

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR: 2019**

**LECTURE BLOCKS**

**First teaching cycle:** Monday 11 February – Friday 29 March (35 days)  
**Second teaching cycle:** Monday 8 April – Tuesday 28 May (34 days)  
**Third teaching cycle:** Monday 22 July – Friday 6 September (34 days)  
**Fourth teaching cycle:** Monday 9 September – Friday 1 November (35 days)

**NORMAL EXAMINATION PERIODS**

**First Semester:** Friday 31 May – Friday 21 June (17 days)  
**Second Semester:** Tuesday 5 November – Tuesday 26 November (18 days)

**RE-EXAMINATION PERIODS**

Second Semester 2018: Monday 14 January 2019 – Tuesday 22 January 2019 (7 days)  
 First Semester 2019: Monday 15 July 2019 – Friday 19 July 2019 (5 days)  
 Second Semester 2019: Thursday 9 January 2020 – Friday 17 January 2020 (7 days)

**NOTE:**

*In the event of exams being disrupted, the University reserves the prerogative to extend the exam period for a reasonable time beyond the planned end of exams.*

**GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

**Autumn graduation**

Friday 5 April (George)  
 Tuesday 9 April – Thursday 18 April (Port Elizabeth)

**Summer graduation**

Tuesday 10 December – Friday 13 December

**STUDENT RECESS PERIODS**

Saturday 16 March – Sunday 24 March  
 Saturday 22 June – Sunday 21 July  
 Saturday 21 September – Sunday 29 September  
 Wednesday 27 November – Monday 31 December

\* University re-opens: Thursday 2 January 2020

**PUBLIC AND UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS 2019**

|            |       |              |                       |
|------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Semester 1 | Tues  | 1 January    | New Year's Day        |
|            | Thurs | 21 March     | Human Rights Day      |
|            | Fri   | 19 April     | Good Friday           |
|            | Mon   | 22 April     | Family Day            |
|            | Sat   | 27 April     | Freedom Day           |
|            | Wed   | 1 May        | Workers' Day          |
|            | Sun   | 16 June      | Youth Day             |
|            | Mon   | 17 June      | Public Holiday        |
| Semester 2 | Fri   | 09 August    | National Women's Day  |
|            | Tues  | 24 September | Heritage Day          |
|            | Mon   | 16 December  | Day of Reconciliation |
|            | Wed   | 25 December  | Christmas Day         |
|            | Thurs | 26 December  | Day of Goodwill       |

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

|        |     |              |    |     |              |
|--------|-----|--------------|----|-----|--------------|
| Term 1 | Sat | 16 March     | to | Mon | 1 April      |
| Term 2 | Sat | 15 June      | to | Mon | 8 July       |
| Term 3 | Sat | 21 September | to | Mon | 30 September |
| Term 4 | Fri | 15 December  |    |     |              |

