

2026 academic year pattern

In overview, the 2026 academic year is as follows (days counted are working days):

January RAC	5 days	12 – 19 Jan (proposed, faculty to determine)
January Supp Exams	5 days	12 - 16 January
January FEC	1 day	27 - 28 Jan (proposed faculty to determine)
February RAC for Supp and DE	2 days	30 Jan – 3 Feb, (proposed faculty to determine)
First year orientation	10 days	2-13 February
Q1	30 days	16 February – 27 March
Mid-semester break	1 week	Autumn graduation season
Q2	30 days	7 April – 20 May
Consolidation, exams & marking	28 days	5 consolidation days, 13 exams days, 8 marking days
Vacation	6 weeks	Winter Term (20 teaching days) 5 days supp and deferred exams
Q3	29 days	27 July – 4 September
Mid-semester break	1 week	Spring graduation season
Q4	31 days	14 September – 27 October
Consolidation, exams & marking	28 days	5 consolidation days, 13 exam days, 10 marking days
FEC processing	7 days	Final results released on 18 December 2026
Vacation	5 weeks	Summer Term (19 teaching days) 5 days supp and deferred exams (Jan 2027)

1. Teaching

Each semester has 60 teaching days.

There is a mid-semester vacation of a week in each semester, with a six-week vacation in mid-year.

Winter and Summer term of 20 teaching days each are included in the long vacations.

2. Examination, consolidation and marking

There are two main examination cycles (one at the end of each semester), and two supp/deferred exam cycles (one before the start of each subsequent semester). The semester 1 exam cycle contains 5 consolidation days, 13 writing days and 8 marking days, and the semester 2 cycle contains 5 consolidation days, 13 writing days and 10 marking days. A further 10 days are set aside for the supp and DE exam cycles. In total, 64 days of the academic year are set aside for examination in 2026.

3. Graduation

The 2026 academic year has two graduation seasons: one in autumn (for all who completed by the December 2025 FEC) and one in Spring (for all who completed by the July 2026 FEC). The mid-semester vacation will be used in each case. The placement of the two graduation seasons will assist the faculty offices with workload in January as the qualifiers who complete on the basis of the January exams, will not need processing for the autumn season.

JANUARY 2026

1	Thursday	Public holiday	New Year's Day
2	Friday	Online registration opens	
3	Saturday		
4	Sunday		
5	Monday		RAC appeals due Hum, FHS, EBE, Law, Sci
6	Tuesday		
7	Wednesday		RAC appeals due COM
8	Thursday		
9	Friday		
10	Saturday		
11	Sunday		
12	Monday	Supp Exams day 1	
13	Tuesday	Supp Exams day 2	
14	Wednesday	Supp Exams day 3	
15	Thursday	Supp Exams day 4	
16	Friday	Supp Exams day 5	Release of the NSC results tbc
17	Saturday		
18	Sunday		
19	Monday	Summer School	
20	Tuesday	Summer School	
21	Wednesday	Summer School	
22	Thursday	Summer School	
23	Friday	Summer School Jan exams results on system	
24	Saturday	Summer School	
25	Sunday		
26	Monday	Summer School	
27	Tuesday	Summer School	
28	Wednesday	Summer School	
29	Thursday	Summer School	
30	Friday	Summer School	
31	Saturday	Summer School FYCR	Residences open

FEBRUARY 2026

1	Sunday	FYCR	
2	Monday	Orientation & registration	
3	Tuesday	Orientation & registration	
4	Wednesday	Orientation & registration	
5	Thursday	Orientation & registration	
6	Friday	Orientation & registration	
7	Saturday		
8	Sunday		
9	Monday	Orientation & registration	
10	Tuesday	Orientation & registration	
11	Wednesday	Orientation & registration	
12	Thursday	Orientation & registration	
13	Friday	Orientation & registration	
14	Saturday		
15	Sunday		
16	Monday	Teaching day 1	
17	Tuesday	Teaching day 2	
18	Wednesday	Teaching day 3	Ramadan starts
19	Thursday	Teaching day 4	
20	Friday	Teaching day 5	
21	Saturday		
22	Sunday		
23	Monday	Teaching day 6	
24	Tuesday	Teaching day 7	
25	Wednesday	Teaching day 8	
26	Thursday	Teaching day 9	
27	Friday	Teaching day 10	
28	Saturday		

