

Academic year chart 2025/26



Notes

The chart (on page 2 of this document) is an illustration of the 2025/26 academic year as agreed by Senate on 31 January 2024.

1. Revised on the dates indicated to reflect the following events:
 - 11 July 2024: Public and University Holiday dates in December
 - 10 December 2024: Research Focus Weeks across the academic year
 - 26 March 2024: Arrival dates in September
 - 17 October 2025: Adjusted dates for supplementary assessments. Approved under delegation from Senate by University Secretary & Registrar on 14 October 2025.
 - 8 December 2025: 24 December 2025 designation changed to University holiday.
2. Bank holiday dates are shown in their normal, expected slots, but may not be definitive.
3. University holiday dates are shown in their normal configurations around bank holidays, but may not be definitive.
4. The dissertation period is a period of time specific to postgraduate taught masters programmes, in which students complete their masters dissertation. It usually begins at the end of Semester 2 and continues over the summer period.

iTrent in-semester annual leave for staff in academic grades

When staff in the academic grades (i.e. from Lecturer through to Professor) request annual leave they will need to select whether their requested leave is in an in-semester or out-of-semester period. This determines if authorisation is required (it is required for leave during the in-semester period but not during the out-of-semester period).

The in-semester period is defined as the periods shown in the chart above with a white background - i.e. those marked with S (Study days), R/A and [A] days (Revision and assessment days), and W (Welcome days for new students). Therefore when staff in the academic grades request annual leave falling within any of these dates they should always select the in-semester option.

Leave can be booked via [Employee Self-Service](#).

Key to the academic year chart for 2025/26

S	Study days
V	Christmas/Easter vacation weekdays other than University holidays
ISB	Inter-semester break
R	Revision days
A	Assessment days
R/A	Revision/Assessment days, to be used for assessments if needed: disposition subject to further consultation
[A]	Assessment days, if needed
V/SA	Supplementary assessments in vacation period
[V/SA]	Supplementary assessments in vacation period, if needed
AR	Arrival days (undergraduate and taught postgraduate new arrivals will be told when to arrive on these days)
W	Welcome days for new students
ES	Easter Sunday
PH	Public holiday
UH	University holiday
.	Other summer vacation weekdays and weekend days
:	Other weekend days (Christmas/Easter/Inter-semester break vacations)
-	Other weekend days (semester weeks)
*	Timing of supplementary assessment period subject to consultation

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Week No.	Week commencing	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Research Activity	Taught Activity	Vacation Periods
45	4 Aug 25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
46	11 Aug 25	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	[V/SA]	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
47	18 Aug 25	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
48	25 Aug 25	PH	UH	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
49	1 Sep 25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
50	8 Sep 25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Research focus week	Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
51	15 Sep 25	.	.	.	.	AR	AR	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
52	22 Sep 25	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		Welcome week	Summer vacation
1	29 Sep 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
2	6 Oct 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
3	13 Oct 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
4	20 Oct 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
5	27 Oct 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
6	3 Nov 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
7	10 Nov 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
8	17 Nov 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
9	24 Nov 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
10	1 Dec 25	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 1: Study	
11	8 Dec 25	S	S	S	S	S	:	:		Semester 1: Study	
12	15 Dec 25	V	V	V	V	V	:	:			Christmas vacation
13	22 Dec 25	V	V	UH	PH	PH	:	:			Christmas vacation
14	29 Dec 25	UH	UH	UH	PH	V	:	:			Christmas vacation
15	5 Jan 26	R	R	R	R/A	R/A	[A]	-	Research focus week	Assessment period	
16	12 Jan 26	A	A	A	A	A	[A]	-		Assessment period	
17	19 Jan 26	A	A	A	A	A	[A]	:		Assessment period	
18	26 Jan 26	ISB	ISB	ISB	ISB	ISB	:	:			Inter-semester break
19	2 Feb 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
20	9 Feb 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
21	16 Feb 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
22	23 Feb 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
23	2 Mar 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
24	9 Mar 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
25	16 Mar 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
26	23 Mar 26	S	S	S	S	S	:	:		Semester 2: Study	
27	30 Mar 26	V	V	V	V	PH	:	ES			Easter vacation
28	6 Apr 26	PH	UH	V	V	V	:	:			Easter vacation
29	13 Apr 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
30	20 Apr 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
31	27 Apr 26	S	S	S	S	S	-	-		Semester 2: Study	
32	4 May 26	PH	R	R	R/A	R/A	[A]	-	Research focus week	Assessment period	
33	11 May 26	A	A	A	A	A	[A]	-		Assessment period	
34	18 May 26	A	A	A	A	A	[A]	-		Assessment period	
35	25 May 26	PH	A	A	A	A				Assessment period	
36	1 Jun 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
37	8 Jun 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
38	15 Jun 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
39	22 Jun 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
40	29 Jun 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
41	6 Jul 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
42	13 Jul 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
43	20 Jul 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
44	27 Jul 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
45	3 Aug 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
46	10 Aug 26	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	[V/SA]	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
47	17 Aug 26	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	V/SA	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
48	24 Aug 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation
49	31 Aug 26	PH	UH	.	.	.	.	.		Dissertation Period	Summer vacation