



Calendar for the Academic Year 2021 commencing on March 1, 2021

Please note: that reference to classes generically refer to physical and online classes. Assumption is that CASS will still be followed in all modules except practical and lab-based modules.

Dates	Events
January	
1	Public Holiday (New Year's Day)
4	1 University Reopens for business
	2 2020 Academic year continuation
February	
19	Closing date: Submission of all marks (First and Second Semester 2020)
26	1 Academic Year 2020 Ends
	2 Final day: Publication of marks/results for AY 2020
March	
1	1 2021 Academic Year Commences
	2 Online registration commences for first year students
5	Registration closes for first year students
8	1 Online registration commences for senior students
	2 Orientation commences for first year students
12	Registration closes for senior students

15		Classes commence for all students (except PG students) for S1 and Q1 2021
19		Official Academic Opening of the University (Virtual event)
22		Public Holiday
April		
2		Public Holiday (Good Friday)
4		Public Holiday (Easter)
5		Public Holiday (Family Day)
6		Closing date for additions and cancellations of modules (S1 and year programmes)
16		Closing date for "Autumn" graduation applications
26		University Recess commences
27		Public Holiday (Freedom Day)
May		
1		Public Holiday (Workers' Day)
3		Classes commence for Q2
17 - 21		Graduation Ceremonies
June		
16		Youth Day
18		Final date: Submission of examination papers
July		
5 to 9		Sitting of all Special and Practical Examinations for S1
21		Closing date for submission of all marks/Results - CASS and Summative Assessments

26		Mid-year recess commences
August		
9		Public Holiday (National Women's Day)
10		Online Registrations commence for all students
14		Online registrations close for all students
16		Classes commence for S2, Q3 for all students
September		
6		Closing date for additions and cancellations of modules (S2)
17		Closing date for "Spring" graduation applications
27		Recess Commences
October		
4		Classes commence for Q4 for all students
18 to 22		Spring Graduation Ceremonies
November		
5		Final date: Submission of examination papers
22 to 26		Sitting of all Special and Practical Examinations for S2
December		
10		Closing date for submission of all marks/Results - CASS and Summative Assessments
15		Classes end for S2
16		Summer recess commences
25		Public Holiday (Christmas Day)

26	Public Holiday (Day of Goodwill)

Terms

Semester 1: 1 March 2021 – 23 July 2021

Quarter 1: 1 March 2021 – 23 April 2021

Number of Contact Days: 26

Quarter 2: 3 May 2021 – 23 July 2021

Number of Contact Days: 59 for non-practical modules

Semester 1 Contact Days: 85 for non-practical modules

Semester 2: 10 August 2021 – 15 December 2021

Quarter 3: 10 August 2021 – 23 September 2021

Number of Contact Days: 29

Quarter 4: 04 October 2021 – 15 December 2021

Number of Contact Days: 53 for non-practical modules

Semester 2 Contact Days: 82 for non-practical modules