MARCH 2026

1	Sunday		
2	Monday	Teaching day 11	
3	Tuesday	Teaching day 12	
4	Wednesday	Teaching day 13	
5	Thursday	Teaching day 14	
6	Friday	Teaching day 15	
7	Saturday		
8	Sunday		
9	Monday	Teaching day 16	
10	Tuesday	Teaching day 17	
11	Wednesday	Teaching day 18	
12	Thursday	Teaching day 19	
13	Friday	Teaching day 20	
14	Saturday		
15	Sunday		
16	Monday	Teaching day 21	
17	Tuesday	Teaching day 22	
18	Wednesday	Teaching day 23	
19	Thursday	Teaching day 24	
20	Friday	Teaching day 25	Eid ul Fitr
21	Saturday	Public holiday	Human Rights Day
22	Sunday		
23	Monday	Teaching day 26	
24	Tuesday	Teaching day 27	
25	Wednesday	Teaching day 28	
26	Thursday	Teaching day 29	
27	Friday	Teaching day 30	
28	Saturday	Mid-semester break starts	Graduation
29	Sunday	Mid-semester break	
30	Monday	Mid-semester break	Graduation
31	Tuesday	Mid-semester break	Graduation

APRIL 2026

1	Wednesday	Mid-semester break	Graduation Passover (first day)
2	Thursday	Mid-semester break	Graduation
3	Friday	Public holiday	Good Friday
4	Saturday	Mid-semester break	Holy Saturday
5	Sunday	Mid-semester break ends	Easter Sunday
6	Monday	Public holiday	Family Day
7	Tuesday	Teaching day 31	
8	Wednesday	Teaching day 32	
9	Thursday	Teaching day 33	
10	Friday	Teaching day 34	
11	Saturday		
12	Sunday		
13	Monday	Teaching day 35	
14	Tuesday	Teaching day 36	
15	Wednesday	Teaching day 37	
16	Thursday	Teaching day 38	
17	Friday	Teaching day 39	
18	Saturday		
19	Sunday		
20	Monday	Teaching day 40	
21	Tuesday	Teaching day 41	
22	Wednesday	Teaching day 42	
23	Thursday	Teaching day 43	
24	Friday	Teaching day 44	
25	Saturday		
26	Sunday		
27	Monday	Public holiday	Freedom Day
28	Tuesday	Teaching day 45	
29	Wednesday	Teaching day 46	
30	Thursday	Teaching day 47	

MAY 2026

1	Friday	Public holiday	Workers' Day
2	Saturday		
3	Sunday		
4	Monday	Teaching day 48	
5	Tuesday	Teaching day 49	
6	Wednesday	Teaching day 50	
7	Thursday	Teaching day 51	
8	Friday	Teaching day 52	
9	Saturday		
10	Sunday		
11	Monday	Teaching day 53	
12	Tuesday	Teaching day 54	
13	Wednesday	Teaching day 55	
14	Thursday	Teaching day 56	
15	Friday	Teaching day 57	
16	Saturday		
17	Sunday		
18	Monday	Teaching day 58	
19	Tuesday	Teaching day 59	
20	Wednesday	Teaching day 60	
21	Thursday	Consolidation day 1	Shavuot
22	Friday	Consolidation day 2	Shavuot
23	Saturday		Shavuot
24	Sunday		
25	Monday	Consolidation day 3	
26	Tuesday	Consolidation day 4	Eid al-Adha
27	Wednesday	Consolidation day 5	
28	Thursday	Exams day 1	
29	Friday	Exams day 2	
30	Saturday		
31	Sunday		

