



**UNIVERSITY OF
MPUMALANGA**

Creating Opportunities

2026 TERMS AND ALMANAC GUIDE

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR	DURATION	NO. OF WEEKS	NO. OF DAYS	NO. OF HOLIDAYS	NO. OF ACTUAL DAYS
ACADEMIC YEAR	05 January - 18 December	50	250	14	238
ACADEMIC TERMS					
1	09 February - 02 April	8	39	0	39
2	13 April - 29 May	7	35	2	33
3	20 July - 11 September	9	38	1	37
4	21 September - 23 October	6	25	3	25
TOTAL		30	137	7	134
RECESS PERIODS					
1	06 April - 10 April	1	05	1	4
2	29 June - 17 July	4	20	0	20
3	13 September - 18 September	1	05	0	05
TOTAL		6	30	1	29
EXAM PERIODS					
2025 Final-Year Re-exams	12 January - 21 January	1	5	0	5
2026 Mid-Year Re-exams	14 July - 17 July	1	4	0	4
Semester 1 Exams	01 June - 22 June	3	17	1	16
Semester 2 Exams	26 October - 16 November	3	16	0	16
TOTAL		8	42	1	41
SHUT DOWN PERIOD					
1	21 December 2026 31 December 2026	2	10	3	7

Public Holidays

Thursday 01 January	New Year's Day
Saturday 21 March	Human Rights Day
Friday 03 April	Good Friday
Monday 06 April	Family Day
Monday 27 April	Freedom Day
Friday 01 May	Worker's Day
Tuesday 16 June	Youth Day
Sunday 09 August	National Women's Day
Monday 10 August	Nat Women's Day (Observed)
Thursday 24 September	Heritage Day
Wednesday 16 December	Day of Reconciliation
Friday 25 December	Christmas Day
Saturday 26 December	Day of Goodwill

University Holidays

Monday, 15 June
Friday, 25 September

University Re-opens

Monday, 05 January 2026

Lectures Commence

09 February

Graduation Ceremonies

Wednesday 06 May

1st Session – 09h00
2nd Session – 14h00

Thursday 07 May

1st Session – 09h00
2nd Session – 14h00

Friday 08 May

1st Session – 09h00
2nd Session – 14h00

Saturday 09 May

1st Session – 09h00
2nd Session – 14h00

University Closes

Friday 18 December 2026

Registration

01 January (WIL registration open)

Semester 1 Registration

New Students

26 – 30 January (1 week)

Returning Students

02 -06 February (1 week)

Semester 2 Registration

20 July – 31 July (2 weeks)

Late Registration

16 – 27 February

Advanced and Postgraduate Diplomas, and Honors

02 January – 27 February

Masters and Doctoral Registrations

02 January – 30 April

20 July – 31 July

Residences open for new students

02 February

Residences open for returning students

09 February

Orientation Week (New Students)

02 – 06 February (1 week)

Orientation Week (Postgraduate Students)

04 - 08 May

Normal Examinations

Semester 1

01 June – 22 June (3 weeks)

Publication of results: 10 July

Semester 2

26 October – 16 November (3 weeks)

Publication of results: 30 November

Re/Special- Examinations

2025 Semester 2

12 – 16 January 2026 (1 week)

2026 Semester 1

14 – 17 July 2026 (4 days)

2026 Semester 2

7 – 11 December (1 week)