



Academic Calendar 2027

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

	Public Holidays		Test Weeks (Hatfield & Groenkloof)		Special Lecture Days
	Welcome Day		UP Recess		# Choose UP Day
	Orientation First-year students		Examinations		UP Wellness Day
	INSYNC First-year concert		Supplementary Examinations		Summer/Winter School
	Rag of Hope Day				
	Cooling off period for all <u>non academic</u> student activities before & during Tests & Exam				

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MAIN DATES**

1 January		Public Holiday
4 January	1.	Start of the academic year
	2.	Start of online registration for senior students
4-16 January		Summer School period
20 January		Submission deadline: Final marks – Summer School
27 January		Submission deadline: Final marks – Chancellors and Special examinations
29-31 January		Orientation for International Students
30 January		Welcome Day
1-5 February	1.	Orientation for First-year students (Hatfield & Groenkloof)
	2.	Senate Review Committee on Readmissions meetings
5 February		Submission deadline: Final marks – Autumn Graduation
6 February		INSYNC First-year concert
8 February		Start of lectures: Q1 and Semester 1
10 February		UP Birthday
12 February		Ultimate deadline for awarding UG and PG students for the Autumn Graduation by the Faculty Administration
19 February		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)
20 February		RAG of Hope Day
6 March	1.	Test Week 1: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
8 March		Closing date: Cancellation (dropping) or swapping of Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 modules. Cancellations or swaps after this date will affect fees and GPA. See General Academic Regulation G2
13-20 March	1.	Test Week 1 continues: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
21 March		Public Holiday
22 March		Public Holiday in terms of Legislation
21-29 March		March recess
26 March		Public Holiday
29 March		Public Holiday
5 April		Lectures end: Q1
6 April		Start of lectures: Q2
17 April	1.	Test Week 2: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
24 April	1.	Test Week 2 continues: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
26 April		No Lecture day for students
27 April		Public Holiday
28 April		Monday lecture timetable is followed

1 May		Public Holiday
3-8 May	1.	Test Week 2 continues: Semester 1 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
15 May-26 June		Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities before and during Examinations
26 May		Lectures end: Q2 and Semester 1
27-28 May		Pre-examination study period
29 May-17 June		Examination period: Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 modules
16 June		Public Holiday
18-20 June		Pre-Supplementary examination study period
21-26 June		Supplementary examination period: Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 modules
27 June-18 July		July recess
28 June		Submission deadline: Final marks – Supplementary examination marks of Q1, Q2 and Semester 1 modules
28 June-10 July		Winter School period
14 July	1.	Submission deadline: Final marks – Winter School modules
	2.	Submission deadline: Final marks – Spring Graduation
19 July		Start of lectures: Q3 and Semester 2
19-23 July		Senate Review Committee on Readmission meetings
30 July		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
14 August	1.	Test Week 1: Semester 2 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
16 August		Closing date: Cancellation (dropping) or swapping of Q3, Q4 and Semester 2 modules. Cancellations or swaps after this date will affect fees and GPA. See General Academic Regulation G2
21-28 August	1.	Test Week 1 continues: Semester 2 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
6 September		Lectures end: Q3
7 September		Start of lectures: Q4
4 September		# Choose UP Day
14 September		Friday lecture timetable is followed
15 September		UP Wellness Day: No lecture day for students
16-26 September		September recess
24 September		Public Holiday

2 October	1.	Test Week 2: Semester 2 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
9-16 October	1.	Test Week 2 continues: Semester 2 (Hatfield & Groenkloof campuses)
	2.	Cooling-off period: No non-academic student activities during test week
22 October		International Students' Day
23 October – 4 December		Cooling-off period (non-academic student activities before and during examinations)
4 November		Lectures end: Q4 and Semester 2
5 November		Pre-examination study period
6-24 November		Examination period: Q3, Q4 and Semester 2 modules
25-28 November		Pre-Supplementary examination study period
29 November – 4 December		Supplementary examination period: Q3, Q4 and Semester 2 modules
4 December		End of the academic year
6 December		Submission deadline: Final marks – Supplementary examination marks of Q3, Q4, Semester 2 and Year modules
16 December		Public Holiday
23 December		University closes at 10:00
25 December		Public Holiday
26 December		Public Holiday
27 December		Public Holiday in terms of Legislation
3 January 2028		Start of the academic year

GRADUATION CEREMONY DATES

03 – 28 May	Autumn Graduation
30 August – 03 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/Published%202026%20School%20Calendar.pdf>

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Explanation of lecture days for 2027

Semester 1: **8 February – 26 May**

Quarter 1: 8 February – 5 April

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

Quarter 2: 6 April – 26 May

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

Wednesday *28 April – Monday lecture timetable is followed*

Semester 2: **19 July – 4 November**

Quarter 3: 19 July – 6 September

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

Quarter 4: 7 September – 4 November

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

Tuesday *14 September – Friday lecture timetable is followed*