



TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2025
Approved by Senate (Meeting dated 05 June 2024) and Ratified by Council (Meeting dated 22 June 2024)

UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS – Monday, 06 January 2025

ACADEMIC TERMS			
TERM	FROM	TO	NOTES
1	10 February	28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 1 and 2 = Semester 1 • Term 3 and 4 = Semester 2 • Term 1 to 4 = Annual
2	07 April	27 June	
3	21 July	19 September	
4	29 September	12 December	

2025 REGISTRATION DATES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF WEEKS
Undergraduate			
New Students	13 January	07 February	4
Returning Students	13 January	07 February	4
Postgraduate			
Full Research (Master's and Doctorates)			
New Students	13 January	31 July	29
Returning Students	13 January	07 February	4
Course Work (Master's)			
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	27 May	67
Annual	10 February	07 October	141
Second Semester	21 July	28 October	67

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	17 September	18 September	2

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	28 May	01 June	5
Annual	08 October	12 October	5
Second Semester	29 October	02 November	5

EXAMINATION DATES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	02 June	18 June	12
Annual	13 October	31 October	15
Second Semester	03 November	18 November	12

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION DATES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	14 July	21 July	6
Annual	04 December	11 December	6
Second Semester	14 January 2026	21 January 2026	6

UNIVERSITY CLOSED: 15 - 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				
<u>Semester 1</u> 13 Jan – 07 Feb	4	<u>Semester 1</u> 10 Feb – 18 June	18 + 3 days	31 Mar – 04 April	5 Days	<u>Semester 1</u> 28 May – 01 June	3 days + *w/end	<u>Semester 1</u> 02 June – 18 June	2 + 2 days	<u>Semester 1</u> 14 + 3 days	<u>Semester 1</u> 73	<u>Semester 1</u> 6	<u>Semester 1</u> 67
<u>Annual</u> 13 Jan – 07 Feb	4	<u>Annual</u> 10 Feb – 27 June	20	31 Mar – 04 April	5 Days	<u>Annual</u> -	-	<u>Annual</u> -	-	<u>Annual</u> 19 + 1 day	<u>Annual</u> 96	<u>Annual</u> 7	<u>Annual</u> 89
MID-YEAR VACATION 30 JUNE TO 18 JULY (3 WEEKS)													
<u>Semester 2</u> -----	-----	<u>Semester 2</u> 21 July – 18 Nov	17 + 2 days	22 Sept – 26 Sept	5 Days	<u>Semester</u> 29 Oct - 02 Nov	3 days + *w/end	<u>Semester 2</u> 03 Nov – 18 Nov	2 + 2 days	<u>Semester 2</u> 13 + 2 days	67	0	<u>Semester 2</u> 67
<u>Annual</u> -----	-----	<u>Annual</u> 21 July – 31 Oct	15	22 Sept – 26 Sept	5 Days	<u>Annual</u> 08 Oct – 12 Oct	3 days + *w/end	<u>Annual</u> 13 Oct – 31 Oct	3	<u>Annual</u> 10 + 2 day	52	0	<u>Annual</u> 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	25 October	Saturday
Youth Day	16 June	Monday			
National Women's Day	09 August	Saturday			
Heritage Day	24 September	Wednesday	*Dependent upon the sighting of the moon		
Day of Reconciliation	16 December	Tuesday	<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	Thursday			
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Friday			
<p>*The Public Holidays Act (Act No 36 of 1994) determines whenever any public holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday following it shall be a public holiday.</p>					

DATES FOR PROGRAMME/MODULE CHANGES

MODULE/PROGRAMME CHANGES	DATE
Final date for any changes to <u>first-semester</u> modules /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	07 March
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.	28 March
Final date for any changes to <u>annual</u> modules /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	14 April
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	02 June
Final date for any changes to <u>second-semester</u> modules /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	15 August
Last day to cancel <u>second-semester</u> modules or to 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	04 September

