

Sessional Dates 2025

Howard, Pietermaritzburg and Westville

FIRST SEMESTER : Monday, 10 February – Thursday, 26 June

EASTER VACATION : Saturday, 29 March – Sunday, 06 April (inclusive)

WINTER VACATION : Friday, 27 June – Sunday, 20 July (inclusive)

SECOND SEMESTER : Monday, 21 July – Tuesday, 02 December

MID-TERM BREAK : Saturday, 20 September – Sunday, 28 September (inclusive)

First semester ends for all students

	Wed, 01 – Fri, 03 Jan	Wed, 01 Jan Thu, 02 Jan	New Year's Day (Public holiday) University opens
	Mon, 06 – Fri, 10 Jan	Tue, 07 Jan	Remote online registration opens for returning students in the College of Health Sciences and the School of Education Deadline for re-registration appeals to School Higher Degree Offices
		Fri, 10 Jan	School Higher Degree Committees to consider re-registration appeals from PG students, for recommendation to CAAB Deadline for applications for remarks of those modules with formal sit-down examinations in Semester 2, 2023. Deadline for applications to be submitted for Senate Concessionary Special Examinations as per GR 23 (b)
	Mon, 13 – Fri, 17 Jan	Wed, 15 Jan	Deadline for the submission of exclusion appeals from UG/Hons and PG Dip students
		Fri, 17 Jan	Provisional release of NSC results by the DBE
	Mon, 20 – Fri, 24 Jan	Mon, 20 Jan	Remote online registration opens for all other returning students
	Mon, 27 Jan – Sat, 01 Feb	Fri, 31 Jan	CAECOM meetings Residences open for registered (both academic and residence registered) students
		Sat, 01 Feb	Online Parents Day (to be confirmed)
	Mon, 03 – Sat, 08 Feb	Mon, 03 – Sat, 08 Feb	Orientation and dedicated remote online registration week for First Time Entering Undergraduate (FTEN) students
		Mon, 03 – Thu, 06 Feb	SCSEs week (Colleges to arrange for students with a maximum of 2 modules outstanding, having been registered for the modules in 2024)
		Wed, 05 – Thu, 06 Feb	AEACOM meeting
		Thu, 06 Feb	For Higher degrees students: Final date for submission of bound/final examination copies with respect to any intention to submit received in Semester 2:2023, without having to register for Semester 1:2024
		Fri, 07 Feb	Final date for payment of minimum fee required for registration
		Fri, 07 – Wed, 12 Feb	Marking of SCSEs and release of results
SEMESTER 1:			
1	Mon, 10 – Fri, 14 Feb	Mon, 10 Feb	First semester and lectures commences
		Wed, 12 Feb	Release of results of SCSEs
		Fri, 14 Feb	Final date for submitting curriculum change requests Final date for requests for extended DPs for those modules that had DPs in 2024 Final date for first semester academic registration
2	Mon, 17 – Fri, 21 Feb		
3	Mon, 24 – Fri, 28 Feb		
4	Mon, 03 – Fri, 07 Mar	Mon, 03 Mar	Monday, 3 March follows a Friday timetable (compensatory day)
5	Mon, 10 – Fri, 14 Mar	Fri, 14 Mar	Final date for capturing graduation decisions onto ITS (Bachelors, Honours, Diplomas and Certificates)
6	Mon, 17 – Fri, 21 Mar	Fri, 21 Mar	Human Rights Day (Public holiday)
7	Mon, 24 – Fri, 28 Mar	Fri, 28 Mar	Lectures end Final date for withdrawal from a module and for withdrawal from the University (Semester 1)
	Sat, 29 Mar – Sun, 06 Apr	EASTER VACATION: STUDENT MID-TERM BREAK	
	Mon, 31 Mar – Fri, 04 Apr	Mon, 31 Mar	Eid ul Fitr (provisional date) (condoned day of absence)
		Fri, 04 Apr	Final day for capturing graduation decisions onto ITS (Masters and Doctoral Students) Final timetable for main and supplementary examinations released
8	Mon, 07 – Fri, 11 Apr	Tue, 08 Apr	Tuesday, 8 April follows a Friday timetable (compensatory timetable day)
9	Mon, 14 – Fri, 18 Apr	Wed, 16 Apr	Wednesday, 16 April follows a Monday timetable (compensatory timetable day)
		Fri, 18 Apr	Good Friday (Public holiday)
10	Mon, 21 – Fri, 25 Apr	Mon, 21 Apr	Family day (Public holiday)
11	Mon, 28 Apr – Fri, 2 May	Mon, 28 Apr	Public holiday in lieu of Sunday, 27 April
		Wed, 01 May	Workers' Day (Public Holiday)
		Fri, 2 May	Student recess day
12	Mon, 05 – Sat, 10 May	Mon, 05 – Sat, 10 May	Graduation ceremonies (Westville)
13	Mon, 12 – Sat, 17 May	Mon, 12 – Sat, 17 May	Graduation ceremonies (Westville)

