Academic Calendar for 2025

(Senate approved 1 June 2023)

Calendar details:

Academic activity	2025
University re-opens for professional support staff	2 January
University re-opens for academic staff	13 January
Online registration (for returning and first-year students)	13 January to 9 February
Previous year's Special Assessments	13 to 17 January
Academic staff research period	13 January to 9 February
First Semester	10 February to 23 May
Mid-Semester recess (First semester)	29 March to 6 April
Study period for students	24 to 28 May
First Semester - Final Assessment	29 May to 20 June
Winter recess for students	21 June to 6 July
Winter recess for academic staff	21 June to 6 July
Supplementary Assessments (First Semester)	7 to 11 July
Academic staff research period	7 to 13 July
Second Semester	14 July to 17 October
First Semester Special Assessment	28 July to 1 August
Mid-semester recess (Second Semester)	30 August to 7 September
Study Period for Students	18 to 22 October
Second Semester Final Assessment	23 October to 14 November
Study Period for Students involved in Supplementary Assessments	15 to 23 November
Second Semester Supplementary Assessments	24 to 28 November
Start of December holiday for students	29 November
Start of December holiday for academic employees	10 December
Start of December holiday for support employees	13 December

Public and University holidays:

New Year's Day	1 January
Human Rights Day	21 March
Good Friday	18 April
Family Day	21 April
Freedom Day	27 April
Public Holiday due to Freedom Day falling on a Sunday	28 April
Workers' Day	1 May
University Holiday	2 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

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2025

APPROVED AT SENATE:	1 JUNE 2023

PROJECT PHASE	STARTING	ENDING
ASSESSMENTS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
STUDENT/ACADEMIC RECESS	29 March	7 April
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	28 June	21 July
ACADEMIC CLASS DAYS	4 October	12 October
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	11 December	
SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENTS (NO LEAVE FOR ACADEMICS)	Academic Recess (additional to the student recess periods and when the University is closed for the December holiday)	

NOTES

University re-opens for support employees	2 January
University re-opens for academic employees	13 January
Start of academic activities	10 February
University Holidays	2 May
Start of December holiday for academic employees	10 December
Start of December holiday for support employees	13 December

Timetable switches:

The lecturing timetable of a Monday to be followed on Tuesday 22 April 2025, and a Friday to be followed on Wednesday 30 April 2025

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