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## UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE OUTLINE CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

The University academic year runs from 01 August 2026 to 31 July 2027. 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 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 - SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2027 (17 weeks, including exam period and integral Christmas vacation 3 weeks) <i>There may be examinations on Saturday 23 January 2027 for certain students</i>
SEMESTER B	MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2027 – SUNDAY 16 MAY 2027 (16 weeks, including exam period and integral Easter vacation 2 weeks) <i>There may be examinations on Saturday 08 May 2027 for certain students.</i>  <i>There will be examinations from Thursday 24 June 2027 – Friday 02 July 2027 for referred/deferred assessments from Semesters A and B.</i>
SEMESTER C	MONDAY 17 MAY 2027 – SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2027 (19 weeks, including exam period and integral vacation weeks determined by programme)  <i>There will be examinations from Monday 06 September 2027 – Friday 17 September 2027 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 28 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026
Spring	Monday 11 January 2027 – Friday 19 Mar 2027
Summer	Monday 05 April 2027 - Friday 14 May 2027

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### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas	Friday 25 December 2026 (Christmas Day) Monday 28 December 2026 (Boxing Day, substitute)	Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 03 May 2027
		Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2027
New Year	Friday 01 January 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2027
Easter	Friday 26 March 2027 Monday 29 March 2027		

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### UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS

The University will be closed from 12.00 hours on Thursday 24 December 2026 until 08.30 hours on Monday 04 January 2027.

The University will also be closed on Tuesday 31 August 2027.

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### START OF SEMESTER A TEACHING 2027-2028

Monday 27 September 2027

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## STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC CYCLE – 2026-2027

**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
10	Sep 2026	28	IND
11	Oct 2026	5	T-1 (+IND)
12		12	T-2 (+IND)
13		19	T-3 (+IND)
14	Nov 2026	26	T-4
15		02	T-5
16		09	T-6
17		16	T-7
18		23	T-8
19		30	T-9
20	Dec 2026	07	T-10
21		14	T-11
22		21	V
23		28	V
24	Jan 2027	04	V
25		11	T-12

**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
- 4 weeks vacation
- 19 weeks total

### Semester B

Week number	Month	Monday	Activity
26	Jan 2027	18	EX
27		25	T-1
28	Feb 2027	01	T-2
29		08	T-3
30		15	T-4
31		22	T-5
32	Mar 2027	01	T-6
33		08	T-7
34		15	T-8
35		22	V
36		29	V
37		Apr 2027	05
38	12		T-10
39	19		T-11
40	26		T-12
41	May 2027	03	EX
42		10	EX

### Semester C

Week number	Month	Monday	Activity
43	May 2027	17	
44		24	
45		31	
46	June 2027	07	
47		14	
48		21	RefEX
49		28	RefEX
50	Jul 2027	05	
51		12	
52		19	
01		26	
02	Aug 2027	02	
03		09	
04		16	
05		23	
06		30	
07		Sept 2027	06
08	13		
09	20		

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## ACADEMIC CYCLE – 2026-2027 – 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 2026 - 2027

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes
10	Sep 26	28	IND	Overseas orientation and induction activities
11	Oct 26	05	T-1	Teaching (and induction activities)
12		12	T-2	Teaching (and induction activities)
13		19	T-3	Teaching (and induction activities)
14		26	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 30 October 2026</b>
15	Nov 26	02	T-5	Teaching  <b>Sittings for Sem A examinations created on the student record by: Friday 06 November 2026</b>
16		09	T-6	Teaching
17		16	T-7	Teaching
18		23	T-8	Teaching
19		30	T-9	Teaching
20	Dec 26	07	T-10	Teaching  <b>Publication of final Semester A examination timetable: Monday 07 December 2026</b>
21		14	T-11	Teaching  <b>Publication of final Semester A examination timetable: Monday 14 December 2026</b> <b>Last date for awards to be locked on the student record system for February graduation ceremonies: Thursday 17 December 2026</b>
22		21	V	Vacation  <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Friday 25 December 2026</b> <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 28 December 2026</b>
23		28	V	Vacation <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Friday 01 January 2027</b>
24	Jan 27	04	V	Vacation
25		11	T-12	Teaching
26		18	EX	Examinations  <b>Semester A Examinations (where permitted)</b> Monday 18 January 2027 – Saturday 23 January 2027 Formal, centrally-run examinations are held during Week 26 only.  <b>End of Semester A: Sunday 24 January 2027</b>

