

Academic Newsletter

Dates to look out for:

- Meme-o-Thon — 1 June—19 June
- Youth Day — 16 June
- Examination Period — 1 July - 21 July

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The Youth—Catalysts for Change

On the 16th of June, 1976, thousands of young students protested in townships across the country. These students protested for change to the education system, which was disenfranchising them, and had made learning extremely difficult.

These protests were what triggered the easing, and eventual abolishment of the Bantu education system, and Apartheid as a whole. This brief history lesson is important. Why is that?

The world we live in today is filled with injustice, and situations that need change. In the last two weeks alone, Gender Based Violence (GBV) has come to the forefront of the nations attention.

So too have issues surrounding racism, police brutality, and let us not forget the millions who are adversely affected by the COVID19 pandemic world wide.

Of course, you may ask yourself, "okay great, but what does this have to do with me?". Some of us may

not be affected by some, or any, of these issues. But as young people, every single one of us has the ability to drive real, tangible change.

It can be something as small as signing petitions that can reach those in positions of power. It can be donating to your local charity, or a Go-FundMe aimed at helping those affected.



If you have the resources too, these are all great things we can do to inspire change. Being vocal about issues you would like to see change, is also important.

Soon, many of us will be members of one of the most important professions. In time, we will be sitting on a board of directors, be C-Level executives, be lecturers, in

seats of power, or have our own JSE listed companies. What will we do to change the social ills when we have this power and influence?

It is vital that we start now to be catalysts for change. Even if its something small, it will make a difference. Educating ourselves about the problems we may not understand is important. Helping others, benefits everyone in the long run.






It may, at times, be difficult to try and make a change. But that's the point. Change is meant to be uncomfortable. Just like going to the gym, initially, is uncomfortable, but after a while, you start seeing the benefits when you look in the mirror.

Be a listening ear. A caring ear. Help those, around you. Be it friends, family, or even strangers you may come across. That small action, that may not mean much to you, will ultimately, make a big difference in that person's life.

Be the change that you want to see in the world.

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THRIVE IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGE

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The recent outbreak of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown enforcements across the world has had a significant impact on how we as human beings had to change and adapt our daily living.

Things have changed, and even though we know that it is temporary, we realise that things will be different. The loss of normalcy and connection has had a significant impact on us and it almost feels similar to a grieving process. On top of that, we are also experiencing anticipatory grief or an intense feeling of the uncertainty that the future holds and this has had a direct impact on our sense of safety.

Usually, it is easier to cope with a difficult situation if one can understand it. And understanding the stages of grief in context to our current reality is important. At the beginning we all went through the denial stage when we thought that we won't necessarily be impacted. That was quickly followed by the anger stage when lockdown was enforced and we were made to stay home. The bargaining stage followed where we rationalised that if we stay home for 3 weeks everything will be better and then the lockdown was extended which took us into the sadness stage where many of us felt that this will probably never end. And finally we have now entered the acceptance stage where we know that this is our new reality and we have to figure out how to proceed.

As with most things in life, power lies in acceptance as we find a sense of control in acceptance. And therefore it is important that we focus on what we have control over and not fight our current reality with unhelpful negative thoughts. Try to find balance in the things that you are thinking and be intentional by keeping your thoughts realistic optimistic. Try to stay in the moment, breathe and be mindful. And allow



yourself to experience your emotions, but not to let them over-power you. Then you will be able to be the survivor, rather than the victim of the current situation.

Keeping with this theme, it is crucial that you take care of your mental health during this time. As mentioned, uncertainty can easily lead to increased levels of anxiety. The social isolation can lead to feelings of loneliness and the confrontation with the meaning of it all to an existential crisis. You might find yourself over-thinking everything and these thoughts are unfortunately most of the time, negative thoughts.

So here are a few pointers that could help you survive spiraling negative thoughts about this uncertain time.

1. Manage your thoughts by reframing "I am stuck inside" to "I can finally focus on my myself"

Think of the mandated lock-down situation as an opportunity to refocus your attention from the external to the internal. By staying productive, you can foster a positive attitude. Instead of ruminating on the situation, set your sights on long-avoided tasks, or create something you've always wanted to. Approaching this time with a mind-set of feeling trapped or stuck will only stress you out more. This is your chance to slow down and focus on yourself in order to be productive.

