	19	30 Mar – 02 April	4 Days	<u>Annual</u> -	-	<u>Annual</u> -	-	<u>Annual</u> 18 + 1 day	<u>Annual</u> 91	<u>Annual</u> 5	<u>Annual</u> 86
MID-YEAR VACATION 21 JUNE TO 09 JULY (3 WEEKS)													
<u>Semester 2</u> -----	-----	<u>Semester 2</u> 12 July – 04 Nov	16 + 4 days	20 Sept – 23 Sept	4 Days	<u>Semester</u> 14 Oct – 18 Oct	3 days + *w/end	<u>Semester 2</u> 19 Oct – 04 Nov	2 + 3 days	<u>Semester 2</u> 12 + 4 days	64	2	<u>Semester 2</u> 62
<u>Annual</u> -----	-----	<u>Annual</u> 12 July – 18 Oct	14 + 1 day	20 Sept – 23 Sept	4 Days	<u>Annual</u> 29 Sept – 03 Oct	3 days + *w/end	<u>Annual</u> 04 Oct – 18 Oct	2 + 1 day	<u>Annual</u> 10 + 3 days	53	2	<u>Annual</u> 51

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND RELIGIOUS DAYS FOR 2027

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	*Eid-ul-Fitr	10 March	Wednesday
*Public Holiday; Human Rights Day is observed	22 March	Monday	Isaiah Shembe Day	02 May	Sunday
Good Friday	26 March	Friday	Ascension Day	06 May	Thursday
Family Day	29 March	Monday	*Eid-ul-Adha	17 May	Monday
Freedom Day	27 April	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah	01-03 October	Friday - Sunday
Workers' Day	01 May	Saturday	Yom Kippur	10-11 October	Sunday - Monday
Youth Day	16 June	Wednesday	Deepavali/Diwali	28 October	Thursday
National Women's Day	09 August	Monday			
Heritage Day	24 September	Friday			
Day of Reconciliation	16 December	Thursday	*Dependent upon the sighting of the moon		
Christmas Day	25 December	Saturday	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.		
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Sunday			
*Public Holiday; Day of Goodwill is observed	27 December	Monday			
*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.					

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KEY DATES FOR PROGRAMME/MODULE AMENDMENTS

MODULE/PROGRAMME CHANGES	DATE
Final date for any changes to <u>first-semester</u> modules /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	05 March
The last day to cancel <u>first semester</u> modules or to de-register for first semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that module /programme, and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any module /programme prior to or as of this date will be recorded as having withdrawn, and no result will be published.	25 March
Final date for any changes to <u>annual</u> modules /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	25 March
Last day to cancel <u>annual</u> modules or to de-register for annual programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that module /programme, and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any module /programme prior to or as of this date will be recorded as having withdrawn, and no result will be published	19 May
Final date for any changes to <u>second-semester</u> modules /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	31 July
The last day is to cancel second-semester modules or de-register for second-semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that module /programme, and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any module /programme prior to or as of this date will be recorded as having withdrawn, and no result will be published	23 August

2027 Academic Calendar Mapping



January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Fr New Year's Day	1 Mo	1 Mo	1 Th	1 Sa Worker's Day	1 Tu	1 Th	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo	1 We
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Su	2 We	2 Fr	2 Mo	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th
3 Su	3 We	3 We	3 Sa	3 Mo	3 Th	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Fr	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr
4 Mo	4 Th	4 Th	4 Su	4 Tu	4 Fr	4 Su	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo	4 Th	4 Sa
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Fr	5 Mo	5 We	5 Sa	5 Mo	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su
6 We	6 Sa	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 Th	6 Su	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Mo	6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo
7 Th	7 Su	7 Su	7 We	7 Fr	7 Mo	7 We	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu
8 Fr	8 Mo	8 Mo	8 Th	8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo	8 We
9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Tu	9 Fr	9 Su	9 We	9 Fr	9 Mo	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th
10 Su	10 We	10 We	10 Sa	10 Mo	10 Th	10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Su	10 We	10 Fr
11 Mo	11 Th	11 Th	11 Su	11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Su	11 We	11 Sa	11 Mo	11 Th	11 Sa
12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Fr	12 Mo	12 We	12 Sa	12 Mo	12 Th	12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su
13 We	13 Sa	13 Sa	13 Tu	13 Th	13 Su	13 Tu	13 Fr	13 Mo	13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo
14 Th	14 Su	14 Su	14 We	14 Fr	14 Mo	14 We	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu
15 Fr	15 Mo	15 Mo	15 Th	15 Sa	15 Tu	15 Th	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 We
16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Tu	16 Fr	16 Su	16 We	16 Fr	16 Mo	16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Th
17 Su	17 We	17 We	17 Sa	17 Mo	17 Th	17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Fr	17 Su	17 We	17 Fr
18 Mo	18 Th	18 Th	18 Su	18 Tu	18 Fr	18 Su	18 We	18 Sa	18 Mo	18 Th	18 Sa
19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Fr	19 Mo	19 We	19 Sa	19 Mo	19 Th	19 Su	19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Su
20 We	20 Sa	20 Sa	20 Tu	20 Th	20 Su	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Mo	20 We	20 Sa	20 Mo
21 Th	21 Su	21 Su	21 We	21 Fr	21 Mo	21 Th	21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu
22 Fr	22 Mo	22 Mo	22 Th	22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th	22 Su	22 We	22 Fr	22 Mo	22 We
23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Tu	23 Fr	23 Su	23 We	23 Fr	23 Mo	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Th
24 Su	24 We	24 We	24 Sa	24 Mo	24 Th	24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Su	24 We	24 Fr
25 Mo	25 Th	25 Th	25 Su	25 Tu	25 Fr	25 Su	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo	25 Th	25 Sa
26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Fr	26 Mo	26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su
27 We	27 Sa	27 Sa	27 Tu	27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Mo	27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo
28 Th	28 Su	28 Su	28 We	28 Fr	28 Mo	28 We	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu
29 Fr		29 Mo	29 Th	29 Sa	29 Tu	29 Th	29 Su	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo	29 We
30 Sa		30 Tu	30 Fr	30 Su	30 We	30 Fr	30 Mo	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th
31 Su		31 We		31 Mo		31 Sa	31 Tu		31 Su		31 Fr

Weekends Public Holiday Religious Holiday DUT Holiday Registration Late Registration Graduation Exam Study Period Exam Period Supplementary Exams 1st Semester Lecture Days 2nd Semester Lecture Days Annual Lecture Days Vacation