

**UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**  
**ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025**  
**MAIN DATES**

1 January		South African Official Public Holiday
3 January	1.	2025 Academic year commences
	2.	Commencement of online registration for senior students
6-18 January		Summer School
17 January		Closing date submission of final marks for Chancellors and Special examinations
22 January		Closing date submission of final marks for Summer School
31 January - 2 February		Special orientation for non-RSA students
1 February		Welcome Day
3-7 February	1.	Orientation programme for new first-year students at Hatfield Campus
	2.	Senate Review Committee on Re-admissions
7 February	1.	Closing date submission of final marks for Autumn Graduation
	2.	Closing date for awarding undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications by Faculty Administration
8 February		INSYNC first-year concert
10 February	1.	Lectures commence for quarter 1 and semester 1
	2.	Anniversary of the University's founding
15 February		RAG of Hope Day
21 February		Last day of registration for quarters 1 and 2 or semester 1 (No student is permitted to register for a module after the first two weeks of lectures have passed, with the exception of cases that have been approved by the Registrar)
10 March		Closing date for amendments or cancellation of modules (quarter 1, 2, and semester 1)
17 March		Friday timetable is followed
21 March		South African Official Public Holiday
22-29 March plus 5 April		UP Test week 1 (semester 1 - UG only)
31 March		Lectures end for quarter 1
1 April		Lectures commence for quarter 2
12-21 April		April recess
18 April		South African Official Public Holiday
21 April		South African Official Public Holiday
22 April		Monday timetable is followed
27 April		South African Official Public Holiday
28 April		South African Official Public Holiday in terms of legislation
30 April		Monday timetable is followed
1 May		South African Official Public Holiday
3-10 May plus 17 May		UP Test week 2 (semester 1 - UG only)
17 May-28 June		Cooling-off period for all <b>non-academic</b> student activities before and during the examination period
29 May		Lectures end for quarter 2 and semester 1
30 May		Examination preparation day
31 May-19 June		Examinations of first-quarter, second-quarter, and first-semester modules
16 June		South African Official Public Holiday
23-28 June		Supplementary examinations of first-quarter, second-quarter, and first-semester modules
29 June-20 July		July recess
30 June		Last day for submission of supplementary examination marks of first-quarter, second-quarter, and first-semester modules
30 June-12 July		Winter School

16 July	1.	Closing date submission of final marks for Winter School
	2.	Closing date submission of final marks for Spring Graduation
21 July		Lectures commence for quarter 3 and semester 2
1 August		Last day of registration for quarters 3 and 4 or semester 2 (No student is permitted to register for a module after the first two weeks of lectures have passed, with the exception of cases that have been approved by the Registrar)
9 August		South African Official Public Holiday
16 August		# Choose UP Day
18 August		Closing date for amendments or cancellation of modules (quarter 3, 4, and semester 2)
23-30 August plus 6 September		UP Test week 1 (semester 2 - UG only)
5 September		Lectures end for quarter 3
8 September		Lectures commence for quarter 4
10 September		UP Wellness Day ( <b>no lecture day</b> )
11-21 September		September recess
23 September		Wednesday timetable is followed
24 September		South African Official Public Holiday
3 October		International Students' Day
11-18 October plus 25 October		UP Test week 2 (semester 2 - UG only)
25 October-6 December		Cooling-off period for all <b>non-academic</b> student activities before and during the examination period
3 November		Friday timetable is followed
6 November		Lectures end for quarter 4, semester 2
7 November		Examination preparation day
8-26 November		Examination of third-quarter, fourth-quarter, second-semester, and year modules
1-6 December		Supplementary examinations of third-quarter, fourth-quarter, second-semester and year modules
6 December		Academic year ends
8 December		Last day for submission of supplementary examination marks of third-quarter, fourth-quarter, second-semester, and year modules
16 December		South African Official Public Holiday
23 December		University closes at 10:00
25 December		South African Official Public Holiday
26 December		South African Official Public Holiday
5 January 2026		2026 Academic year commences

## GRADUATION CEREMONIES 2025

23 April-29 May  
1-5 September  
10 December

Autumn Graduation Ceremonies  
Spring Graduation Ceremonies  
Graduation Ceremony for LLM in Human Rights

### South African Official Public Holidays:

Please consult the South African Government: <https://www.gov.za/about-sa/public-holidays>

### School Terms:

Please consult the Department of Education: <https://www.education.gov.za>