



Academic Calendar 2026

January							February							March									
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
1				1	2	3	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	11	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	13	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	25	26	27	28	29	30	31								14	29	30	31					
April							May							June									
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
14			1	2	3	4	18					1	2	23	1	2	3	4	5	6			
15	5	6	Mo	Fr	9	10	11	19	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	24	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	20	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	25	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	26	27	28	29	30			22	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	27	28	29	30				
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July							August							September									
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
27			1	2	3	4	31						1	36		1	2	3	4	5			
28	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	32	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	37	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	33	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	38	13	14	Fr	16	17	18	19
30	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	34	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	39	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	26	27	28	29	30	31		35	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	40	27	28	29	30			
								36	30	31													
October							November							December									
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
40				1	2	3	45	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	49		1	2	3	4	5		
41	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	46	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	50	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	47	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	51	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	48	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	52	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	49	29	30					1	27	28	29	30	31			

	Public Holidays		Test Weeks (Hatfield & Groenkloof)		Summer/Winter School
	Welcome Day		UP Recess		Special Lecture Days
	Orientation First-Year Students		Examination		# Choose UP Day
	INSYNC First-Year concert		Supplementary Examination		UP Wellness Day
	RAG of Hope Day		Cooling off period: No non academic activities before & during Test weeks or Exams		

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR: 2026
MAIN DATES**

1 January		Public Holiday
5 January	1.	Start of the academic year
	2.	Start of online registration for senior students
5-17 January		Summer School period
21 January		Submission deadline: Final marks – Summer School
28 January		Submission deadline: Final marks – Chancellors and Special examinations
30 January – 1 February		Orientation for International Students
31 January		Welcome Day
2-6 February	1.	Orientation for First-year students (Hatfield & Groenkloof)
	2.	Senate Review Committee on Readmissions meetings
6 February		Submission deadline: Final marks – Autumn Graduation
7 February		INSYNC First-year concert
9 February		Start of lectures: Q1 and Semester 1
10 February		UP Birthday
13 February		Ultimate deadline for awarding UG and PG students for the Autumn Graduation by the Faculty Administration
20 February		Closing date: Last day of registration for Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 (No student is permitted to register for a module after the first two weeks of lectures have passed, with the exception of cases that have been approved by the Registrar)
21 February		RAG of Hope Day
9 March		Closing date: Cancellation (dropping) or swapping of Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 modules. Cancellation or swaps after this date will have an impact on fees and GPA. See General Academic Regulation G2
14-20 March & 28 March & 11 April		Test Week 1: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses) Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
21 March		Public Holiday
27 March		Lectures end: Q1
28 March		Test Week 1 continues: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses) Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
29 March-6 April		March/April recess
3 April		Public Holiday
6 April		Public Holiday
7 April	1.	Start of lectures: Q2
	2.	Monday lecture timetable is followed
8 April		Friday lecture timetable is followed
11 April		Test Week 1 continues: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses) Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
27 April		Public Holiday
1 May		Public Holiday

2-9 May & 16 May		Test Week 2: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses) Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
16 May		Test Week 2 continues: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses) Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
17 May-27 June		Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities before and during examinations
27 May		Lectures end: Q2 and Semester 1
28-29 May		Pre-examination study period
30 May-18 June		Examination period: Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 modules
16 June		Public Holiday
22-27 June		Supplementary examination period: Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 modules
28 June-19 July		July recess
29 June		Submission deadline: Final marks – Supplementary examination marks of Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 modules
29 June-11 July		Winter School period
15 July	1.	Submission deadline: Final marks – Winter School modules
	2.	Submission deadline: Final marks – Spring Graduation
20 July		Start of lectures: Q3 and Semester 2
20-24 July		Senate Review Committee on Readmission meetings
31 July		Closing date: Last day of registration for Q3, Q4 and semester 2 (No student is permitted to register for a module after the first two weeks of lectures have passed, with the exception of cases that have been approved by the Registrar)
9 August		Public Holiday (Sunday)
10 August		Public Holiday
17 August		Closing date: Cancellation (dropping) or swapping of Q3, Q4 and Semester 2 modules. Cancellation or swaps after this date will have an impact on fees and GPA. See General Academic Regulation G2
22-29 August & 5 September		Test Week 1: Semester 2 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses) Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
5 September		Test Week 1 continues: Semester 2 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses) Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
7 September		Lectures end: Q3
8 September		Start of lectures: Q4
12 September		# Choose UP Day
15 September		Friday lecture timetable is followed
16 September		UP Wellness Day: No lecture day
17-27 September		September recess
24 September		Public Holiday
2 October		International Students' Day
10-17 October & 24 October		Test Week 2: Semester 2 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)

		Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
24 October		Test Week 2 continues: Semester 2 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses) Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
25 October-5 December		Cooling-off period (non-academic student activities before and during examinations)
5/*6 November		Lectures end: Q4 and Semester 2
*6 November		Wednesday lecture timetable is followed (<i>*Provision made for Local Government elections</i>)
6 November		Pre-examination study period
7-25 November		Examination period: Q3, Q4 and Semester 2 modules
30 November-5 December		Supplementary examination period: Q3, Q4 and Semester 2 modules
5 December		End of the academic year
7 December		Submission deadline: Final marks – Supplementary examination marks of Q3, Q4 and Semester 2 modules
16 December		Public Holiday
23 December		University closes at 10:00
25 December		Public Holiday
26 December		Public Holiday
4 January 2027		Start of the academic year

2026 GRADUATION CEREMONY DATES

04 – 29 May	Autumn Graduation
31 August – 04 September	Spring Graduation
10 December	Graduation Ceremony for LLM in Human Rights

For information related to the Public Holidays displayed:

Consult the South African Government:

<https://www.gov.za/about-sa/public-holidays>

Public School Terms:

Consult the Department of Education:

<https://www.education.gov.za/portals/0/documents/publications/2025/2026%20School%20Calendar.pdf>

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026

Explanation of lecture days for 2026

Semester 1: **9 February – 27 May** (Lecture days only)

Quarter 1: 9 February – 27 March

Mo = 7, Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

Quarter 2: 7 April – 27 May

Mo = 6, Tu = 8, We = 8, Th = 7, Fr = 6 (35 lecture days)

Tuesday *7 April - Monday lecture timetable is followed*
Wednesday *8 April - Friday lecture timetable is followed*

Semester 2: **20 July – 5/*6 November** (Lecture days only)

Quarter 3: 20 July – 7 September

Mo = 7, Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

Quarter 4: 8 September – 5/*6 November

Mo = 7, Tu = 8, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 6 (35 lecture days)

Tuesday *15 September – Friday lecture timetable is followed*
Friday **6 November – Wednesday lecture timetable is followed*
**(Provision made for Local Government elections)*