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## UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE OUTLINE CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

The University academic year runs from 01 August 2025 to 31 July 2026. Semester C operates across 2 academic years. Normally most undergraduate programmes use Semesters A and B. Additionally postgraduate programmes and specific undergraduate programmes use Semester C.

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### DATES OF SEMESTERS

SEMESTER A	MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025 - SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026 (17 weeks, including exam period and integral Christmas vacation 3 weeks) <i>There may be examinations on Saturday 17 January 2026 for certain students</i>
SEMESTER B	MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026 – SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026 (16 weeks, including exam period and integral Easter vacation 2 weeks) <i>There may be examinations on Saturday 02 May 2026 for certain students.</i>  <i>There will be examinations from Thursday 18 June 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026 for referred/deferred assessments from Semesters A and B.</i>
SEMESTER C	MONDAY 11 MAY 2026 – SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026 (19 weeks, including exam period and integral vacation weeks determined by programme)  <i>There will be examinations from Monday 07 September 2026 – Friday 11 September 2026 for approved programme-specific referred/deferred assessments and Semester C assessments.</i>  <b><i>Relevant staff and all students must be available to attend exams on any of the above exam days.</i></b>

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### DATES OF TERMS

For administrative purposes, the dates of terms and vacation periods are

Autumn	Monday 22 September 2025 – Friday 12 December 2025
Spring	Monday 05 January 2026 – Friday 27 Mar 2026
Summer	Monday 13 April 2026 - Friday 08 May 2026

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### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas	Thursday 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day) Friday 26 December 2025 (Boxing Day)	Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 04 May 2026
		Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026
New Year	Thursday 01 January 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August 2026
Easter	Friday 03 April 2026 Monday 06 April 2026		

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### UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS

The University will be closed from 12.00 hours on Wednesday 24 December 2025 until 08.30 hours on Monday 05 January 2026.

The University will also be closed on Tuesday 01 September 2026.

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### START OF SEMESTER A 2026-2027

Monday 28 September 2026

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## STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC CYCLE – 2025-2026

**Key:** 'Week number' = the week numbers used by the Teaching Accommodation Service. The week in which 1 August falls is deemed to be Week 1.

'Activity' = the activities and structure approved by the Academic Board which constitute the University's annual cycle of academic activity.

### Semester A

Week number	Month	Monday	Activity
09	Sep 2025	22	IND
10		29	T-1
11	Oct 2025	6	T-2
12		13	T-3
13		20	T-4
14		27	T-5
15	Nov 2025	03	T-6
16		10	T-7
17		17	T-8
18		24	T-9
19	Dec 2025	01	T-10
20		08	T-11
21		15	V
22		22	V
23		29	V
24	Jan 2026	05	T-12
25		12	EX

**Key:** IND = Induction T = Teaching  
V = Vacation EX = Examination week  
RefEX = Referred/Deferred Sem A & B exams

Autumn Term
Spring Term
Summer Term

**Semester A:**  
1 week of induction  
12 weeks of teaching  
1 week examinations  
3 weeks integral vacation  
17 weeks total

**Semester B:**  
12 weeks delivery of teaching  
2 weeks examinations  
2 weeks integral vacation  
16 weeks total

**Semester C:**  
2 weeks examinations for referrals/deferrals from assessments in Semesters A and B  
1 week examinations for programme-specific referrals/deferrals and Semester C assessments  
12 (maximum of) teaching weeks defined by the programme  
3 weeks vacation  
18 weeks total

### Semester B

Week number	Month	Monday	Activity
26	Jan 2026	19	T-1
27		26	T-2
28	Feb 2026	02	T-3
29		09	T-4
30		16	T-5
31		23	T-6
32	Mar 2026	02	T-7
33		09	T-8
34		16	T-9
35		23	T-10
36		30	V
37	Apr 2026	06	V
38		13	T-11
39		20	T-12
40		27	EX
41	May 2026	04	EX

### Semester C

Week number	Month	Monday	Activity
42	May 2026	11	
43		18	
44		25	
45	Jun 2026	01	
46		08	
47		15	RefEX
48		22	RefEX
49		29	
50	Jul 2026	06	
51		13	
52		20	
01		27	
02	Aug 2026	03	
03		10	
04		17	
05		24	
06		31	
07	Sept 2026	07	EX
08		14	

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## ACADEMIC CYCLE – 2025-2026 – Notes

### Module dates

Operational delivery of modules is defined by start/end dates which, for standard modules, correspond to defined semester start and end dates. Modules that do not correspond to standard semester dates use actual start and end dates. The start date is the day delivery of the module begins and the end date is the date of final module assessment (e.g. end of formal examination period or deadline for final coursework submission).

### Examinations held outside identified periods

All formal, centrally-run examinations should be contained within published examinations weeks. Any requests, because of exceptional circumstances, to hold formal examinations at any other time must be approved by the Associate Director (Academic Services).

