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## UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE OUTLINE CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

The University academic year runs from 01 August 2020 to 31 July 2021. 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 21 SEPTEMBER 2020 - FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2021 (18 weeks, including exam period and integral Christmas vacation 2 weeks) <i>There will be examinations on Saturday 23 January 2021 for certain students</i>
SEMESTER B	MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2021 – FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021 (17 weeks, including exam period and integral Easter vacation 2 weeks) <i>There will be examinations from Monday 21 June 2021 – Friday 02 July 2021 for referred/deferred assessments from Semesters A and B.</i>
SEMESTER C	MONDAY 24 MAY 2021 – FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 (17 weeks, including exam period and integral vacation weeks determined by programme) <i>There will be examinations from Monday 06 September 2021 – Friday 10 September 2021 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 21 September 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020
Spring	Monday 04 January 2021 – Friday 26 March 2021
Summer	Monday 12 April 2021 - Friday 21 May 2021

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### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas	Friday 25 December 2020 Monday 28 December 2020 (substitute Boxing Day)	May Day Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 03 May 2021 Monday 31 May 2021
New Year	Friday 01 January 2021		
Easter	Friday 02 April 2021 Monday 05 April 2021	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2021

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### UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS

The University will be closed at 16.00 hours on Friday 18 December 2020 until 08.30 hours on Monday 04 January 2021.

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### START OF SEMESTER A 2021-2022

Monday 20 September 2021

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## STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC CYCLE – 2020-2021

**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 2020	21	<b>T1/IND</b>
10		28	<b>T-2</b>
11	Oct 2020	05	<b>T-3</b>
12		12	<b>T-4</b>
13		19	<b>T-5</b>
14		26	<b>T-6</b>
15	Nov 2020	02	<b>T-7</b>
16		09	<b>T-8</b>
17		16	<b>T-9</b>
18		23	<b>T-10</b>
19	Dec 2020	30	<b>T-11</b>
20		07	<b>T-12</b>
21		14	<b>T-13</b>
22		21	<b>V</b>
23	Jan 2021	28	<b>V</b>
24		04	<b>T-14</b>
25		11	<b>T-15</b>
26		18	<b>EX</b>

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

Autumn Term

Spring Term

Summer Term

Semester A:

15 weeks of teaching and integral induction

1 week examinations

2 weeks integral vacation

18 weeks total

Semester B:

12 weeks delivery of teaching

3 weeks examinations

2 weeks integral vacation

17 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 programme

2 weeks vacation

17 weeks total

### Semester B

Week number	Month	Monday	Activity
27	Jan 2021	25	<b>T-1</b>
28	Feb 2021	01	<b>T-2</b>
29		08	<b>T-3</b>
30		15	<b>T-4</b>
31		22	<b>T-5</b>
32	Mar 2021	01	<b>T-6</b>
33		08	<b>T-7</b>
34		15	<b>T-8</b>
35		22	<b>T-9</b>
36	Apr 2021	29	<b>V</b>
37		05	<b>V</b>
38	Apr 2021	12	<b>T-10</b>
39		19	<b>T-11</b>
40		26	<b>T-12</b>
41	May 2021	03	<b>T-13</b>
42		10	<b>T-14</b>
43		17	<b>EX</b>

### Semester C

Week number	Month	Monday	Activity	
44	May 2021	24		
45		31		
46	Jun 2021	07		
47		14		
48		21	<b>RefEX</b>	
49		28	<b>RefEX</b>	
50	Jul 2021	05		
51		12		
52		19		
01	Aug 2021	26		
02		02		
03		09		
04		16		
05		23		
06		30		
07		Sep 2021	06	<b>EX</b>
08			13	

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## ACADEMIC CYCLE – 2020-2021 – Notes

### Exams for Semester C and approved programme specific assessment only

Monday 07 September 2020 – Friday 11 September 2020

#### 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 (eg 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 Assistant Registrar (Exams & Awards).

#### Semester A

The start date for Semester A and administratively, the Autumn Term is the penultimate Monday in September

#### Semester A 2020 - 2021

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes
9	Sep 20	21	T-1/IND	Teaching commences. Induction activities
10		28	T-2	Teaching (and induction activities)
11	Oct 20	05	T-3	Teaching (and induction activities)
12		12	T-4	Teaching (and induction activities)
13		19	T-5	Teaching (and induction activities)
14		26	T-6	Teaching (and induction activities) Teaching commences for new International students. <b>Students on standard programmes to notify changes in their choice, or to withdraw from, Semester A and A/B modules within 3 weeks of registration and no later than: Monday 26 October 2020</b>
15		02	T-7	Teaching <b>Last date for awards to be locked on the student record system for December graduation ceremonies: Wednesday Friday 04 November 2020</b>
16		Nov 20	09	T-8
17	16		T-9	Teaching
18	23		T-10	Teaching
19	30		T-11	Teaching <b>Graduation ceremonies (de Havilland) for awards conferred at Examination Boards between &amp; including Monday 03 August 2020 Wednesday 04 November 2020: Saturday 05 December 2020 and Saturday 12 December 2020</b>
20	Dec 20	07	T-12	Teaching <b>Graduation ceremonies (de Havilland) for awards conferred at Examination Boards between &amp; including Monday 03 August 2020 – Wednesday 04 November 2020: Saturday 05 December 2020 and Saturday 12 December 2020</b>
21		14	T-13	Teaching <b>Publication of final Semester A examination timetable: Monday 14 December 2020</b>
22		21	V	Vacation
23		28	V	Vacation