|       | JANUARY |   | FEBRUARY |  | MARCH |                                     | APRIL |   | MAY |              | JUNE |                      |
|-------|---------|---|----------|--|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|---|-----|--------------|------|----------------------|
| MON   |         |   |          |  |       |                                     | 1     | Applications Open for 2020                              |     |              |      |                      |
| TUES  | 1       | New Year's Day  |          |  |       |                                     | 2     | Schools re-open   |     |              |      |                      |
| WED   | 2       |   |          |  |       |                                     | 3     |   |     |              |      |                      |
| THURS | 3       | University re-opens   |          |  |       |                                     | 4     |   | 1   | Workers' Day |      |                      |
| FRI   | 4       |   | 1        | Airport pick-up study abroad students<br>ADVENTURE WEEKEND<br>RE5  | 1     | 15                                  | 5     | Lecture cycle 1 ends<br>George Campus Autumn Graduation | 2   | 16           |      |                      |
| SAT   | 5       |   | 2        | Welcoming ceremony<br>First-Year Success (FYS)<br>Programme commences<br>Airport pick-up study abroad students<br>ADVENTURE WEEKEND                                      | 2     |                                     | 6     |   | 3   | 17           |      | E2                   |
| SUN   | 6       |   | 3        | Airport pick-up study-abroad students  | 3     |                                     | 7     | IRONMAN   | 4   |              |      |                      |
| MON   | 7       |   | 4        | WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY<br>STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS<br>Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students<br>Airport pick-up study abroad students ends<br>RE6 | 4     | 16                                  | 8     | Lecture cycle 2 commences<br>L 2 1                      | 5   |              |      |                      |
| TUES  | 8       |   | 5        | Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students<br>RE7  | 5     | 17                                  | 9     | PE Autumn Graduation commences                          | 6   | 18           | 3    | E3                   |
| WED   | 9       | Schools re-open   | 6        | Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students<br>RE8  | 6     | 18                                  | 10    | 3   | 7   | 19           | 4    | E4                   |
| THURS | 10      |   | 7        | Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students<br>RE9  | 7     | 19                                  | 11    | 4   | 8   | 20           | 5    | E5                   |
| FRI   | 11      |   | 8        | Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students<br>RE10<br>Registration ends  | 8     | 20                                  | 12    | 5   | 9   | 21           | 6    | E6                   |
| SAT   | 12      | RESIDENCE OPEN FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS<br>Airport Pick-up commence       | 9        |  | 9     |                                     | 13    |   | 10  | 22           | 7    | E7                   |
| SUN   | 13      | Airport pick-up continues   | 10       | Last day of Summer recess for students   | 10    |                                     | 14    |   | 11  | 23           | 8    | E8                   |
| MON   | 14      | Airport pick-up continues<br>Re-exams commence<br>SE1                           | 11       | Late registration commences<br>Lectures commence<br>Lecture cycle 1 commences<br>L 1   | 11    | 21                                  | 15    | 6   | 12  | 24           | 9    | E9                   |
| TUES  | 15      | Airport pick-up continues<br>WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY (NEW INT STUD)<br>SE2 | 12       | 2  | 12    | 22                                  | 16    | 7   | 13  | 25           | 10   | E10                  |
| WED   | 16      | Orientation and Pre-registration<br>SE3   | 13       | 3  | 13    | 23                                  | 17    | 8   | 14  | 26           | 11   | E11                  |
| THURS | 17      | Orientation and Pre-registration<br>SE4   | 14       | 4  | 14    | 24                                  | 18    | 9<br>PE Autumn Graduation ends                          | 15  | 27           | 12   | E12                  |
| FRI   | 18      | Orientation and Pre-registration<br>SE5   | 15       | 5  | 15    | 25<br>Schools close                 | 19    | Good Friday   | 16  | 28           | 13   | E13<br>Schools close |
| SAT   | 19      |   | 16       |  | 16    | Start of Autumn recess for students | 20    |   | 17  | 29           | 14   |                      |
| SUN   | 20      |   | 17       |  | 17    |                                     | 21    |   | 18  | 30           | 15   | Youth Day            |
| MON   | 21      | Orientation and Pre-registration<br>SE6   | 18       | 6  | 18    |                                     | 22    | Family Day  | 19  | 31           | 16   | Public Holiday       |
| TUES  | 22      | Orientation and Pre-registration<br>SE7<br>Re-exams end                         | 19       | 7  | 19    |                                     | 23    | 10  | 20  |              | 17   | E14                  |
| WED   | 23      | Orientation and Pre-registration  | 20       | 8  | 20    |                                     | 24    | 11  | 21  |              | 18   | E15                  |
| THURS | 24      | Orientation and Pre-registration  | 21       | 9  | 21    | Human Rights Day                    | 25    | 12  | 22  |              | 19   | E16                  |