2. Stay close to your normal routine and keep things organised.

As you study from home, it could be tempting to fall into a more lethargic lifestyle, which could lead to negative thinking. It is important that you still wake up and go to bed around the same time, eat meals, shower and adapt your exercise regimen. By sticking to your normal routine, you will remain active and productive and be less likely to spiral into a negative or procrastinating state. It will also make it easier to readjust to the outside world when it's time to get back to the new normal. Despite the uncertainty outside, it is vital to keep the inside organised and predictable. Set up mental zones for daily activities and keep your space clean and neat in order to avoid that your environment becomes uneasy or claustrophobic.

3. Avoid obsessing over endless Coronavirus coverage and start a lockdown ritual

Having more time on your hands gives you plenty of time to obsess, and if you have a tendency to consult Google for every pain or sneeze, you may be over-researching the situation as well. So rather have something special during this time will help you look forward to each new day. Start a daily journal to jot down thoughts and feelings to reflect on later. Or start a home-based exercise routine, read a book or connect with your family or friends over a call.

As you manage your thoughts during this time, managing your behaviour will be just as important. Staying productive while studying remotely can be a double-edge sword, because it can actually be harder to focus when the daily routine of physically attending classes is absent. It can be very tempting to rather settle in and binge watch a new series or Netflix, as supposed to doing some revision on class work.

[So here are some tips on ways to stay productive while working from home.](#)

Get ready for your day and commit to a daily schedule

As mentioned earlier, the act of physically getting ready for your day (having breakfast, brushing

your teeth, getting dressed, etc.) will help you mentally get ready for a productive day. Create a daily routine and set a firm schedule. Decide on a starting time and finishing time and use timers to divide your tasks for the day. Use the Pomodoro technique: set a timer for 25 minutes, and work exclusively on the task at hand until the timer finishes. Any interruptions must be put off until the timer goes off. Then, you can take a short five minute break before starting another 25-minute session. Every few hours you can take a longer 15-30 minute break to recharge. This technique is perfect if you are not used to remote studying or tend to procrastinate.

Keep yourself healthy and communicate frequently with other students.

Your personal health is the most important aspect of how productive you are during remote studying. So try to stand up at least once an hour and stretch your legs, get some water from the kitchen and stay hydrated. Also monitor your screen time by taking a few seconds to look away from your screen every 15 minutes or so. Also be mindful of your eating habits. Snacking can be crucial to keeping energy levels high, but don't just munch on fatty chips and cookies. Rather keep some fruit or a healthy snack on hand. Also communicate frequently with your class mates in order to combat feelings of loneliness or isolation. Form study groups which can serve as a mechanism of motivation and accountability.

Finally, when it comes to uncertainty, we may not always be able to control the outcome, but we can control our response to it. And that's resilience. It gives you the tools to bounce back from tough situations and thrive in the face of challenges. So keep things in perspective, concentrate on the good things in your life, no matter how small and ask for help if you need it.

Sources:

<https://hbr.org/2020/03/that-discomfort-youre-feeling-is-grief>

Lockdown Alert Level 3

As of 1 June 2020, South Africa has moved down to lockdown level 3.

There is a countrywide dynamic lockdown system, which consists of 5 levels, with varying degrees of mobility and activity being allowed in each level. Level 5 is the hard lockdown which we initially experienced at the start. We have since moved down to level 3 from Monday, 1 June 2020. From now, each province, district and municipality will be able to adopt a different level, depending on various circumstances. The level in your province, district or municipality may change, depending on the number of COVID-19 cases.

With that in mind, it is important to continue observing social distancing, and to wash your hands regularly. Wear a face mask when leaving home. For more info please go to <https://www.stateofthenation.gov.za> or <https://www.sacoronavirus.co.za>. Please stay safe and wash your hands.

The entire country will move to Level 3 from Monday 1 June 2020

SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS

ALERT LEVEL 3

WHEN CAN I LEAVE MY HOME?