### Semester A 2025 - 2026

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes
09	Sep 25	22	IND	Overseas orientation and induction activities
10		29	T-1	Teaching (and induction activities)
11	Oct 25	06	T-2	Teaching (and induction activities)
12		13	T-3	Teaching (and induction activities)
13		20	T-4	Teaching (and induction activities) <b>Students to notify changes in their optional module choices, or to withdraw from modules they are enrolled on that start in Semester A, no later than: Friday 24 October 2025</b>
14		27	T-5	Teaching <b>Sittings for Sem A examinations created on the student record by: Friday 31 October 2025</b>
15		03	T-6	Teaching
16	Nov 25	10	T-7	Teaching
17		17	T-8	Teaching
18		24	T-9	Teaching
19	Dec 25	01	T-10	Teaching
20		08	T-11	Teaching <b>Publication of final Semester A examination timetable: Monday 08 December 2025</b>
21		15	V	Vacation <b>Last date for awards to be locked on the student record system for February graduation ceremonies: Thursday 18 December 2025</b>
22		22	V	Vacation <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Thursday 25 December 2025</b> <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Friday 26 December 2025</b>
23		29	V	Vacation
24	Jan 26	05	T-12	Teaching
25		12		Examinations <b>Semester A Examinations</b> (where permitted) Monday 12 January 2026 – Saturday 17 January 2026 Formal, centrally-run examinations are held during Week 25 only. <b>End of Semester A: Friday 16 January 2026</b>

### Semester B 2025 - 2026

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes
26	Jan 26	19	T-1	Teaching
27		26	T-2	Teaching

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28	Feb 26	02	T-3	Teaching <b>Module Examination Boards for Semester A modules</b>	
29		09	T-4	Teaching <b>Module Examination Boards for Semester A modules</b> <b>Students to withdraw from modules they are enrolled on that start in Semester B, no later than: Friday 13 February 2026</b>	
30		16	T-5	Teaching <b>Module Examination Boards for Semester A modules</b> <b>Semester A assessment activity completed, and results issued to students via their personal student record by: Thursday 19 February 2026</b> <b>Graduation ceremonies for eligible awards locked between &amp; including Friday 01 August 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025: Monday 16 February 2026 – Friday 20 February 2026</b> <b>Sittings for Sem B examinations created on the student record by: Friday 20 February 2026</b>	
31		23	T-6	Teaching	
32		Mar 26	02	T-7	Teaching
33			09	T-8	Teaching
34	16		T-9	Teaching <b>Publication of final Semester B examination timetable: Friday 20 March 2026</b>	
35	23		T-10	Teaching	
36		30	V	Vacation <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Friday 03 April 2026</b>	
37	Apr 26	06	V	Vacation <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 06 April 2026</b>	
38		13	T-11	Teaching	
39		20	T-12	Teaching	
40		27	EX	<b>Semester B Examinations</b> Monday 27 April 2026 – Friday 08 May 2026 (including Saturday 02 May 2026)	
41	May 26	04	EX	<b>BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 04 May 2026</b> <b>Semester B Examinations</b> Monday 27 April 2026 – Friday 08 May 2026	

### Semester C 2025 - 2026

(Vacation period for programmes delivered over Semesters A & B)

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes
42	May 26	11		
43		18		
44		25		<b>BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 25 May 2026</b> <b>Module Examination Boards for Semester B modules: Tuesday 26 May 2026 – Monday 01 June 2026</b>
45	Jun 26	01		<b>Module Examination Boards for Semester B modules: Tuesday 26 May 2026 – Monday 01 June 2026</b> Revision week for students taking referred/deferred examinations. <b>Students to withdraw from modules they are enrolled on that start in Semester C, no later than: Friday 05 June 2026</b> <b>Second sittings for ref/def examinations created on the student record by: Tuesday 02 June 2026 by 5.00pm</b> <b>All other Semester B assessment activity completed and results issued to students via their personal student record by: Thursday 04 June 2026.</b>

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46		08		Revision week for students taking referred/deferred examinations. <b>Publication of referred/deferred examination timetable:</b> Tuesday 09 June 2026
47		15	RefEX	<b>Referred/deferred examinations for Semesters A and B 2025-2026</b> Thursday 18 June 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026
48		22	RefEX	<b>Referred/deferred examinations for Semesters A and B 2025-2026</b> Thursday 18 June 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026
49		29		
50	Jul 26	06		<b>Module and Programme Examination Boards held:</b> Monday 06 July 2026 - Friday 17 July 2026
51		13		<b>Module and Programme Examination Boards held:</b> Monday 06 July 2026 - Friday 17 July 2026
52		20		
1		27		<b>Assessment activity completed and referred/deferred Module Results issued to students via their personal student record by:</b> Thursday 23 July 2026  <b>Last date for award results (including interim) to be locked on the system and issued via their personal student record for September graduation ceremonies:</b> Friday 31 July 2026
2		03		<b>Progression deadline:</b> Friday 07 August 2026
3	Aug 26	10		
4		17		
5		24		
6		31		<b>BANK HOLIDAY:</b> Monday 31 August 2026 <b>UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY:</b> Tuesday 01 September 2026
7	Sept 26	07	EX	<b>Examinations for Semester C Assessment and approved non-standard programmes only:</b> Monday 07 September 2026 – Friday 11 September 2026  <b>Graduation ceremonies (St Albans) for eligible awards locked between &amp; including Monday 05 January 2026 – Friday 31 July 2026:</b> Monday 07 September 2026 – Friday 18 September 2026  <b>End of Semester C:</b> Friday 11 September 2026
8		14		<b>Graduation ceremonies (St Albans) for eligible awards locked between &amp; including Monday 05 January 2026 – Friday 31 July 2026:</b> Monday 07 September 2026 – Friday 18 September 2026

### Local teaching arrangements

Schools may make whatever arrangements are necessary or desirable to schedule teaching by their **own** staff, provided that:

- i any teaching by groups/outside the parent School is by mutual agreement, it being understood that these groups need feel under no obligation to take on a commitment;
- ii the interests of the different groups of students sharing the same modules and examinations, etc are not thereby prejudiced.