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|----------------|----|--|----|--|----|----|-----------------------------------|----|--|----|--|
| FRI            | 25 | Residences open for new students             | 22 | 10   | 22 | 26 | 13                                | 24 | 32   | 21 | E17<br>1 <sup>st</sup> semester exams end  |
| SAT            | 26 |  | 23 |  | 23 | 27 | Freedom Day                       | 25 |  | 22 | Residences close for 1 <sup>st</sup> semester<br>Start of Winter recess for students |
| SUN            | 27 |  | 24 |  | 24 | 28 | End of Autumn recess for students | 26 |  | 23 |  |
| MON            | 28 | Registration commences RE1                   | 25 | 11   | 25 | 29 | Lecture cycle 1 resumes 26        | 27 | 33   | 24 | All study abroad students need to vacate accommodation                               |
| TUES           | 29 | RE2  | 26 | 12   | 26 | 27 | 30                                | 28 | 34<br>Lecture cycle 2 ends                 | 25 |  |
| WED            | 30 | Airport pick-up study-abroad stud starts RE3 | 27 | 13   | 27 | 28 |                                   | 29 | Study break commences                      | 26 |  |
| THURS          | 31 | Airport pick-up study-abroad students RE4    | 28 | 14<br>Late registration ends<br>Last day for renewal of registration by candidates for research masters and doctoral degrees | 28 | 29 |                                   | 30 | Study break ends                           | 27 |  |
| FRI            |    |  |    |  | 29 | 30 |                                   | 31 | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester exams commence E1 | 28 | Last day for processing final exam marks   |
| SAT            |    |  |    |  | 30 |    |                                   |    |  | 29 |  |
| SUN            |    |  |    |  | 31 |    |                                   |    |  | 30 |  |
| Lecturing days |    |  |    | 14   |    | 16 |                                   | 20 | 19   |    | Total: 69  |

L1/2/3/4 = Lecture cycle begins      SE = Re-examinations 7 days      E1-E17 = Normal examinations 17      RE = Registration 11 days

|       | JULY |   | AUGUST |   | SEPTEMBER |                            | OCTOBER               |    | NOVEMBER                                   |  | DECEMBER |               |
|-------|------|---|--------|---|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----|--|--|----------|---------------|
| MON   | 1    |   |        |   |           |                            |                       |    |  |  |          |               |
| TUES  | 2    |   |        |   |           | 1                          | 12<br>Schools re-open |    |  |  |          |               |
| WED   | 3    |   |        |   |           | 2                          | 13                    |    |  |  |          |               |
| THURS | 4    |   | 1      | 9<br>Closing date for applications for academic admission and residences for 2020 |           | 3                          | 14                    |    |  |  |          |               |
| FRI   | 5    |   | 2      | 10  |           | 4                          | 15                    | 1  | 35<br>Lecture Cycle 4 ends                 |  |          |               |
| SAT   | 6    |   | 3      |   |           | 5                          |                       | 2  | Study break commences                      |  |          |               |
| SUN   | 7    |   | 4      |   | 1         | 6                          |                       | 3  |  |  | 1        |               |
| MON   | 8    |   | 5      | 11  | 2         | 30                         | 7                     | 4  | Study break ends                           |  | 2        |               |
| TUES  | 9    | Schools re-open   | 6      | 12  | 3         | 31                         | 8                     | 5  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester exams commence E1 |  | 3        |               |
| WED   | 10   | Airport pick-up for study abroad students<br>ACCOMMODATION OPEN FOR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS | 7      | 13  | 4         | 32                         | 9                     | 6  | E2   |  | 4        | Schools close |
| THURS | 11   | Airport pick-up for study abroad students   | 8      | 14  | 5         | 33                         | 10                    | 7  | E3   |  | 5        |               |
| FRI   | 12   | Airport pick-up for study abroad students   | 9      | Women's Day   | 6         | 34<br>Lecture Cycle 3 ends | 11                    | 8  | E4   |  | 6        |               |
| SAT   | 13   | Airport pick-up for study abroad students   | 10     |   | 7         |                            | 12                    | 9  | E5   |  | 7        |               |
| SUN   | 14   | Airport pick-up for study abroad students   | 11     |   | 8         |                            | 13                    | 10 |  |  | 8        |               |