You must remain at home at all times, except to:

- Travel to and from work
- Attend a school or learning institution once these are opened
- Purchase goods or obtain services that are allowed at Level 3
- Exercise, between 6am and 6pm, and not in groups
- Move children between homes, where permitted
- Attend a place of worship

You must wear a cloth face mask whenever in public

WORKPLACE PROTOCOLS

To keep workers safe, employers must:

- Minimise the number of employees at the workplace at any given time through rotation, staggered working hours, shift systems, remote working arrangements or similar measures, to limit congestion in public transport and at the workplace
- Make arrangements for social distancing at work
- Provide sanitiser or facilities for hand-washing
- Sanitise surfaces regularly
- Screen employees for symptoms daily and assist those at risk to seek treatment

ECONOMIC SECTORS

All economic sectors are permitted to operate, except for high-risk activities that remain restricted

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS WILL REMAIN IN PLACE:

- Consumption of food and alcohol in restaurants, bars, shebeens and taverns
- Personal care services where social distancing is not possible
- Hotels and accommodation for leisure
- Domestic air travel, except for essential work travel
- Conferences, events and gatherings
- Cinemas, theatres, museums and other entertainment venues
- Gyms and fitness centres
- Beaches, public parks, sports grounds and swimming pools

WHAT GOODS CAN I PURCHASE?

- All retail outlets will be open, with stringent health protocols in place
- Alcohol will be sold under strict conditions, from Mondays to Thursdays between 9am and 5pm
- The sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products remains prohibited

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

- Most people who are infected with COVID-19 have no symptoms
- You may be spreading the virus without knowing it
- Wear a mask, wash your hands regularly and keep your distance from others at all times

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ALERT LEVEL 3

HOTSPOTS

Hotspots will be determined based on the number of active cases per 100,000 in the population, the rate of increase in active cases, and the capacity of the health system.

Special measures will apply in hotspot areas:

- Movement in and out of hotspot areas may be restricted
- Dedicated, multidisciplinary teams will be deployed to contain the outbreak, including epidemiologists, doctors, nurses and community health workers
- Each hotspot will be linked to testing and quarantine facilities, and additional hospital beds where necessary
- All contacts will be traced and isolated to prevent further transmission

OUR COVID-19 PREVENTION TOOLBOX

At Level 3, we need to take personal responsibility for our safety and the safety of others:

- Keeping a distance of one-and-a-half metres from other people
- Regularly washing or sanitising your hands
- Wearing a cloth mask in public
- Cleaning surfaces regularly
- Avoiding crowds and gatherings

SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

- All those above the age of 60, and those with underlying medical conditions, should leave home only in exceptional circumstances
- Employers should allow them to work from home where possible, or put special measures in place to facilitate their safety at work

PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS' EMPLOYMENT

- All staff employed by private households may return to work, and employers must take measures to ensure a safe working environment

GATHERINGS

All gatherings are prohibited, except for:

- Places of worship with 50 people or less, depending on the size of the venue, and following strict health protocols
- Funerals, with specific restrictions
- Workplaces, with social distancing guidelines adhered to
- Agricultural auctions
- Professional non-contact sports matches, but with no spectators

EVICCTIONS

- No person MAY BE EVICTED from his or her land or home during the period of Alert Level 3
- A court may grant an eviction order, but this will be stayed and suspended until the end of Alert Level 3

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ALERT LEVEL 3

MOVEMENT BETWEEN PROVINCES

Movement between provinces is prohibited, except for:

- Carrying out work responsibilities or performing any service permitted under Alert Level 3, where a permit has been issued
- Moving to a new place of residence
- Moving to care for an immediate family member
- Members of Parliament performing oversight responsibilities
- Learners commuting to attend schools or institutions of higher learning
- Attendance of funerals, and transportation of mortal remains
- Obtaining medical treatment
- Persons who are returning to their place of residence from a quarantine or isolation facility
- Transportation of fuel, cargo and goods

CLOSURE OF BORDERS

All borders of the Republic remain closed, except for the transportation of goods, repatriation of South Africans and evacuation of foreign nationals

FUNERALS

You may travel to attend a funeral if you are a:

- Spouse or partner of the deceased
- Child of the deceased, whether biological, adopted or stepchild
- Child-in-law of the deceased
- Parent of the deceased, whether biological, adopted or stepparent
- Sibling, whether biological, adopted or stepbrother or sister of the deceased
- Grandparent of the deceased

Attendance at a funeral is limited to 50 people, and a permit must be obtained from a magistrate or police station

During a funeral, all hygienic conditions and distancing measures must be followed to limit exposure of persons at the funeral to COVID-19