JUNE 2026

1	Monday	Exams day 3	
2	Tuesday	Exams day 4	
3	Wednesday	Exams day 5	
4	Thursday	Exams day 6	
5	Friday	Exams day 7	
6	Saturday		
7	Sunday		
8	Monday	Exams day 8	
9	Tuesday	Exams day 9	
10	Wednesday	Exams day 10	
11	Thursday	Exams day 11	
12	Friday	Exams day 12	
13	Saturday		
14	Sunday		
15	Monday	Exams day 13	
16	Tuesday	Public holiday Vacation starts	Youth Day
17	Wednesday	Marking day 1 Winter term day 1	
18	Thursday	Marking day 2 Winter term day 2	
19	Friday	Marking day 3 Winter term day 3	
20	Saturday		
21	Sunday		
22	Monday	Marking day 4 Winter term day 4	
23	Tuesday	Marking day 5 Winter term day 5	
24	Wednesday	Marking day 6 Winter term day 6	
25	Thursday	Marking day 7 Winter term day 7	
26	Friday	Marking day 8 Winter term day 8 Results on system	
27	Saturday		
28	Sunday		
29	Monday	Winter term day 9	
30	Tuesday	Winter term day 10	

JULY 2026

1	Wednesday	Winter term day 11	
2	Thursday	Winter term day 12	
3	Friday	Winter term day 13	
4	Saturday		
5	Sunday		
6	Monday	Winter term day 14	FEC meetings
7	Tuesday	Winter term day 15	SLQ for Spring 2026 graduation
8	Wednesday	Winter term day 16	
9	Thursday	Winter term day 17	
10	Friday	Winter term day 18	
11	Saturday		
12	Sunday		
13	Monday	Winter term day 19	
14	Tuesday	Winter term day 20	
15	Wednesday		
16	Thursday	Winter term exam day	
17	Friday		
18	Saturday		
19	Sunday		
20	Monday	Supps & DE (F courses)	
21	Tuesday	Supps & DE (F courses)	
22	Wednesday	Supps & DE (F courses)	
23	Thursday	Supps & DE (F courses)	
24	Friday	Supps & DE (F courses)	
25	Saturday		
26	Sunday		
27	Monday	Teaching day 1	
28	Tuesday	Teaching day 2	
29	Wednesday	Teaching day 3	
30	Thursday	Teaching day 4	
31	Friday	Teaching day 5 SUPP & DE Results on system	

AUGUST 2026

1	Saturday		
2	Sunday		
3	Monday	Teaching day 6	
4	Tuesday	Teaching day 7	
5	Wednesday	Teaching day 8	
6	Thursday	Teaching day 9	
7	Friday	Teaching day 10	
8	Saturday		
9	Sunday		National Women's Day
10	Monday	Public holiday	National Women's Day Observed
11	Tuesday	Teaching day 11	
12	Wednesday	Teaching day 12	
13	Thursday	Teaching day 13	
14	Friday	Teaching day 14	
15	Saturday		
16	Sunday		
17	Monday	Teaching day 15	
18	Tuesday	Teaching day 16	
19	Wednesday	Teaching day 17	
20	Thursday	Teaching day 18	
21	Friday	Teaching day 19	
22	Saturday		
23	Sunday		
24	Monday	Teaching day 20	
25	Tuesday	Teaching day 21	
26	Wednesday	Teaching day 22	
27	Thursday	Teaching day 23	
28	Friday	Teaching day 24	
29	Saturday		
30	Sunday		
31	Monday	Teaching day 25	

SEPTEMBER 2026

1	Tuesday	Teaching day 26	
2	Wednesday	Teaching day 27	
3	Thursday	Teaching day 28	
4	Friday	Teaching day 29	
5	Saturday	Mid-semester break starts	
6	Sunday	Mid-semester break	
7	Monday	Mid-semester break	Graduation
8	Tuesday	Mid-semester break	Graduation
9	Wednesday	Mid-semester break	Graduation
10	Thursday	Mid-semester break	Graduation
11	Friday	Mid-semester break	Graduation Rosh Hashanah
12	Saturday	Mid-semester break	Rosh Hashanah
13	Sunday	Mid-semester break ends	Rosh Hashanah
14	Monday	Teaching day 30	
15	Tuesday	Teaching day 31	
16	Wednesday	Teaching day 32	
17	Thursday	Teaching day 33	
18	Friday	Teaching day 34	
19	Saturday		
20	Sunday		
21	Monday	Teaching day 35	
22	Tuesday	Teaching day 36	
23	Wednesday	Teaching day 37	
24	Thursday	Public holiday	Heritage Day
25	Friday	Teaching day 38	
26	Saturday		
27	Sunday		
28	Monday	Teaching day 39	
29	Tuesday	Teaching day 40	
30	Wednesday	Teaching day 41	