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24	Jan 21	04	T-14	Teaching
25		11	T-15	Teaching
26		18		Examinations <b>Semester A Examinations</b> (where permitted) Monday 18 January 2021 – Saturday 23 January 2021 Formal, centrally-run examinations are held during Week 26 only. Schools are reminded that not more than one third of the total number of modules offered in Semester A may be formally examined at the end of Semester A. <b>End of Semester A:</b> Friday 22 January 2021

### Semester B 2020 - 2021

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes
27	Feb 21	25	T-1	Teaching
28		01	T-2	Teaching
29		08	T-3	Teaching <b>Last date for students on standard programmes to withdraw from semester B modules. After this date non-completion of the module will be recorded as a failure:</b> Friday 12 February 2021
30		15	T-4	Teaching
31		22	T-5	Teaching <b>Semester A assessment activity completed, and results issued to students via their personal student record on StudyNet by:</b> Friday 26 February 2021
32	Mar 21	01	T-6	Teaching
33		08	T-7	Teaching
34		15	T-8	Teaching
35		22	T-9	Teaching
36		29	V	Vacation <b>BANK HOLIDAY:</b> Friday 02 April 2021
37	Apr 21	05	V	Vacation <b>BANK HOLIDAY:</b> Monday 05 April 2021 <b>Publication of final Semester B examination timetable:</b> Tuesday 06 April 2021
38		12	T-10	Teaching
39		19	T-11	Teaching
40		26	T-12	Teaching
41	May 21	03	EX	<b>BANK HOLIDAY:</b> Monday 03 May 2021 Teaching
42		10	EX	Teaching
43		17	EX	Examinations <b>Semester B Examinations</b> Monday 17 May 2021 – Friday 21 May 2021  <b>End of Semester B:</b> Friday 21 May 2021

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**Semester C 2020 - 2021**

**Vacation period for programmes delivered over Semesters A & B**

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes
44	May 21	24		
45		31		<b>BANK HOLIDAY:</b> Monday 31 May 2021 <b>Module Examination Boards for Semester B examinations held:</b> Tuesday 01 June 2021 – Monday 07 June 2021
46	Jun 21	07		<b>Module Examination Boards for Semester B examinations held:</b> Tuesday 01 June 2021 – Monday 07 June 2021 Revision week for students taking referred/deferred examinations in weeks 48 and 49. <b>Ref/Def assessment outcomes recorded on student record by:</b> Tuesday 08 June 2021 by 5.00pm <b>All other Semester B assessment activity completed and results issued to students via their personal student record on StudyNet by:</b> Friday 11 June 2021
47		14		Revision week for students taking referred/deferred examinations in weeks 48 and 49 <b>Publication of resit examination timetable:</b> Tuesday 15 June 2021
48		21	RefEX	Examinations <b>Referred/deferred examinations for Semesters A and B 2020-2021</b> Tuesday 22 June 2021 – Friday 02 July 2021
49		28	RefEX	Examinations <b>Referred/deferred examinations for Semesters A and B 2020-2021</b> Tuesday 22 June 2021 – Friday 02 July 2021
50	Jul 21	05		
51		12		<b>Module and Programme Examination Boards held, and results issued to students via their personal student record on StudyNet:</b> Monday 12 July 2021 - Friday 23 July 2021
52		19		<b>Module and Programme Examination Boards held, and results issued to students via their personal student record on StudyNet:</b> Monday 12 July 2021 - Friday 23 July 2021
1		26		<b>Assessment activity completed. Examination Board results issued to students via transcript by:</b> Friday 30 July 2021 <b>Last date for awards (including interim) to be locked on the student record system for September graduation ceremonies:</b> Friday 30 July 2021
2	Aug 21	02		<b>Progression deadline:</b> Friday 06 August 2021
3		09		
4		16		
5		23		
6		30		<b>BANK HOLIDAY:</b> Monday 30 August 2021

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7	Sept 21	06	EX	Examinations <b>for Semester C Assessment and approved non-standard programmes only:</b> Monday 06 September 2021 – Friday 10 September 2021 <b>Graduation ceremonies (St Albans) for awards conferred at Examination Boards between &amp; including Thursday 05 November 2020 - Friday 30 July 2021:</b> Monday 06 September 2021 – Tuesday 14 September 2021 (including Saturday 11 September 2021)
8		13		<b>Graduation ceremonies (St Albans) for awards conferred at Examination Boards between &amp; including Thursday 05 November 2020 - Friday 30 July 2021:</b> Monday 06 September 2021 – Tuesday 14 September 2021 <b>End of Semester C: Friday 17 September 2021</b>

### 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.