

Academic Year Chart 2026/27



Notes

The chart (on page 2 of this document) is an illustration of the 2026/27 academic year as agreed by Senate on 4 June 2025.

1. The dates for the main Revision & Assessment periods are as shown on the academic year chart.
2. Award ceremony dates are to be confirmed.
3. Bank holiday dates are shown in their normal, expected slots, but may not be definitive.
4. University holiday dates are shown in their normal configurations around bank holidays but may not be definitive.
5. The dissertation period is a period of time specific to postgraduate taught master's programmes, in which students complete their master's 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 academic year chart for 2026/27

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
V/SA	Supplementary assessments in vacation period
[V/SA]	Supplementary assessments in vacation period, if needed
AR	TBC: Arrival days (undergraduate and taught postgraduate new arrivals will be told when to arrive on these days)
W	TBC: 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)

Academic year chart for 2026/27

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