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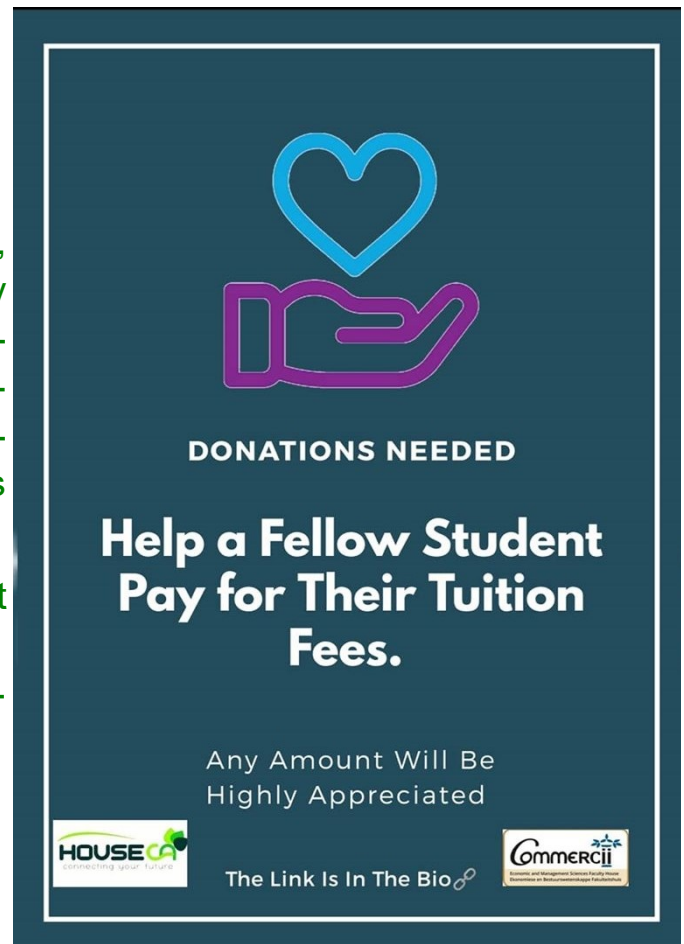
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Back an Accounting Buddy!

A fellow Accounting Sciences student, Kudzai Charangwa, who is currently completing his CTA, is requesting financial assistance. Due to the current economic situation in Zimbabwe, it has become difficult for his family to pay for his tuition.

Please visit the BackABuddy page, at <https://www.backabuddy.co.za/kudzai-charangwa>, to find out more and to donate.



A poster with a dark blue background. At the top is a logo consisting of a blue heart outline above a purple hand outline. Below the logo, the text "DONATIONS NEEDED" is written in white. The main headline reads "Help a Fellow Student Pay for Their Tuition Fees." in white. Below this, it says "Any Amount Will Be Highly Appreciated". At the bottom, there are three logos: "HOUSE CA connecting your future" on the left, "The Link Is In The Bio" in the center, and "Commerciil" on the right.

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House CA Hoodie Update

Good news, the hoodies are finished!

Our supplier has been able to finalise every single one of the hoodies that have been ordered by students.

You will be able to collect the hoodies once we can all return to campus.

We are awaiting an announcement from the university as to when we will be able to return to campus. As soon as we know, we will communicate the procedure for collecting the hoodies in a way that is safe for all.

We thank you for bearing with us during this trying time.



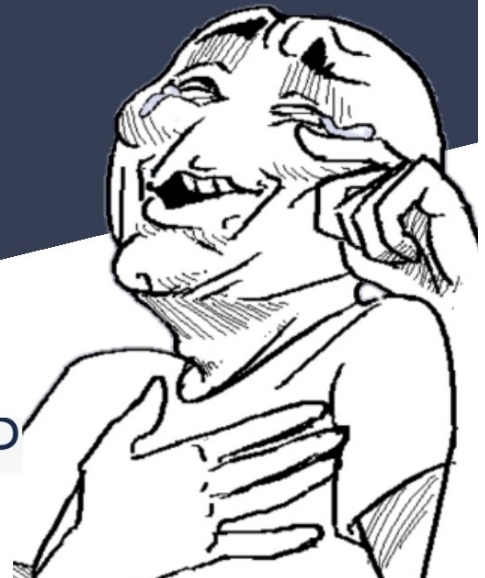
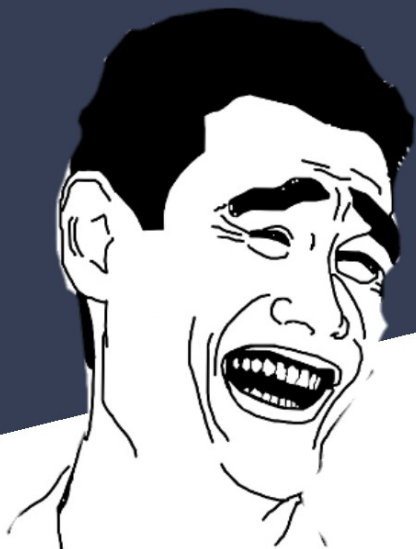
Oh Snap! The Meme-o-Thon is Back!



