

2026-2027 academic calendar: clarification

Semester schedule

The semester schedule for teaching and exams for Bachelor's programmes is as follows:

- First semester: Monday 31 August 2026 to Friday 22 January 2027;
- Second semester: Monday 25 January 2027 to Friday 9 July 2027.

There may be some deviation in the period when it comes to teaching and exams for the Master's programmes, but the semester schedule remains the same. Teaching will also commence on Monday 31 August for Master's programmes.

On Friday 22 January 2027, no exams may be scheduled for courses in which exchange students participate, in order to facilitate outgoing and incoming exchange students moving in and out of their accommodation.

Education and Examination Regulations (EER) 2026-2027

The Executive Board advises faculty boards to include (adjusted) deadlines for period four in the EER 2026-2027 for, among other things, the announcement of exam results and the number of working days between the result of the exam and the resit. This is partly in relation to the date of issuing a negative study advice, or intention to do so.

Honours programme

The Honours programme is taught on Monday and Tuesday evenings. For this reason, the Executive Board expressly requests that faculties do not schedule teaching on Monday and Tuesday evenings between 5.30 pm and 7.15 pm. In addition, it is recommended that work groups be scheduled from 5.30 pm to 7.15 pm instead of lectures. After all, work groups are being scheduled more frequently and students can often choose the day themselves, which provides students who have to attend honours programme education in the evening with the needed flexibility.

Events

- The opening of the academic year will take place on the afternoon of Monday 31 August 2026. Teaching and exams will take place as usual on the afternoon of Monday 31 August 2026. The Executive Board explicitly requests that lecturers include in their student manual that students who wish to attend the opening of the academic year may do so without any repercussions. If lecturers wish to attend the opening of the academic year, the Executive Board advises them to reschedule teaching for the afternoon in question to another time that week.
- The Dies Natalis celebration will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 21 May 2026. There will be no teaching or exams that afternoon. The Executive Board explicitly requests that lecturers include in their student manual that students who wish to attend the Dies Natalis celebration may do so without any repercussions. If lecturers wish to attend the Dies Natalis celebration, the Executive Board advises them to reschedule teaching for the afternoon in question to another time that week.

Dates for providing education-related information

An annual calendar, which contains a number of crucial dates regarding the provision of education-related information, has also been established. These dates have been set for the entire university in order to make providing information to students as clear and unambiguous as possible. The dates are set out below. This includes the dates in preparation for the 2025-2026 semesters (falling partly in 2024-2025) and the 2026-2027 semesters (falling partly in 2025-2026).

- Publication of course information for international students:
 - 1st semester 2026-2027: in week 16 (13-17 April 2026)
 - 2nd semester 2026-2027: in week 41 (5-9 October 2026)
 - 1st semester 2027-2028: in week 16 (13-17 April 2027)
- Publication of timetables:
 - 1st semester 2026-2027: no later than 1 July 2026
 - 2nd semester 2026-2027: no later than 1 December 2026
 - 1st semester 2027-2028: no later than 1 July 2027
- Publication of course guides:

- 2026-2027: no later than 1 July 2025
- 2026-2027: no later than 1 July 2026
- Start of degree programme registration:
 - 1st semester 2025-2026: from 1 July 2026
 - 2nd semester 2025-2026: from 1 December 2026
 - 1st semester 2026-2027: from 1 July 2027

University holidays

There are no classes during holiday periods. No teaching activities, including work groups, lectures and practicals, will take place during these periods. However, it is possible to take interim and final exams in some periods. This can be seen in more detail in the schedule below.

Holiday	Date	Teaching	Exams	Final exams
Christmas break	Mon 21-12-2026 to Fri 01-01-2027	-	-	-
Carnival	Mon 08-02-2027 and Tue 09-02-2027	-	+	-
Good Friday	Fri 26-03-2027	-	-	-
Easter Monday	Mon 29-03-2027	-	-	-
King's Day	Tue 27-04-2027	-	-	-
May break	Mon 26-04-2027 to Fri 30-04-2027	-	+	-
Liberation Day	Wed 05-05-2027	-	-	-
Ascension Day	Thu 06-05-2027	-	-	-
Friday after Ascension Day	Fri 07-05-2027	-	-	-
Whit Monday	Mon 17-05-2027	-	-	-
Summer break	Mon 12-07-2027 to Fri 06-08-2027 Mon 09-08-2027 to Fri 03-09-2027	-	- +	- +