



## TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2024

*Approved by Senate (Meeting dated 30 August 2023) and Ratified by Council (Meeting dated: 16 September 2023)*

### **UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS – Wednesday, 03 January 2024**

Administrative staff and those academic staff required for registration preparation, as determined by Heads of Departments, return on Wednesday, 03 January 2024. All other staff return on Monday, 08 January 2024.

ACADEMIC TERMS			
TERM	FROM	TO	NOTES
1	05 February	28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 1 and 2 = Semester 1</li> <li>• Term 3 and 4 = Semester 2</li> <li>• Term 1 to 4 = Annual</li> </ul>
2	08 April	28 June	
3	22 July	20 September	
4	30 September	13 December	

2024 REGISTRATION DATES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF WEEKS
<b>Undergraduate</b>			
New Students	15 January	09 February	4
Returning Students	15 January	09 February	4
<b>Postgraduate</b>			
<b>Full Research (Master's and Doctorates)</b>			
New Students	15 January	31 July	28
Returning Students	15 January	09 February	4
<b>Course Work (Master's)</b>			
New Students	15 January	09 February	4
Returning Students	15 January	09 February	4
Late Registration	12 February	23 February	2
Refer to Annexure 3 for dates for module/programme changes			

LECTURES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	12 February	28 May	69
Annual	12 February	08 October	142
Second Semester	22 July	05 November	71

GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Midlands - Autumn Graduation	13 May	15 May	3
Durban - Autumn Graduation	20 May	31 May	11
Durban - Spring Graduation	18 September	19 September	2

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	29 May	02 June	5
Annual	09 October	13 October	5
Second Semester	06 November	10 November	5

<b>EXAMINATION DATES</b>			
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF DAYS</b>
First Semester	03 June	19 June	12
Annual	14 October	04 November	15
Second Semester	11 November	26 November	12

<b>SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION DATES</b>			
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>NO. OF DAYS</b>
First Semester	11 July	18 July	6
Annual	02 December	09 December	6
Second Semester	13 January 2025	20 January 2025	6

**UNIVERSITY CLOSED – 17 December 2024 until 31 December 2024.**

*See Annexure 1 for information on how the above dates are accommodated in the Calendar and Annexure 2 for public holiday and religious days*

## 2024 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 provisions of:
  - 1.1 A 5-day study period for students (including weekends); and
  - 1.2 An estimate 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.

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
REGISTRATION PERIOD		TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR 2024 (CALCULATED FROM FIRST DAY OF LECTURES TO LAST DAY OF RESPECTIVE SEMESTER/ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS)		(MINUS) MID SEMESTER VACATION PERIOD		(MINUS) STUDY PERIOD * (Excluding Weekends – Not included in the calculation of the days)		(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> 15 Jan – 09 Feb	4	<u>Semester 1</u> 12 Feb – 19 June	18 + 2 days	02 April – 05 April	4 Days	<u>Semester 1</u> 29 May – 02 June	3 days + *w/end	<u>Semester 1</u> 03 June – 19 June	2 + 2 days	<u>Semester 1</u> 14 + 4 days	<u>Semester 1</u> 73	<u>Semester 1</u> 4	<u>Semester 1</u> 69
<u>Annual</u> 15 Jan – 09 Feb	4	<u>Annual</u> 12 Feb – 28 June	20	02 April – 05 April	4 Days	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> 19 + 1 day	<u>Annual</u> 96	<u>Annual</u> 5	<u>Annual</u> 91
<b>MID-YEAR VACATION 01 JULY TO 19 JULY (3 WEEKS)</b>													
<u>Semester 2</u> -----	-----	<u>Semester 2</u> 22 July – 26 Nov	18 + 2 days	23 Sept – 27 Sept	5 Days	<u>Semester 2</u> 06 Nov - 10 Nov	3 days + *w/end	<u>Semester 2</u> 11 Nov – 26 Nov	2 + 2 days	<u>Semester 2</u> 14 + 2 days	72	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 71
<u>Annual</u> -----	-----	<u>Annual</u> 22 July – 04 Nov	15 + 1 day	23 Sept – 27 Sept	5 Days	<u>Annual</u> 09 Oct – 13 Oct	3 days + *w/end	<u>Annual</u> 14 Oct – 04 Nov	3 + 1 day	<u>Annual</u> 10 + 2 days	52	1	<u>Annual</u> 51