HOUSE CA EC 2019/2020 IN COLLABORATION
WITH SUITUP PRESENTS:

THE ANNUAL MEME-O-THON

COMPETITION WILL RUN FROM THE 1ST TILL THE
19TH OF JUNE



Meme-o-Thon Rules

As with any competition, the HouseCA Annual Meme-o-Thon has a set of rules and regulations. These rules have been set up to ensure the competition is fair, and limited only to UP Accounting Sciences students. The rules also have guidelines set out for what will be deemed as an appropriate and inappropriate meme. We are all for banter and jest, however, we will not tolerate any memes that will discriminate against anyone. The memes must meet our ethical criteria.

Please, take a moment to familiarise yourself with the rules below. Have fun, and may the best meme win!



Competition Details

The annual House CA Meme-o-thon, in collaboration with Suit Up, will take place from Monday 1 June 2020 – Friday 19 June 2020 (the last day Memes will be posted is Wednesday 17 June 2020).

The competition will take place on House CA's social media pages (Instagram and Facebook).

Please note that all Memes will go through an appropriateness check by the House CA Marketing Executive Committee Member and should meet our ethical criteria (as listed in our rules).

Ensure that you are following both House CA and Suit Up on Instagram or like both House CA and Suit Up pages on Facebook.

There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The prizes are as follows:

1st place: R3000

2nd place: R2000

3rd place: R1000.

These prizes will be given to the persons who have the most amount of "interactions" on their Meme. "Interactions" constitute the following:

- Likes, comments, tags and post on stories for Instagram
- Likes, comments, tags, shares for Facebook.

A Meme can either be a picture or video and should be anything related to "accounting", the degree or any aspect of University life for a BCom/PGDip Accounting Sciences student.



Competition Rules

5. Cash prize value for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be dependent on the sponsor Suit Up. Prizes are limited to 1 per eligible person.
6. In order for a person to win a prize, they would need to be a registered BCom/PGDip Accounting Sciences student at the University of Pretoria in either 1st, 2nd, 3rd or CTA year. Any person who is eligible for a prize will be requested to produce their proof of registration for 2020.
7. All Meme's are to be sent through direct message to House CA's social media handles. The House CA Marketing EC Member will check each Meme sent and ensure that it meets our ethical criteria. For your Meme to be posted you would need to be following both House CA and Suit Up on Instagram or like both House CA and Suit Up on Facebook. This will be checked by the House CA Marketing EC Member before each Meme is posted.



Competition Rules

8. The ethical criteria will ensure that all Meme's are appropriate, and no Meme shall intentionally harm any person, in any way. The criteria states that no Meme shall be posted if:
 - The content includes discrimination of a specific race, sex, sexual orientation, political views or religion.
 - The content aims to distastefully discredit the efforts of a lecturer or are explicitly malicious towards a lecturer.
 - The content promotes any harmful acts or contains vulgar language.
 - Or any other content deemed to be inappropriate by the House CA Marketing EC Member.
9. House CA values all Meme's to be posted, however we do understand that there may be instances whereby a Meme is considered as offensive to a particular person. We ask that if this is the case, that you contact us directly, thereafter we will consider the removal of the Meme.
10. All Meme's sent to the House CA social media pages should be original and under no circumstances will House CA post a Meme that belongs to another page or another person.




Competition Rules

11. Reporting of Memes shall not be allowed under any circumstances. All Memes posted will have been checked thoroughly by the House CA Marketing EC Member and thus no Meme shall be posted that is inappropriate or against the ethical criteria. Any student who does report a Meme, and the Meme is removed, will forfeit all "interactions" on previous Memes and any future "interactions" will not be considered when determining a prize winner. If that person sent any Memes to be posted, all those Memes will be disregarded when determining prize winners.
12. All Meme's, as required by our sponsors, will have a logo from a firm, which will in no way affect the quality of the Meme. Each day will have a different firm's logo (as specified by our sponsor) and the description will be dedicated to an advertisement from that firm.
13. House CA EC Members may be allowed to participate however will not be eligible for the cash prizes.



