REVIEWED: 2024 Framework for academic calendar
Approved by Council 16 November 2023

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Calendar Months

January

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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February

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March

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April

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May

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June

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July

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August

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September

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October

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November

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December

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Public and School holidays

- 2024-01-01 New Years's day
- 2024-03-21 Human Rights day
- 2024-03-29 Good Friday
- 2024-04-01 Family day
- 2024-04-27 Freedom day
- 2024-05-01 Workers's day
- 2024-06-16 Youth day
- 2024-06-17 Youth day observed
- 2024-08-09 National Women's day
- 2024-09-24 Heritage day
- 2024-12-16 Day of Reconciliation
- 2024-12-25 Christmas day
- 2026-12-26 Day of Goodwill

1st semester: 58 class days

- 12 Mondays
- 12 Tuesdays
- 12 Wednesdays
- 11 Thursdays
- 11 Fridays
- 9 days tests
- 17 days first exam
- 10 days second exam
- 5 days overlap with school holidays

2nd semester: 58 class days

- 13 Mondays
- 12 Tuesdays
- 12 Wednesdays
- 11 Thursdays
- 10 Fridays
- 9 days tests
- 17 days first exam
- 10 days second exam
- 4 days overlap with school holidays

Legend

Colour	Description
Green	Classes
Orange	University recess
Red	1ste examination opportunity
Light blue	2de examination opportunity
Orange (X)	Distance learning examination
Peach	Assessment
Blue	Inter-campus sports day
Yellow	Interchanges of days
Brown	University opens and close

School terms

- 2024-01-17 to 2024-03-20
- 2024-04-03 to 2024-06-14
- 2024-07-09 to 2024-09-20
- 2024-10-01 to 2024-12-13

Notes:

1. Semester 1 has 12 full cycles
2. Semester 2 has 12 full cycles
3. Exam cycles for both semesters have 17 days excluding weekends
4. Both semesters have second exam of 10 days
5. Both semesters have a test series of 9 days

Semester 1

Reduce exam 1 from 18 to 17 days

Reduce class days by removing 2 days at the end of the semester just before the exam commences

Exam 1 commences 28 May to 20 June
Exam 2 commences 21 June to 4 July

Recess only indicated as 5 July

Classes commence from 8 July

Sem 1 has 58 class days

Post exam process:

Exam 1

Finalise marks exam 1 on 22 November

Batch and prepare 25 26 27 November
Exam committees 28 29 November and 2 December
Capture exam com feedback 3 4 5 and 6 December

Exam 2

Finalise marks exam 2 on 6 December
Batch and prepare 9 and 10 December
Exam com 11 and 12 December

Semester 2

Reduce exam 1 from 18 to 17 days

Reduce class days by removing 2 days at the end of the semester just before the exam commences

Exam 1 commences from 17 October to 8 November
Exam two commences from 11 November to 22 November

Recess commences 25 November

Sem 2 has 58 class days

Capture exam com feedback 13 and 17 December
SMS students to use 360 - 18 and 19 December