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| MON            | 15 | WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY<br>STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS<br>Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students and new degree seeking students<br>Airport pick-up for study abroad students end<br>Re-exams commence SE1 | 12 | 15 | 9  | Lecture cycle 4 commences L 4 1  | 14 | 21   | 11 | E6   | 9  |                             |
| TUES           | 16 | Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students and new degree seeking students SE2  | 13 | 16 | 10 | 2  | 15 | 22   | 12 | E7   | 10 | Summer Graduation commences |
| WED            | 17 | Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students and new degree seeking students SE3  | 14 | 17 | 11 | 3  | 16 | 23   | 13 | E8   | 11 |                             |
| THURS          | 18 | Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students and new degree seeking students SE4  | 15 | 18 | 12 | 4  | 17 | 24   | 14 | E9   | 12 |                             |
| FRI            | 19 | Orientation and Pre-registration for study abroad students and new degree seeking students SE5<br>Re-exams end  | 16 | 19 | 13 | 5  | 18 | 25   | 15 | Closing date for study abroad applications for the 2019 January intake E10 | 13 | Summer Graduation ends      |
| SAT            | 20 | Nelson Mandela University Anniversary   | 17 |    | 14 |  | 19 |  | 16 | E11  | 14 |                             |
| SUN            | 21 | End of Winter recess  | 18 |    | 15 |  | 20 |  | 17 |  | 15 |                             |
| MON            | 22 | Lecture cycle 3 commences L 3 1   | 19 | 20 | 16 | 6  | 21 | 26   | 18 | E12  | 16 | Day of Reconciliation       |
| TUES           | 23 | 2   | 20 | 21 | 17 | 7  | 22 | 27   | 19 | E13  | 17 |                             |
| WED            | 24 | 3   | 21 | 22 | 18 | 8  | 23 | 28   | 20 |  | 18 |                             |
| THURS          | 25 | 4   | 22 | 23 | 19 | 9  | 24 | 29   | 21 | E14  | 19 |                             |
| FRI            | 26 | 5   | 23 | 24 | 20 | 10<br>Schools close  | 25 | 30   | 22 | E15  | 20 | University closes           |
| SAT            | 27 |   | 24 |    | 21 | Start of Spring recess for students  | 26 |  | 23 | E16  | 21 |                             |
| SUN            | 28 |   | 25 |    | 22 |  | 27 |  | 24 |  | 22 |                             |
| MON            | 29 | 6   | 26 | 25 | 23 |  | 28 | 31   | 25 | E17  | 23 |                             |
| TUES           | 30 | 7   | 27 | 26 | 24 | Heritage Day   | 29 | 32   | 26 | E18<br>2nd semester exams end  | 24 |                             |
| WED            | 31 | 8   | 28 | 27 | 25 |  | 30 | 33   | 27 | Residences close for 2nd semester<br>Start of Summer recess for students   | 25 | Christmas Day               |
| THURS          |    |   | 29 | 28 | 26 |  | 31 | 34<br>Closing date for international students applications for January 2019 intake | 28 | All study abroad students need to vacate accommodation                     | 26 | Day of Goodwill             |
| FRI            |    |   | 30 | 29 | 27 |  |    |  | 29 | Last day for processing final exam marks                                   | 27 |                             |
| SAT            |    |   | 31 |    | 28 |  |    |  | 30 |  | 28 |                             |
| SUN            |    |   |    |    | 29 | End of Spring recess for students<br>Closing date for late applications for academic admission and residences for 2020 |    |  |    |  | 29 |                             |
| MON            |    |   |    |    | 30 | 11<br>Lecture cycle resume   |    |  |    |  | 30 |                             |
| TUES           |    |   |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |  | 31 |                             |
| Lecturing days |    | 8   |    | 21 |    | 16   |    | 23   |    | 1  |    | Total: 69                   |

L1/2/3/4 = Lecture cycle begins

SE = Re-examinations 5 days

E1-E18 = Normal examinations

RE = Registration