

SENATE

Title of paper: Terms and Semester Dates for 2025-26

Main purpose of the paper: For decision

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To outline dates for the academic calendar for 2025/26 that match those previously approved for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Appendix 1 provides a timetable for the teaching calendar, showing where the term dates and Semester dates start and finish.

Appendix 2 provides an academic schedule of activity for the teaching calendar, showing which weeks are teaching weeks and which assessment periods. It highlights the winter, spring and summer breaks in the teaching year and when Induction/Registration commences and the Congregation Ceremonies held to celebrate student awards.

Relation to strategy and values

Recommendations:

To approve the dates for 2025/26.

Consultation to date (including any previous committee consideration and its outcome):

Both colleague and student groups were consulted, by invitation to focus groups in 2022 as part of the review of the Academic Calendar, which informed the schedule now in place for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Academic years.

A more fulsome review of the academic year was anticipated as part of the developing Education Strategy, but agreement on the 2025/26 Academic terms and teaching dates are required before this work will be undertaken.

Appendix 1 - Term and Semester Dates for the 2025/26 academic year

Proposed term and semester dates for the 2025/26 academic year are shown below.

The normal process would be to confirm multiple year's dates at one time but to retain flexibility to allow for any changes resulting from the Education Strategy, only one year is being confirmed at this time.

Term dates 2025/26

Term	Start date	End date
Autumn	Monday 15 September 2025	Friday 12 December 2025
Spring	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 20 March 2026
Summer	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 5 June 2026

Semester dates 2025/26

Semester	Start date	End date
One	Monday 15 September 2025	Friday 23 January 2026
Two	Monday 26 January 2026	Friday 5 June 2026
Three	Monday 8 June 2026	Friday 11 September 2026

A full breakdown of teaching weeks is shown on Appendix 2

Appendix 2 - Draft Teaching Timetable Week Number Guide – 2025/26

Teaching Timetable Week Number	Teaching Week	Week Commencing	Notes
1		01/09/25	
2		08/09/25	International Orientation Week
3		15/09/25	Welcome/Induction Week
4	1	22/09/25	Semester 1 Teaching (Start)
5	2	29/09/25	
6	3	06/10/25	
7	4	13/10/25	
8	5	20/10/25	
9	6	27/10/25	
10		03/11/25	Reading/Study Week
11	7	10/11/25	
12	8	17/11/25	
13	9	24/11/25	
14	10	01/12/25	Congregations
15	11	08/12/25	
16		15/12/25	Winter Break
17		22/12/25	Winter Break
18		29/12/25	Winter Break
19		05/01/26	Semester 1 Assessment
20		12/01/26	Semester 1 Assessment
21		19/01/26	Inter-Semester Break
22	1	26/01/26	Semester 2 Teaching (Start)
23	2	02/02/26	
24	3	09/02/26	
25	4	16/02/26	
26	5	23/02/26	
27	6	02/03/26	
28	7	09/03/26	
29	8	16/03/26	
30		23/03/26	Spring Break
31		30/03/26	Spring Break
32		06/04/26	Spring Break
33		13/04/26	Spring Break
34	9	20/04/26	
35	10	27/04/26	
36	11	04/05/26	
37		11/05/26	Semester 2 Assessment
38		18/05/26	Semester 2 Assessment
39		25/05/26	Semester 2 Assessment
40		01/06/26	
41		08/06/26	
42		15/06/26	
43		22/06/26	
44		29/06/26	
45		06/07/26	Congregations
46		13/07/26	Congregations
47		20/07/26	
48		27/07/26	
49		03/08/26	Assessment – Resits
50		10/08/26	Assessment – Resits
51		17/08/26	
52		24/08/26	