

SUMMARY OF 2026 CALENDAR DATES

TERM DATES 2025	LECTURING STAFF	ADMIN STAFF	CLASSES COMMENCE	STUDY WEEK	ASSESSMENT DATES	RESULT PUBLICATION DATES	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
TERM 1 05 January - 27 March	05 January - 27 March	05 January	9 February - 27 March				New Year's Day Human Rights Day	01 Jan 21 March
TERM 2 07 April - 26 June	07 April - 26 June		07 April 13 May	13 - 19 May	May/June standard exam 20 May – 09 June	26 June	Good Friday Family Day Freedom Day Workers Day University holiday (proposed) Youth Day	03 April 06 April 27 April 01 May 15 June 16 June
TERM 3 20 July - 28 August	20 July - 28 August		20 July - 28 August		Supp exam 06 July – 10 July Special exam 30 July	24 July 04 August	Women's Day Public Holiday	09 Aug 10 Aug
TERM 4 07 Sept - 18 December	07 Sept - 18 December	18 Dec	07 Sept - 16 October	21 October - 27 October	October/ November Standard exam 28 October - 19 November Supp Exam 07 Dec – 11 Dec	02 December 18 December	Heritage Day Day of Reconciliation Christmas Day Day of Goodwill	24 Sept 16 Dec 25 Dec 25 Dec

APPLICATIONS AND ENROLMENT RELATED DATES	ASSESSMENT RELATED DATES	GRADUATION RELATED DATES	IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY DATES
REGISTRATION DATES 07 January 2026 Online registration by all returning and new students with firm offers commences. Online registration for new and returning Masters and PhDs commences (January cohort) 23 January 2026 Online registration for new and returning Masters and PhDs ends (January cohort). 30 January 2026 Online registration by all returning and new students with firm offers ends (including Honours and PGDIP's). 13 February 2026 Closing date for Year & 1st semester subject cancellation & addition. 29 June 2026 Online registration for new and returning Masters and PhDs commences (July cohort). 20 July 2026 Online registration/ subject addition for 2nd-semester modules commences. 31 July 2026 All Online registration/ subject addition for 2nd semester modules ends. APPLICATION DATES	19 January 2026 2025 special examinations commence. 30 January 2026 Publication of 2025 special examination results. 10 February 2026 Closing date for applications for subject exemptions and recognitions for year & 2nd semester modules. 13 February 2026 Submission of module assessment criteria & weights to Faculty Office & Exams. 13 February 2026 Closing date for submission of outstanding project/ research results of previous academic year. 20 February 2026 Closing date for submission of module assessment criteria & weights to Faculty Office & Exams. 20 May – 09 June 2026 Standard examinations (1st semester)	04 May – 08 May 2026 May/ Autumn Central Graduation Ceremonies 25 September 2026 September/ Spring Graduation Ceremonies	Orientation dates for FTENs 02 February 2026 – 06 February 2026 VC's UNIVERSITY OPENING ADDRESS 06 February 2026 Mthatha (10:00) Lecturers commence 09 February 2026 STATE OF THE FACULTY ADDRESS 09 February 2026 FEFS (16:00) 10 February 2026 FLHSS (16:00) 11 February 2026 FNS (16:00) 12 February 2026 FMHS (16:00) 16 February 2026 FMPAS (16:00) 17 February 2026 FEBEIT (16:00) 19 February 2026 FED (16:00)

01 June 2026 Online Application opening date 30 September 2026 Online application closing date for International applicants 31 October 2026 Online application closing date RSA applicants	06 July – 10 July 2026 Supplementary examinations 30 July 2026 Special examinations 21 August 2026 Closing date: applications for exemptions and recognition for 2nd semester modules. 28 October – 19 November Standard examinations (Yr & 2nd semester) 07 December – 11 December 2026 Supplementary examinations 18 January 2027 Special Examinations		
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