



2026 Academic Calendar

Arts, Education & Social Sciences (AESS) · Business & Information Technology (BIT) · Law

SEMESTER 1 · JANUARY - JULY 2026

■ Key milestone ■ Public holiday

January

DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Monday, January 5, 2026	Registration Begins (January 2025 intake and Continuing Students)	4 Weeks	Academic
Monday, January 12, 2026	Orientation Activities Begin	2 weeks	Academic
Monday, January 19, 2026	Class Timetables for Contact Students available		Academic
Monday, January 19, 2026	Deferred/Supplementary	1 Week	Academic

February

DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Monday, February 2, 2026	Orientation Week	1 Week	Academic
Friday, February 6, 2026	International Student's Welcome Event	1 Day	Dean of Students
Saturday, February 7, 2026	Orientation Activities End	1 Day	Dean of Students
Monday, February 9, 2026	Classes Begin for All Modes of Study	15 Weeks	Schools

March

DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Friday, March 6, 2026	Registration Ends		Academic
Sunday, March 8, 2026	International Women's Day Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
Monday, March 9, 2026	Day off after International Women's Day Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
Monday, March 9, 2026	Assignment (CA 1) given to All Students	4 weeks	Academic
Monday, March 9, 2026	Late Registration Ends		Academic
Thursday, March 12, 2026	Youth Day Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
Monday, March 9, 2026	Late Registration Begins (with penalty)	1 Week	Academic
Monday, March 16, 2026	Examination Center Registration Begins		Academic
Monday, March 23, 2026	CAT 1 for all students Begin	1 week	Academic

April

DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Monday, April 6, 2026	Results for Assignment 1 and CAT1 Published		Schools
Friday, April 3, 2026	Good Friday Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
Monday, April 6, 2026	Easter Monday Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
Friday, April 24, 2026	75% of Tuition fees due from all students		Finance
Friday, April 24, 2026	Examination Centre Registration Ends		Academic

May

DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Friday, May 1, 2026	Labour Day Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
Monday, May 4, 2026	CAT 2 for all Students Begin	1 Week	Schools
Monday, May 4, 2026	June 2025 Examinations Timetable Published		Academic
Monday, May 11, 2026	End of Term Course Delivery Survey	1 Week	Quality Assurance
Monday, May 18, 2026	CAT 2 Results Published		Academic
Monday, May 18, 2026	Final List of students eligible to sit for examinations in the Centres is confirmed		Academic
Friday, May 22, 2026	100% Tuition Payment due from all students (Last Instalment)		Finance
Monday, May 25, 2026	Africa Freedom Day Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday

May			
DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	Dissertation defence Begins		Schools
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	Study Break - Contact Students	1 Week	Recess
Friday, May 29, 2026	Study Break Ends		Recess
June			
DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Monday, June 1, 2026	Final Examinations Begin	2 Weeks	Distance Learning
Friday, June 5, 2026	Final Examinations End		Schools
Friday, June 5, 2026	Dissertation defence Ends		Schools
Friday, June 5, 2026	January Semester Ends		Schools
July			
DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Monday, July 6, 2026	Heroes Day Holiday		Public Holiday
Tuesday, July 7, 2026	Unity Day Holiday		Public Holiday
Friday, July 3, 2026	Publication of Results	1 Week	Schools



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July

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Monday, July 13, 2026	Registration Begins (July 2025 intake and Continuing Students)	4 Weeks	Academic
Monday, July 13, 2026	Allocation of Research Supervisors	2 weeks	Academic
Monday, July 13, 2026	Orientation Activities Begin	2 weeks	Academic
Monday, July 13, 2026	Class Timetables for All Students available		Academic
Monday, July 20, 2026	Deferred/Supplementary	1 Week	Academic
Monday, July 20, 2026	Orientation Week	1 Week	Academic
Friday, July 24, 2026	International Student's Welcome Event	1 Day	Dean of Students
Saturday, July 25, 2026	Bus Tour for New Students	1 Day	Dean of Students
Saturday, July 25, 2026	Orientation Activities End		Academic
Monday, July 27, 2026	Classes Begin for All Modes of study	15 Weeks	Schools

August

DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Monday, August 3, 2026	Farmer's Day Holiday		Public Holiday
Thursday, August 13, 2026	General Elections		Public Holiday
Friday, August 14, 2026	Deadline for Submission of proposal for UG & PG thesis		Schools
Monday, August 17, 2026	Assignment (CA 1) Given to all Students		Schools
Friday, August 21, 2026	Semester Registration Closes (50% payment of tuition fees)		Academic
Monday, August 24, 2026	Late Registration Begins (with penalty)	1 Week	Academic
Monday, August 24, 2026	Examination Centre Registration Begins	1 Month	Academic
Friday, August 28, 2026	Late Registration Ends		Academic
Friday, August 28, 2026	Graduation Registration Ends		Academic
Monday, August 31, 2026	Graduation Late Registration with a Penalty starts	2 weeks	Academic
Monday, August 31, 2026	CAT 1 for all Students Begin	1 week	Academic

September

DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Friday, September 11, 2026	Graduation Late Registration with a Penalty Ends		Academic
Friday, September 11, 2026	Assignment (CA 1) received from all Students		Schools
Monday, September 21, 2026	Results for Assignment 1 and CAT 1 Published		Schools
Friday, September 25, 2026	Examination Registration Ends		Academic
Friday, September 25, 2026	75% of Tuition fees due from all students		Finance

October

DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Friday, October 2, 2026	19TH GRADUATION CEREMONY	1 Day	Academic
Monday, October 12, 2026	CAT2 for all Students Begin	1 Week	Schools
Sunday, October 18, 2026	National Day of Prayer Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
Monday, October 19, 2026	Day off after National Day of Prayer Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
Friday, October 23, 2026	100% Tuition Payment due from all students (Last Instalment)		Finance
Saturday, October 24, 2026	Independence Day Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday

October			
DATE	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Monday, October 26, 2026	Student Satisfaction Survey	1 Week	Quality Assurance
Monday, October 26, 2026	Nov/Dec 2025 Examinations Timetable Published		Academic
Friday, October 30, 2026	Examination Registration (Including Confirmation of Centres) Ends		Academic
November			
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Monday, November 2, 2026	Final List of students eligible to sit examinations in the centres is confirmed		Academic
Monday, November 2, 2026	CAT2 for all Students Published		Schools
Monday, November 2, 2026	End-of-Term Course Delivery Survey	1 Week	Quality Assurance
Monday, November 16, 2026	Study Break - Contact Students	1 Week	Recess
Monday, November 23, 2026	Final Examination Begin	1 week	Assessment
Friday, November 27, 2026	Examinations in all Schools End (Holidays for Students Begin)		Academic
December			
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Friday, December 25, 2026	Christmas Day Holiday	1 Day	Public Holiday
January 2027			
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Friday, January 1, 2027	New Year's Day	1 Day	Public Holiday
Friday, January 8, 2027	Publication of Results		Academic