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND RELIGIOUS DAYS FOR 2024**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS			RELIGIOUS DAYS		
HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	RELIGIOUS DAY	DATE	DAY
New Year's Day	01 January	Monday	Isaiah Shembe Day	10 March	Sunday
Human Rights' Day	21 March	Thursday	Isaiah Shembe Day	02 May	Thursday
Good Friday	29 March	Friday	*Eid-ul-Fitr	11 April	Thursday
Family Day	01 April	Monday	Ascension Day	09 May	Thursday
Freedom Day	27 April	Saturday	*Eid-ul-Adha	17 June	Monday
Worker's Day	01 May	Wednesday	Rosh Hashanah	02-04 October	Wednesday - Friday
Youth Day	16 June	Sunday	Yom Kippur	11-12 October	Friday - Saturday
*Public Holiday; Youth Day observed	17 June	Monday	Deepavali/Diwali	31 October	Thursday
National Women's Day	09 August	Friday			
Heritage Day	24 September	Tuesday	<b>*Dependent upon the sighting of the moon</b>		
Day of Reconciliation	16 December	Monday	The University respects the religious beliefs of all staff and students. As a result, tests, assessments, and examinations will not be scheduled on the above days; however, the University will remain open and operational on these days.		
Christmas Day	25 December	Wednesday			
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Thursday			
*The Public Holidays Act (Act No 36 of 1994) determines whenever any public holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday following on it shall be a public holiday.					

## DATES FOR PROGRAMME/MODULE CHANGES

MODULE/PROGRAMME CHANGES	DATE
Final date for any changes to <u>first semester</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	11 March
Last day to cancel <u>first semester</u> <b>modules</b> or to de-register for first semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that <b>module</b> /programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any <b>module</b> /programme prior to or as at this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published.	08 April
Final date for any changes to <u>annual</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	16 April
Last day to cancel <u>annual</u> <b>modules</b> or to de-register for annual programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that <b>module</b> /programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any <b>module</b> /programme prior to or as at this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published	30 May
Final date for any changes to <u>second semester</u> <b>modules</b> /programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)	19 August
Last day to cancel <u>second semester</u> <b>modules</b> or to de-register for second semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that <b>module</b> /programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any <b>module</b> /programme prior to or as at this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published	09 September