14	Mon, 19 – Fri, 23 May	Tue, 20 May	DP refusals to be published for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
		Thu, 22 May	Lectures end for those modules with formal sit-down examinations. Lectures continue for those modules taught online with continuous assessment.
		Fri, 23 May	Final date for submission of DP refusal appeals to School offices for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
	Mon, 26 – Sat, 31 May	Wed, 28 May	First semester examinations commence (including Saturdays) for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
	Mon, 02 – Sat, 07 Jun	Mon, 02 – Sat, 07 Jun	First semester examinations continue
	Mon, 09 – Sat, 14 Jun	Thu, 12 Jun	First semester examinations end for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
		Fri, 13 – Wed, 18 Jun	Break between examinations for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
	Mon, 16 – Sat, 21 Jun	Mon, 16 Jun	Youth day (Public holiday)
		Thu, 19 Jun	Supplementary examinations commence (including Saturday) for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
		Fri, 20 Jun	Semester 1 lectures end for all modules taught online including all continuous assessment opportunities
	Mon, 23 – Fri, 27 Jun	Thu, 26 Jun	Supplementary examinations end First semester ends for all students
		Fri, 27 Jun	Deadline for readmission applications for potential readmission into Semester 2, 2025 All residences to be vacated by 16h00 on 27 June 2025

Semester 1: Teaching days for modules with formal sit-down examinations

- Teaching days: Monday 12, Tuesday 13, Wednesday 13, Thursday 13, Friday 12 : **63 days**
- Compensatory days: Monday, 3 March follows a Friday timetable; Tuesday, 8 April follows a Friday timetable; Wednesday, 16 April follows a Monday timetable
- Study leave: 5 days; Main Examinations: 14 days; Supplementary Exams: 7 days;

Fri, 27 Jun – Sun, 20 Jul MID-YEAR BREAK (Winter Vacation)

4Mon, 11 – Fri, 15 AugFri, 15 AugFinal day for capturing graduation decisions onto ITS (Bachelors, Honours, Diplomas and Certificates)

SEMESTER 2:

	Mon, 30 Jun – Fri, 04 Jul	Thu, 03 Jul	Supplementary exam marks for formal sit-down examinations and all continuous assessment marks to be captured on SMS by 12h00
	Mon, 07 – Fri, 11 Jul	Thu, 10 Jul Fri, 11 Jul	School Examination Boards <i>Release of results at 00h01</i>
	Mon, 14 – Fri, 18 Jul	Mon, 14 Jul	Second semester registration commences
		Thu, 17 Jul	For higher degrees students: Final date for submission of bound examination copies with respect to any intention to submit received in Semester 1, 2025, without having to register for Semester 2, 2025 Deadline for the submission of exclusion appeals
		Fri, 18 Jul	Deadline for applications for re-marks for those modules with formal sit-down examinations in Semester 1, 2025 Residences open for registered students
1	Mon, 21 – Fri, 25 Jul	Mon, 21 Jul Thu, 24 – Fri, 25 Jul	Second semester and lectures commence CAECOM meetings AEACOM meeting
2	Mon, 28 Jul – Fri, 01 Aug	Fri, 01 Aug	Final date for submitting curriculum changes Final date for requests for extended DPs for those modules that had DPs in Semester 2, 2024 Final date for minimum fee payment required for registration Final date for second semester academic registration
3	Mon, 04 – Fri, 08 Aug		
5	Mon, 18 – Fri, 22 Aug		
6	Mon, 25 – Fri, 29 Aug	Fri, 29 Aug	Final day for capturing graduation decisions onto ITS (Masters and Doctoral Students)
7	Mon, 01 – Fri, 05 Sep		
8	Mon, 08 – Fri, 12 Sep	Fri, 12 Sep	Final date for withdrawal from a module and for withdrawal from the University (Semester 2) Final timetable for main and supplementary examinations released
9	Mon, 15 – Fri, 19 Sep	Mon, 15 – Fri, 19 Sep Fri, 19 Sep	<i>Spring graduation ceremonies (Westville)</i> Lectures end
	Sat, 20 – Sun, 28 Sep	STUDENT MID-TERM BREAK	
	Mon, 23 – Fri, 27 Sep	Tue, 24 September	<i>Heritage day (Public holiday)</i>
10	Mon, 29 Sep – Fri, 03 Oct	Mon, 29 Sep	Lectures resume
11	Mon, 06 – Fri, 10 Oct		
11	Mon, 7 – Fri, 11 Oct		
12	Mon, 13 – Fri, 17 Oct		
13	Mon, 20 – Fri, 24 Oct	Mon, 20 Oct	<i>Diwali (provisional date) (condoned day of absence)</i>
14	Mon, 27 – Fri, 31 Oct	Mon, 27 Oct	DP refusals to be published for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
		Tue, 28 Oct	Lectures end for those modules with formal sit-down examinations. Lectures continue for modules taught online and assessed by continuous assessment

		Thu, 30 Oct	Final date for submission of DP appeals to School offices for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
	Mon, 03 – Sat, 08 Nov	Mon, 03 Nov	Second semester examinations commence (including Saturdays) for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
	Mon, 10 – Sat, 15 Nov	Mon, 10 – Sat, 15 Nov	Second semester examinations continue
	Mon, 17 – Fri, 21 Nov	Tue, 18 Nov	Examinations end for those modules with formal sit down examinations
	Mon, 24 – Sat, 29 Nov	Tue, 25 Nov	Second semester supplementary examinations commence for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
		Fri, 29 Nov	Final date for submission of theses/dissertations to the School/College Higher degrees offices for possible April 2025 graduation Semester 2 Lectures end for all modules taught online including all continuous assessment opportunities
	Mon, 01 – Fri, 05 Dec	Tue, 02 Dec	Second semester supplementary examinations end for those modules with formal sit-down examinations
		Wed, 03 Dec	Second semester ends for all students All residences to be vacated by 16h00 on 3 December 2025.

Semester 2: For modules with formal sit-down examinations

- Teaching days: Monday 14 , Tuesday 14 , Wednesday 13 , Thursday 13 , Friday 13 : **67 days**
- Compensatory days: None
- Study leave: 5 days; Examinations: 14 days; Supplementary Exams: 7 days

YEAR-END BREAK:

	Mon, 08 – Fri, 12 Dec	Wed, 10 Dec	Supplementary exam marks to be captured on SMS by 12h00
	Mon, 15 – Fri, 19 Dec	Tue, 16 Dec	<i>Day of Reconciliation (Public holiday)</i>
		Thu, 18 Dec	School Examination Boards
		Fri, 19 Dec	Release of results at 00h01
	Mon, 22 – Wed, 24 Dec	Wed, 24 Dec	University Offices close at 12h00

PLEASE NOTE:

- Sessional Dates for both the School of Medicine and the School of Education will be published separately
- BComAcc; BComHons(Acc) and PGDip(Acc) : Dates will vary from the above and be published separately
- All Bachelor of Nursing students are required to attend clinical training and community work during vacations in the year from the 01 January 2025 until 31 December 2025
- The University of KwaZulu-Natal reserves the right to change any of the said Sessional Dates, solely in its discretion, and without any liability for inconvenience and/or loss occasioned thereby,