

## TERM DATES AND SKELETAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2019 (Amended As Per the Senex Meeting Dated 25 February 2019)

**UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS** – Thursday, 3 January 2019

Administrative staff and those academic staff required for registration preparation, as determined by Heads of Departments, return on Thursday, 3 January 2019. All other staff return on Monday 7 January 2019.

ACADEMIC TERMS		
TERM	FROM	TO
1	04 February	29 March
2	08 April	21 June
3	15 July	20 September
4	30 September	13 December

REGISTRATION			
<i>Faculties to decide on their registration dates</i>			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	07 January	01 February	23
Annual	07 January	01 February	23
Second Semester	15 July	20 July	6

LECTURES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	25 February	24 May	56
Annual	25 February	01 October	126
Second Semester	22 July	23 October	62

GRADUATION CEREMONIES			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
Midlands- Autumn Graduation	29 April	30 April	2
Durban - Autumn Graduation	06 May	14 May	7
Durban - Spring Graduation	04 September	05 September	2

EXAMINATION STUDY PERIOD FOR STUDENTS (Inclusive of Weekends)			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	25 May	26 May	2
Annual	02 October	06 October	5
Second Semester	24 October	28 October	5

COMMENCEMENT OF EXAMINATIONS			
	FROM	TO	NO. OF DAYS
First Semester	27 May	11 June	12 *
Annual	07 October	28 October	16 **
Second Semester	29 October	11 November	10

\*Accession Day and Eid-ul-Fitr

\*\* Yom Kippur

**UNIVERSITY CLOSURES - 13 December 2019 until 31 December 2019.**

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

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**2019 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 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.

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
REGISTRATION PERIOD		TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR 2019 (CALCULATED FROM FIRST DAY OF LECTURES TO LAST DAY OF RESPECTIVE SEMESTER/ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS)		(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> 07 Jan – 01 Feb	4	<u>Semester 1</u> 25 Feb – 11 June	15+2 days	01 Apr – 05 Apr	1	<u>Semester 1</u> 25 May – 26 May	2 Days W/ends	<u>Semester 1</u> 27 May – 11 June	2 + 2 days	<u>Semester 1</u> 12	<u>Semester 1</u> 60	<u>Semester 1</u> 4	<u>Semester 1</u> 56
<u>Annual</u> 07 Jan – 01 Feb	4	<u>Annual</u> 25 Feb – 21 June	17	01 Apr – 05 Apr	1	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> -	0	<u>Annual</u> 16	<u>Annual</u> 80	<u>Annual</u> 5	<u>Annual</u> 75
<b>MID-YEAR VACATION 24 JUNE TO 12 JULY (3 WEEKS)</b>													
<u>Semester 2</u> 15 July – 20 July	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 22 July – 11 Nov	16 + 1 day	23 Sept – 27 Sept	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 24 Oct – 28 Oct	5 Days incl w/ends	<u>Semester 2</u> 29 Oct – 11 Nov	2	<u>Semester 2</u> 12 + 3 Days	63	1	<u>Semester 2</u> 62
<u>Annual</u> -----	-----	<u>Annual</u> 15 July – 28 Oct	15 + 1 day	23 Sept – 27 Sept	1	<u>Annual</u> 02 Oct - 06 Oct	5 Days incl W/ends	<u>Annual</u> 07 Oct – 28 Oct	3 + 1 day	<u>Annual</u> 10 + 2 Days	52	1	<u>Annual</u> 51

**PUBLIC AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS FOR 2019**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS			RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS		
HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	RELIGIOUS DAY	DATE	DAY
New Year's Day	1 January	Tuesday	Isaiah Shembe Day	10 March	Sunday
Human Rights' Day	21 March	Thursday	Isaiah Shembe Day	02 May	Thursday
Good Friday	19 April	Friday	Ascension Day	30 May	Thursday
Family Day	22 April	Monday	*Eid-ul-Fitr	05 June	Wednesday
Freedom Day	27 April	Saturday	*Eid-ul-Adha	12 August	Monday
Worker's Day	1 May	Wednesday	Rosh Hashanah	30 September / 01 October	Monday/ Tuesday
National Elections Day	8 May	Wednesday			
Youth Day	16 June	Sunday	Yom Kippur	09 October	Wednesday
Public Holiday (Youth Day Observed)	17 June	Monday	Deepavali/Diwali	27 October	Sunday
National Women's Day	9 August	Friday	<b>*Dependent upon the sighting of the moon.</b>		
Heritage Day	24 September	Tuesday	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.		
Day of Reconciliation	16 December	Monday			
Christmas Day	25 December	Wednesday			
Day of Goodwill	26 December	Thursday			