## 2024 Academic Calendar Mapping

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Mo <small>New Year's Day</small>	1 Th <small>Registration</small>	1 Fr 15 15	1 Mo <small>Family Day</small>	1 We <small>Worker's Day</small>	1 Sa <small>Exam Study Period</small>	1 Mo	1 Th 9 100	1 Su	1 Tu 46 137	1 Fr 69 <small>Annual Exam</small>	1 Su
2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th <small>Isaiah Shembe Day</small> 51 51	2 Su	2 Tu	2 Fr 10 101	2 Mo 30 121	2 We 47 138	2 Sa	2 Mo <small>Annual Supplementary Exam</small>
3 We	3 Sa	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr 52 52	3 Mo	3 We	3 Sa	3 Tu 31 122	3 Th <small>Rosh Hashana</small> 48 139	3 Su	3 Tu <small>Annual Supplementary Exam</small>
4 Th	4 Su	4 Mo 16 16	4 Th	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th	4 Su	4 We 32 123	4 Fr 49 140	4 Mo 70 <small>Annual Exam</small>	4 We <small>Annual Supplementary Exam</small>
5 Fr	5 Mo	5 Tu 17 17	5 Fr	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr	5 Mo 11 102	5 Th 33 124	5 Sa	5 Tu 71	5 Th <small>Annual Supplementary Exam</small>
6 Sa	6 Tu	6 We 18 18	6 Sa	6 Mo 53 53	6 Th	6 Sa	6 Tu 12 103	6 Fr 34 125	6 Su	6 We	6 Fr
7 Su	7 We	7 Th 19 19	7 Su	7 Tu 54 54	7 Fr	7 Su	7 We 13 104	7 Sa	7 Mo 50 141	7 Th	7 Sa
8 Mo	8 Th	8 Fr 20 20	8 Mo 34 34	8 We 55 55	8 Sa	8 Mo	8 Th 14 105	8 Su	8 Tu 51 142	8 Fr	8 Su
9 Tu	9 Fr	9 Sa	9 Tu 35 35	9 Th <small>Ascension Day</small> 56 56	9 Su	9 Tu	9 Fr <small>National Woman's Day</small>	9 Mo 35 126	9 We 52	9 Sa	9 Mo <small>Annual Supplementary Exam</small>
10 We	10 Sa	10 Su <small>Isaiah Shembe Day</small>	10 We 36 36	10 Fr 57 57	10 Mo	10 We	10 Sa	10 Tu 36 127	10 Th 53	10 Su	10 Tu
11 Th	11 Su	11 Mo 21 21	11 Th <small>Eid-ul-Fitr</small> 37 37	11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Th	11 Su	11 We 37 128	11 Fr <small>Yom Kippur</small> 54	11 Mo	11 We
12 Fr	12 Mo 1 1	12 Tu 22 22	12 Fr 38 38	12 Su	12 We	12 Fr	12 Mo 15 106	12 Th 38 129	12 Sa	12 Tu	12 Th
13 Sa	13 Tu 2 2	13 We 23 23	13 Sa	13 Mo <small>Midlands Graduation</small> 58 58	13 Th	13 Sa	13 Tu 16 107	13 Fr 39 130	13 Su	13 We	13 Fr <small>2nd Semester Exam</small>
14 Su	14 We 3 3	14 Th 24 24	14 Su	14 Tu 59 59	14 Fr	14 Su	14 We 17 108	14 Sa	14 Mo 55	14 Th	14 Sa
15 Mo	15 Th 4 4	15 Fr 25 25	15 Mo 39 39	15 We <small>Midlands Graduation</small> 60 60	15 Sa	15 Mo	15 Th 18 109	15 Su	15 Tu 56	15 Fr	15 Su
16 Tu	16 Fr 5 5	16 Sa	16 Tu 40 40	16 Th 61 61	16 Su <small>Youth Day</small>	16 Tu	16 Fr 19 110	16 Mo 40 131	16 We 57	16 Sa	16 Mo <small>Day of Reconciliation</small>
17 We	17 Sa	17 Su	17 We 41 41	17 Fr 62 62	17 Mo <small>Eid-ul-Adha Public Holiday</small>	17 We	17 Sa	17 Tu 41 132	17 Th 58	17 Su	17 Tu
18 Th	18 Su	18 Mo 26 26	18 Th 42 42	18 Sa	18 Tu <small>1st Semester Exam</small> 83	18 Th	18 Su	18 We <small>Spring Graduation</small> 42 133	18 Fr 59	18 Mo	18 We
19 Fr	19 Mo 6 6	19 Tu 27 27	19 Fr 43 43	19 Su	19 We	19 Fr	19 Mo 20 111	19 Th 43 134	19 Sa	19 Tu	19 Th
20 Sa	20 Tu 7 7	20 We 28 28	20 Sa	20 Mo <small>Durban Graduation</small> 63 63	20 Th	20 Sa	20 Tu 21 112	20 Fr 44 135	20 Su	20 We	20 Fr <small>2nd Semester Exam</small>
21 Su	21 We 8 8	21 Th <small>Human Rights Day</small> 29 29	21 Su	21 Tu 64 64	21 Fr	21 Su	21 We 22 113	21 Sa	21 Mo 60	21 Th	21 Sa
22 Mo	22 Th 9 9	22 Fr 29 29	22 Mo 44 44	22 We <small>Durban Graduation</small> 65 65	22 Sa	22 Mo	22 Th 23 114	22 Su	22 Tu 61	22 Fr	22 Su
23 Tu	23 Fr 10 10	23 Sa	23 Tu 45 45	23 Th 66 66	23 Su	23 Tu	23 Fr 24 115	23 Mo	23 We 62	23 Sa	23 Mo
24 We	24 Sa	24 Su	24 We 46 46	24 Fr 67 67	24 Mo	24 We	24 Sa	24 Tu <small>Heritage Day</small>	24 Th 63	24 Su	24 Tu
25 Th	25 Su	25 Mo 30 30	25 Th 47 47	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th	25 Su	25 We	25 Fr 64	25 Mo	25 We <small>Christmas Day</small>
26 Fr	26 Mo 11 11	26 Tu 31 31	26 Fr 48 48	26 Su	26 We	26 Fr	26 Mo 25 116	26 Th	26 Sa	26 Tu	26 Th <small>Day of Goodwill</small>
27 Sa	27 Tu 12 12	27 We 32 32	27 Sa <small>Freedom Day</small>	27 Mo <small>Durban Graduation</small> 68 68	27 Th	27 Sa	27 Tu 29 117	27 Fr	27 Su	27 We	27 Fr
28 Su	28 We 13 13	28 Th 33 33	28 Su	28 Tu 69 69	28 Fr	28 Su	28 We 27 118	28 Sa	28 Mo 65	28 Th	28 Sa
29 Mo	29 Th 14 14	29 Fr <small>Good Friday</small>	29 Mo 49 49	29 We <small>Durban Graduation</small> 70	29 Sa	29 Mo	29 Th 28 119	29 Su	29 Tu 66	29 Fr	29 Su
30 Tu	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th 50 50	30 Th <small>Exam Study Period</small> 71	30 Su	30 Tu	30 Fr 29 120	30 Mo 45 136	30 We 67	30 Sa	30 Mo
31 We	31 Su	31 Fr	31 We	31 Fr 72	31 Tu	31 We	31 Sa	31 Th <small>Diwali</small> 68	31 Su	31 Tu	31 Tu

### KEY TO THE CALENDAR

■ Weekends 
 ■ Public Holiday 
 ■ Religious Holiday 
 ■ Registration 
 ■ Vacation 
 ■ Graduation 
 ■ Exam Study Period 
 ■ Exam Period 
 ■ 1st Semester Lecture Days 
 ■ Annual Lecture Days 
 ■ Supplementary Exam Period