



FINAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2027

UNIVERSITY OPENS ON 04 JANUARY 2027

**REGISTRATION PERIOD (UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING
BACHELOR HONOURS DEGREES AND POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS)
(Online Registration)**

NSC RESULTS RELEASED	07 January 2026 (tentative date)
ONLINE Registration: First-year students (online on-campus in computer labs as per schedule or own devices at home)	Mon 25 Jan – Fri 05 Feb (two weeks) (Orientation will take place simultaneously on Campus – scheduled around the Registration Programme) Fri 22 Jan and Sat 23 Jan (Residence students: academic registration on campus)
RESIDENCE ARRIVAL for First Year students (prior to registration and orientation period)	Fri 22 Jan and Sat 23 Jan
Orientation for First Year students	Mon 25 Jan - Fri 05 Feb (for 2 weeks during the registration period, scheduled around the registration programme)
Vice-Chancellor's Welcome to First-Year students	Sat 06 Feb
ONLINE Registration: Undergraduate Returning, Bachelors Honours and Postgraduate Diploma students (own devices at home)	Wed 13 Jan – Fri 05 Feb (3 ½ weeks)

TEACHING BLOCKS AND ASSESSMENT PERIODS

FIRST SEMESTER	DATES
1 ST TEACHING BLOCK	Mon 08 Feb – Fri 19 March (30 days)
Module change period	Mon 08 Feb – Fri 19 Feb (2 weeks)
RECESS (Students)	Mon 22 March – Fri 02 April (2 weeks – includes Easter period)
2 ND TEACHING BLOCK	Mon 05 April – Fri 14 May (28 days)
SPU Holiday	Mon 26 April (Freedom Day: Tuesday 27 April)
Main Mid-year exam	Mon 17 May – Fri 04 June (15 days)
Supplementary exam	Mon 21 June – Fri 02 July (10 days)
RECESS (Students)	Mon 05 July – Fri 09 July
Senate Assessment Committee	Thu 08 July
SECOND SEMESTER	DATES
3 RD TEACHING BLOCK	Mon 12 July – Fri 20 Aug (29 days)
Module change period	Mon 12 July – Fri 23 July (2 weeks)
RECESS (Students)	Mon 23 Aug – Fri 27 Aug (1 week)
4 TH TEACHING BLOCK	Mon 30 Aug – Fri 15 Oct (33 days)
SPU Holiday	Thu 23 Sep (Heritage Day – Fri 24 Sep)
Main Year-End exam	Mon 18 Oct – Fri 05 Nov (15 days)
Supplementary exam	Mon 22 Nov – Fri 03 Dec (10 days)
Senate Assessment Committee	Fri 10 Dec

UNIVERSITY CLOSURES ON WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2027