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### Semester B 2026 - 2027

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes	
27	Jan 27	25	T-1	Teaching	
28	Feb 27	01	T-2	Teaching	
29		08	T-3	Teaching	
				<b>Module Examination Boards for Semester A modules</b>	
30		15	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 19 February 2027</b>  <b>Graduation ceremonies for eligible awards locked between &amp; including Saturday 01 August 2026 – Thursday 17 December 2026: Monday 15 February 2026 – Friday 19 February 2027</b>	
31	Mar 27	22	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 25 February 2027</b>  <b>Sittings for Sem B examinations created on the student record by: Friday 26 February 2027</b>	
32		01	T-6	Teaching	
33		08	T-7	Teaching	
34		15	T-8	Teaching	
				<b>Publication of final Semester B examination timetable: Friday 19 March 2027</b>	
35	Mar 27	22	V	Vacation <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Friday 26 March 2027</b>	
36		29	V	Vacation <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 29 March 2027</b>	
37	Apr 27	05	T-9	Teaching	
38		12	T-10	Teaching	
39		19	T-11	Teaching	
40		26	T-12	Teaching	
41	May 27	03	EX	<b>Semester B Examinations</b> Tuesday 04 May 2027 – Friday 14 May 2027 (including Saturday 08 May 2027)  <b>BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 03 May 2027</b>	
42		10	EX	<b>Semester B Examinations</b> Tuesday 04 May 2027 – Friday 14 May 2027	

### Semester C 2026- 2027

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

Week	Month	Monday	Activity	Notes
43	May 27	17		
44		24		
45		31		<b>BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 31 May 2027</b>  <b>Module Examination Boards for Semester B modules: Tuesday 02 June 2027 – Friday 04 June 2027</b>

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46	Jun 27	07		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 11 June 2027</b>  <b>Second sittings for ref/def examinations created on the student record by: Tuesday 08 June 2027 by 5.00pm</b>  <b>All other Semester B assessment activity completed and results issued to students via their personal student record by: Thursday 10 June 2027</b>
47		14		Revision week for students taking referred/deferred examinations.  <b>Publication of referred/deferred examination timetable: Tuesday 15 June 2027</b>
48		21	RefEX	<b>Referred/deferred examinations for Semesters A and B 2026-2027</b> Thursday 24 June 2027 – Friday 02 July 2027
49		28	RefEX	<b>Referred/deferred examinations for Semesters A and B 2026-2027</b> Thursday 24 June 2027 – Friday 02 July 2027
50	Jul 27	05		
51		12		<b>Module and Programme Examination Boards held: Monday 12 July 2027 - Friday 23 July 2027</b>
52		19		<b>Module and Programme Examination Boards held: Monday 12 July 2027 - Friday 23 July 2027</b>
1		26		<b>Assessment activity completed and referred/deferred Module Results issued to students via their personal student record by: Thursday 29 July 2027</b>
2	Aug 27	02		<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: Friday 06 August 2027</b>
3		09		<b>Progression deadline: Friday 13 August 2027</b>
4		16		
5		23		
6		30		<b>BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 30 August 2027</b> <b>UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY: Tuesday 31 August 2027</b>
7	Sept 27	06	EX	<b>Examinations for Semester C Assessment and approved non-standard programmes only: Monday 06 September 2027 – Friday 10 September 2027</b>  <b>Graduation ceremonies (St Albans) for eligible awards locked between &amp; including Monday 04 January 2027 – Friday 30 July 2027: Monday 06 September 2027 – Friday 17 September 2027</b>
8		13		<b>Graduation ceremonies (St Albans) for eligible awards locked between &amp; including Monday 04 January 2027 – Friday 30 July 2027: Monday 06 September 2027 – Friday 17 September 2027</b>
9		20		<b>End of Semester C: Sunday 26 September 2027</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.