



2024 Academic Calendar

(Senate approved 16 November 2022)

Calendar details:

Academic activity	Date
University re-opens for professional support staff	2 January
University re-opens for academic staff	15 January
Online registration (for returning and first-year students)	15 January to 11 February
Previous year's Special Assessments	15 to 19 January
Academic staff research period	15 January to 11 February
First Semester	12 February to 24 May
Mid-Semester recess (First semester)	23 to 31 March
Study period for students	25 to 29 May
First Semester - Final Assessment	30 May to 21 June
Winter recess for students	22 June to 7 July
Supplementary Assessments (First Semester)	8 to 12 July
Winter recess for academic staff	22 June to 7 July
Academic staff research period	8 to 12 July
Second Semester	15 July to 18 October
First Semester Special Assessment	29 July to 2 August
Mid-semester recess (Second Semester)	31 August to 8 September
Study Period for Students	19 to 23 October
Second Semester Final Assessment	24 October to 15 November
Study Period for Students involved in Supplementary Assessments	16 to 24 November
Second Semester Supplementary Assessments	25 to 29 November
Start of the Summer recess for students	30 November
Start of the Summer recess for academic staff (by the end of business day)	10 December
University closes for the December Holidays for support staff (by the end of business day)	12 December

Public and University holidays:

New Year's Day	1 January
Human Rights Day	21 March
University Holiday	22 March
Good Friday	29 March
Family Day	1 April
Freedom Day	27 April
Workers' Day	1 May
Youth Day	16 June
Public holiday due to Youth Day falling on a Sunday	17 June
Public holiday due to 2024 Election Day	29 May
National Women's Day	9 August
University Holiday	23 September
Heritage Day	24 September
Day of Reconciliation	16 December
Christmas Day	25 December
Day of Goodwill	26 December

ACADEMIC CALENDAR MAPPING FOR 2024

LEGEND

Assessments	Study Break
Supplementary Assessments	Public School Holidays (from 22 March to 2 April, 18 June to 8 July, 23 to 30 September, and closing 12 December)
Special Assessment (Date)	Academic Recess (additional to the student recess periods and when the University is closed for the December holiday)
Academic activities	
Public Holidays	
Student/Academic Recess	

Notes

University re-opens for support employees	2 January
University re-opens for academic employees	15 January
Start of academic activities	12 February
University Holidays	22 March & 23 September
Start of December holiday for academic employees (by the end of business day)	10 December
University closes for the December holidays for support employees (by the end of business day)	12 December
Timetable switches	2 October
General National and Provincial Elections	29 May

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