



Academic Calendar for 2023

(Senate approved 22 March 2022. Revised on 31 October 2023
to include 15 December as a public holiday)

Calendar details:

Academic activity	Dates
University re-opens for professional support staff.	3 January
University re-opens for academic staff.	12 January
Online registration (for returning and first year students).	16 January to 10 February
Previous year's Special Assessments.	16 to 20 January
Academic staff research period.	13 January to 10 February
First Semester.	13 February to 26 May
Mid-Semester recess (First semester).	1 to 10 April
Study period for students.	27 to 31 May
First Semester - Final Assessment.	1 to 23 June
Winter recess for students. Students involved in supplementary assessments are scheduled to write in the last week of recess period.	24 June to 16 July
Supplementary Assessments (First Semester).	10 to 14 July
Winter recess for academic staff.	24 June to 9 July
Academic staff research period.	10 to 14 July
Second Semester.	17 July to 20 October
First Semester Special Assessment.	27 July to 2 August
Mid-semester recess (Second Semester).	2 to 10 September
Study Period for Students.	21 to 25 October
Second Semester Final Assessment.	26 October to 17 November
Study Period for Students involved in Supplementary Assessments.	18 to 26 November
Second Semester Supplementary Assessments.	27 November to 1 December
Start of Summer recess for students.	2 December
Start of Summer recess for academic staff (by the end of business day).	7 December
University closes for the summer recess for professional support staff (by the end of business day).	14 December
End of year Special Assessments (scheduled in the following year).	15 to 19 January 2024

Important Notes for 2023:

University re-opens for support employees	3 January
University re-opens for academic employees	12 January
Academic classes start for returning and first-year students	13 February
Lecturing Timetable Switches	The lecturing timetable of a Monday will be followed on Friday 14 April and on Wednesday 3 May
University Holidays	20 March and 28 April
Start of December Holiday for academic employees (by the end of business day)	7 December
University closes for the December Holidays for support employees (by the end of business day)	14 December

Public and University Holidays in 2023:

New Year's Day	1 January
New Year Holiday due to public holiday on Sunday	2 January
University Holiday	20 March
Human Rights Day	21 March
Good Friday	07 April
Family Day	10 April
Freedom Day	27 April
University Holiday	28 April
Workers' Day	1 May
Youth Day	16 June
National Women's Day	9 August
Heritage Day	24 September
Heritage Day Holiday due to public holiday on Sunday	25 September
Public Holiday (announced on 30 October)	15 December
Day of Reconciliation	16 December
Christmas Day	25 December
Day of Goodwill	26 December

Academic Calendar Mapping for 2023

JANUARY

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Spl/ Ⓡ	Spl/ Ⓡ	Spl/ Ⓡ	Spl/ Ⓡ	Spl/ Ⓡ		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
Ⓡ	Ⓡ					

FEBRUARY

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		Ⓡ	Ⓡ	Ⓡ		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Ⓡ	Ⓡ	Ⓡ	Ⓡ	Ⓡ		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

MARCH

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

JUNE

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Supp/ Ⓡ	Supp/ Ⓡ	Supp/ Ⓡ	Supp/ Ⓡ	Supp/ Ⓡ		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
Spl						

AUGUST

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Spl	Spl				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
				Spl		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

NOVEMBER

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
Supp	Supp	Supp	Supp			

DECEMBER

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
				Supp		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- - Assessments.
- Supp - Supplementary Assessment.
- Spl - Special Assessment.
- Academic classes.
- Student Recess for students not writing supplementary/special assessments.
- Study Break.
- Academic staff Research period.
- Public Holidays.
- Public School Holidays: Gauteng
- University Holiday.