Updated University of Pretoria Calendar



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2020
(Amended April 2020)
Start 4 May - Complete Q1

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Public Holidays
Registration / Orientation
First Year Students
Rag
Spring Day

UP Examinations
UP Supplementary Examinations
UP Recess

Special Lecture Days
INSYNC first year consent
Choose UP Day
Engineering Test Weeks

Public Holidays	UP Examinations	Special Lecture Days
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Rag	UP Recess	# Choose UP Day
Spring Day		Engineering Test Weeks

S0004/19
(Amended April 2020)

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA Explanation of lecture days for 2020 (Amended April 2020) Start 4 May 2020 (Complete Q1)

Semester 1: 03 February – 29 June

Quarter 1: 03 February – 8 May

Mo = 8*, Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (36 lecture days)
*Monday 4 May repeating Monday 16 March

Quarter 2: 11 May – 29 June

Mo = 8 Tu = 6, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

Monday 29 June Tuesday timetable is followed

Semester 2: 3 August – 13 November

Quarter 3: 3 August – 21 September

Mo = 7 Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

Quarter 4: 28 September – 13 November

Mo = 7, Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

CALENDAR 2020 MAIN DATES (Amended April 2020) Start 4 May (Complete Q1 – July/Sept short Recess)

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1 January	New Year's Day
3 January	Academic year commences
6 January	Commencement of online registration for senior students
6-17 January	Summer School
13 January	Commencement of online registration for first year students
13-25 January	Assisted online registration for first year students at Hillcrest campus
24-26 January	Special orientation for non-RSA students
25 January	Welcome Day
27-31 January	1. Orientation programme for new first year students at Hatfield campus 2. Assisted online registration of senior students at Hillcrest campus
30 January	Closing date: Submission of final marks for Autumn Graduation (Students will receive degrees in absentia on the official graduation dates announced earlier)
1 February	INSYNC first year concert
3 February	Lectures commence for quarter 1 and semester 1
8 February	Rag
10 February	Anniversary of the University's founding
17 February	Closing date for amendments or cancellation of modules (quarter 1, 2 and semester 1)
17 March-3 May	University closed for face-to-face lectures and assessments due to the Coronavirus pandemic
21 March	Human Rights Day
10 April	Good Friday
13 April	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
1 May	Workers' Day
4 May	1. Lectures commence online after recess for quarter 1 and semester 1
8 May	Lectures end for quarter 1
11 May	Lectures commence online for quarter 2
16 June	Youth Day
29 June	1. Tuesday timetable is followed 2. Lectures end for quarter 2 and semester 1 3. Last day for discontinuation of modules
15 June-30 July	Cooling off period for all non-academic student activities before and during the examination period
1-21 July	Examinations of first-quarter, second-quarter and first-semester modules
22-28 July	S0004/19 Supplementary examinations of first-quarter, second-quarter and first-semester modules
30 July	Last day of submitting supplementary examination marks of first-quarter, second-quarter and first-semester modules
31 July	Closing date: Submission of final marks for spring graduation
29 July-2 August	July short recess due to COVID-19
3 August	Lectures commence for quarter 3 and semester 2
9 August	National Women's Day
10 August	Public Holiday in terms of legislation
15 August	# Choose UP day
18 August	Closing date for amendments or cancellation of modules (quarter 3, 4 and semester 2)
18 September	International Students Day
21 September	Lectures end for quarter 3
22 September	Spring day
23-27 September	September short recess due to COVID-19
24 September	Heritage Day
28 September	Lectures commence for quarter 4
2 November-12 December	Cooling off period for all non-academic student activities before and during the examination period
13 November	1. Lectures end for quarter 4 and semester 2 2. Last day for discontinuation of modules
16 November-5 December	Examination of third-quarter, fourth-quarter, second-semester and year modules
7-12 December	Supplementary examinations of third-quarter, fourth-quarter second-semester and year modules
12 December	Academic year ends
15 December	Last day for submission of supplementary examination marks of third-quarter, fourth-quarter, second-semester and year modules
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
23 December	University closes at 10:00
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill
4 January 2021	Academic year commences

GRADUATION CEREMONIES 2020

28 September – 2 October
10 December

Spring Graduation Ceremonies
Graduation Ceremony for LL.M in Human Rights