

REVISED TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2018
(Approved by Senate at its Meeting Dated 14 March 2018)

UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS

Wednesday 3 January 2018

Administrative staff and those academic staff required for registration preparation, as determined by Heads of Departments, return on Wednesday 3 January 2018. The rest of the academic staff return on Monday 8 January 2018.

ACADEMIC TERM	DATES
1 & 2	05 March – 29 June
3	16 July – 21 September
4	01 October – 14 December

REGISTRATION:

Faculties to decide on their registration dates

First Semester	08 January – 03 February
Annual	08 January – 03 February
Second Semester	16 July - 21 July (inclusive of 1 Saturday)

LECTURES (inclusive of Saturdays)

First Semester	05 March – 05 June (5 Saturdays)	66 days
Annual	05 March – 02 October	136 days
Second Semester	23 July – 23 October	61 days

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

25 - 26 April (Midlands)	2 days
07 - 14 May (Durban) (incl. Saturday)	7 days
06 - 07 September (Durban) - Spring Graduation	2 day

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (inclusive of weekends)

First Semester	06 June – 10 June	5 days
Annual	03 October - 07 October	5 days
Second semester	24 October – 28 October	5 days

COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS

First Semester	11 June - 25 June	11 days
Annual	08 October – 26 October	15 days
Second Semester	29 October - 12 November	11 days
*Eid-ul-Fitr	15 June	
*Diwali	07 November	

UNIVERSITY CLOSURES

14 December 2018 until 31 December 2018.

See Annexure 1 for information on how the above dates are accommodated in the Calendar and Annexure 2 for public and religious holidays)

Office of the Registrar

REVISED 2018 SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR**NOTE:**

This schedule is aimed at:

1. Illustrating all prescribed factors that need to be accommodated when devising the academic calendar, including the two new provisions of:
 - 1.1 a 5 day study period for students (including weekends); and
 - 1.2 a minimum of 14 weeks per semester for lectures/practicals for semesterised programmes.
2. indicating the number of days allocated for lectures/practicals (see column 9 below) after all prescribed factors have been accommodated.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR 2018 (CALCULATED FROM FIRST DAY OF LECTURES TO LAST DAY OF RESPECTIVE SEMESTER/ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS)		REGISTRATION PERIOD		(MINUS) MID SEMESTER VACATION PERIOD		(MINUS) STUDY PERIOD (Including weekends)		(MINUS) EXAMS		(EQUALS) REMAINING WEEKS	(EQUALS) REMAINING DAYS (EXCLUDING WEEKENDS)	(MINUS) PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THAT ARE NOT PART OF THE VACATION PERIODS	(EQUALS) DAYS FOR LECTURES/PRACTICALS
DATES	WEEKS	DATES	WEEKS	DATES	WEEKS	DATE	WEEKS	DATE	WEEKS				
<u>Semester 1</u> 05 March – 25 June	16 + 1 day	<u>Semester 1</u> 08 Jan – 02 March				<u>Semester 1</u> 06 June – 10 June	5 days incl w/ends	<u>Semester 1</u> 11 June – 25 June	2 + 1 day	<u>Semester 1</u> 13 (+5 Saturdays)	<u>Semester 1</u> 71	<u>Semester 1</u> 5	<u>Semester 1</u> 66
<u>Annual</u> 05 Mar– 29 June	17	<u>Annual</u> 08 Jan – 02 March				<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> 17 (+5 Saturd	<u>Annual</u> 90	<u>Annual</u> 5	<u>Annual</u> 85
MID-YEAR VACATION 2 JULY TO 13 JULY													
<u>Semester 2</u> 23 July – 12 Nov	16 + 1 day	<u>Semester 2</u> 16 July – 21 July		24 Sept – 28 Sept	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 24 Oct – 28 Oct	5 days incl w/ends	<u>Semester 2</u> 29 Oct – 12 Nov	2 + 1 day	<u>Semester 2</u> 12	62	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 61
<u>Annual</u> 16 July – 26 Oct	15	<u>Annual</u> -				<u>Annual</u> 03 Oct - 07 Oct	5 days incl w/ends	<u>Annual</u> 08 Oct – 26 Oct	3	<u>Annual</u> 10	52		<u>Annual</u> 51

<u>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</u>		<u>RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS</u>
Monday 1 January	New Year's Day	<p>The University respects the religious beliefs of all staff and students. As a result tests and examinations will not be scheduled on the following days, however the University will remain open and operational on these days:</p> <p>Isaiah Shembe Day 10 March</p> <p>Isaiah Shembe Day 02 May</p> <p>Ascension Day 10 May</p> <p>*Eid-ul-Fitr 15 June</p> <p>*Eid-ul-Adha 22 August</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah 10/11 September</p> <p>Yom Kippur 19 September</p> <p>Deepavali 7 November</p> <p><i>*Dependent upon the sighting of the moon.</i></p>
Wednesday 21 March	Human Rights' Day	
Friday 30 March	Good Friday	
Monday 2 April	Family Day	
Friday 27 April	Freedom Day	
Tuesday 1 May	Worker's Day	
Saturday 16 June	Youth Day	
Thursday 9 August	National Women's Day	
Monday 24 September	Heritage Day	
Sunday 16 December	Day of Reconciliation	
Monday 17 December	Public Holiday	
Tuesday 25 December	Christmas Day	
Wednesday 26 December	Day of Goodwill	