Academic year chart
January start 2026

Notes

The chart (on page 2 of this document) is an illustration of the January Start 2026 academic year as agreed by Senate on 5 November 2025.

1. The dates for the main Revision & Assessment periods are as shown on the academic year chart.
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.

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 January start 2026

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
[A]	Assessment days, if needed
SA	Supplementary assessments
[SA]	Supplementary assessments, 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)

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