



Academic Calendar for 2027

(Senate approved S 221/2025)

Academic activity	Date(s)
University re-opens for professional support staff	5 January
University re-opens for academic staff	11 January
Online registration (for returning and first-year students)	11 January to 5 February
Previous year's Special Assessments	11 to 15 January
Academic staff research period	11 January to 5 February
First Semester	8 February to 21 May
Mid-semester recess (First semester)	27 March to 4 April
Study period for students	24 to 26 May
Final Assessment (First Semester)	27 May to 18 June
Winter recess for students and academic staff	21 June to 2 July
Supplementary Assessments (First Semester)	5 to 9 July
Research period for academic staff not involved in supplementary assessments	5 to 9 July
Second Semester	12 July to 15 October
Special Assessment (First Semester)	26 to 30 July
Mid-semester recess (Second Semester)	30 August to 3 September
Study Period for students	18 to 20 October
Final Assessment (Second Semester)	21 October to 12 November
Study Period for students involved in Supplementary Assessments	15 to 19 November
Supplementary Assessments (Second Semester)	22 to 26 November
Start of the December holiday for students	27 November
Start of December holiday for academic employees	6 December (close of business)
Start of December holiday for support employees	15 December (close of business)
Special Assessments (Second Semester modules) to be concluded in January of the new year (2028)	10 to 14 January 2028

Public and University holidays:

Description	2027 Date
New Year's Day	1 January
University Holiday	4 January
Human Rights Day	21 March
Public Holiday due to Human Rights Day on Sunday	22 March
Good Friday	26 March
Family Day	29 March
University Holiday	26 April
Freedom Day	27 April
Workers' Day	1 May
Youth Day	16 June
National Women's Day	9 August
Heritage Day	24 September
Day of Reconciliation	16 December
Christmas Day	25 December
Day of Goodwill	26 December
Public Holiday due to Day of Goodwill on Sunday	27 December

ACADEMIC CALENDAR MAPPING FOR 2027

Assessments	Study Break
Supplementary Assessments <i>(No leave for academics during supplementary assessments.)</i> <i>Research period for staff not involved in supplementaries)</i>	Public School Holidays
	From To
	23 March 5 April
	28 June 19 July
	23 September 4 October
	9 December To be confirmed
Special Assessment (Date)	Academic recess (additional to the student recess periods)
Academic activities	Student/Academic Recess
Public Holidays	University Holiday

Notes	
University re-opens for support employees	5 January
University re-opens for academic employees	11 January
Start of academic activities	8 February
University Holiday	4 January and 26 April
Start of the December holiday for academic employees	6 December (close of business)
Start of the December holiday for support employees	15 December (close of business)
Timetable switches	To be confirmed

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