2025 Academic Calendar Mapping



January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 We New Year's Day	1 Sa	1 Sa	1 Tu	1 Th Worker's Day	1 Su Exam study Period	1 Tu	1 Fr 10 99	1 Mo 31 120	1 We Yam Kippur 48 137	1 Sa 2nd Semester Study Period	1 Mo
2 Th University Holiday	2 Su	2 Su	2 We	2 Fr Isaiah Shembe Day 50 50	2 Mo	2 We	2 Sa	2 Tu 32 121	2 Th 49 138	2 Su	2 Tu
3 Fr University Holiday	3 Mo	3 Mo	3 Th	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Th	3 Su	3 We 33 122	3 Fr 50 139	3 Mo	3 We
4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Tu	4 Fr	4 Su	4 We	4 Fr	4 Mo 11 100	4 Th 34 123	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th Annual Supplementary Exams
5 Su	5 We	5 We	5 Sa	5 Mo	5 Th	5 Sa	5 Tu 12 101	5 Fr 35 124	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr Annual Supplementary Exams
6 Mo University Re-opens	6 Th	6 Th	6 Su	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Su	6 We 13 102	6 Sa	6 Mo 51 140	6 Th	6 Sa
7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Fr	7 Mo	7 We	7 Sa	7 Mo	7 Th 14 103	7 Su	7 Tu 52 141	7 Fr	7 Su
8 We	8 Sa	8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th	8 Su	8 Tu	8 Fr 15 104	8 Mo 36 125	8 We 53	8 Sa	8 Mo Annual Supplementary Exams
9 Th	9 Su	9 Su	9 We	9 Fr	9 Mo	9 We	9 Sa Woman's Day	9 Tu 37 126	9 Th 54	9 Su	9 Tu Annual Supplementary Exams
10 Fr	10 Mo	10 Mo	10 Th	10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Th	10 Su	10 We 38 127	10 Fr 55	10 Mo	10 We Annual Supplementary Exams
11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Su	11 We	11 Fr	11 Mo 16 105	11 Th 39 128	11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Th Annual Supplementary Exams
12 Su	12 We	12 We	12 Sa	12 Mo	12 Th	12 Sa	12 Tu 17 106	12 Fr 40 129	12 Su	12 We	12 Fr
13 Mo	13 Th	13 Th	13 Su	13 Tu	13 Fr	13 Su	13 We 18 107	13 Sa	13 Mo 56	13 Th	13 Sa
14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Fr	14 Mo	14 We	14 Sa	14 Mo	14 Th 19 108	14 Su	14 Tu 57	14 Fr	14 Su
15 We	15 Sa	15 Sa	15 Tu	15 Th	15 Su	15 Tu	15 Fr 20 109	15 Mo 41 130	15 We 58	15 Sa	15 Mo
16 Th	16 Su	16 Su	16 We	16 Fr	16 Mo	16 We	16 Sa	16 Tu 42 131	16 Th 59	16 Su	16 Tu Day of Reconciliation
17 Fr	17 Mo	17 Mo	17 Th	17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Th	17 We 21 110	17 Th Spring Graduation 44 133	17 Fr 60	17 Mo	17 We
18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Tu	18 Fr	18 Su	18 We	18 Fr	18 Th 22 111	18 Fr 45 134	18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Th
19 Su	19 We	19 We	19 Sa	19 Mo	19 Th	19 Sa	19 Tu 23 112	19 Tu 61	19 We	19 We	19 Fr
20 Mo	20 Th	20 Th	20 Su	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Su	20 We 24 113	20 We 62	20 Mo 61	20 Th	20 Sa
21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Fr	21 Mo	21 We	21 Th	21 Sa	21 Tu 25 114	21 Tu 63	21 Tu 62	21 Fr	21 Su
22 We	22 Sa	22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th	22 Fr	22 Su	22 We 26 115	22 We 64	22 We 63	22 Sa	22 Mo
23 Th	23 Su	23 Su	23 We	23 Fr	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu 27 116	23 Tu 65	23 Tu 64	23 Su	23 Tu
24 Fr	24 Mo	24 Mo	24 Th	24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Su	24 We 28 117	24 We 66	24 We 65	24 Mo	24 We
25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Tu	25 Fr	25 Su	25 We	25 Su	25 Th 29 118	25 Th 67	25 Th 66	25 Tu	25 Th Christmas Day
26 Su	26 We	26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo	26 Th	26 Sa	26 We 30 119	26 We 68	26 We 67	26 We	26 Fr Day of Goodwill
27 Mo	27 Th	27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Su	27 Tu 31 120	27 Tu 69	27 Tu 68	27 Th	27 Sa
28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Fr	28 Mo	28 We	28 Th	28 Sa	28 We 1 121	28 We 70	28 We 69	28 Fr	28 Su
29 We	29 Sa	29 Sa	29 Tu	29 Th	29 Fr	29 Su	29 Th 2 122	29 Th 71	29 Th 70	29 Sa	29 Mo
30 Th	30 Su	30 Su	30 We	30 Fr	30 Th	30 Su	30 We 3 123	30 We 72	30 We 71	30 Su	30 Tu
31 Fr	31 Mo	31 Mo	31 Th	31 Sa	31 We	31 Su	31 Th 4 124	31 Th 73	31 Th 72	31 Fr	31 We

KEY TO THE CALENDAR

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

Note: 2nd Semester Supplementary Examinations will be conducted from 14 January 2026 to 21 January 2026