OCTOBER 2026

1	Thursday	Teaching day 42	
2	Friday	Teaching day 43	
3	Saturday		
4	Sunday		
5	Monday	Teaching day 44	
6	Tuesday	Teaching day 45	
7	Wednesday	Teaching day 46	
8	Thursday	Teaching day 47	
9	Friday	Teaching day 48	
10	Saturday		
11	Sunday		
12	Monday	Teaching day 49	
13	Tuesday	Teaching day 50	
14	Wednesday	Teaching day 51	
15	Thursday	Teaching day 52	
16	Friday	Teaching day 53	
17	Saturday		
18	Sunday		
19	Monday	Teaching day 54	
20	Tuesday	Teaching day 55	
21	Wednesday	Teaching day 56	
22	Thursday	Teaching day 57	
23	Friday	Teaching day 58	
24	Saturday		
25	Sunday		
26	Monday	Teaching day 59	
27	Tuesday	Teaching day 60	
28	Wednesday	Consolidation day 1	
29	Thursday	Consolidation day 2	
30	Friday	Consolidation day 3	
31	Saturday		

NOVEMBER 2026

1	Sunday		
2	Monday	Consolidation day 4	
3	Tuesday	Consolidation day 5	
4	Wednesday	Exam day 1	Note: Exam timetable to be front-loaded with course that have heavy marking
5	Thursday	Exam day 2	
6	Friday	Exam day 3	
7	Saturday		
8	Sunday		Diwali
9	Monday	Exam day 4	
10	Tuesday	Exam day 5	
11	Wednesday	Exam day 6	
12	Thursday	Exam day 7	
13	Friday	Exam day 8	
14	Saturday		
15	Sunday		
16	Monday	Exam day 9	
17	Tuesday	Exam day 10	
18	Wednesday	Exam day 11	
19	Thursday	Exam day 12	
20	Friday	Exam day 13	
21	Saturday		
22	Sunday		
23	Monday	Marking day 1 Summer term day 1	
24	Tuesday	Marking day 2 Summer term day 2	
25	Wednesday	Marking day 3 Summer term day 3	
26	Thursday	Marking day 4 Summer term day 4	
27	Friday	Marking day 5 Summer term day 5	
28	Saturday		
29	Sunday		
30	Monday	Marking day 6 Summer term day 6	

DECEMBER 2026

1	Tuesday	Marking day 7 Summer term day 7	
2	Wednesday	Marking day 8 Summer term day 8	
3	Thursday	Marking day 9 Summer term day 9	
4	Friday	Summer term day 10 Results on system	
5	Saturday		
6	Sunday		
7	Monday	Summer term day 11	
8	Tuesday	Summer term day 12	
9	Wednesday	Summer term day 13	
10	Thursday	Summer term day 14	
11	Friday	Summer term day 15	
12	Saturday		
13	Sunday		
14	Monday	Summer term day 16	
15	Tuesday	Summer term day 17	
16	Wednesday	Public holiday	Day of Reconciliation
17	Thursday	Summer term day 18	SLQ for Autumn 2026 graduation
18	Friday	Summer term day 19	SEC and release of final results
19	Saturday		
20	Sunday		
21	Monday	Summer Term exam day Vacation	
22	Tuesday	Vacation	
23	Wednesday	Vacation	
24	Thursday	Vacation	
25	Friday	Public holiday	Christmas Day
26	Saturday	Public holiday	Day of Goodwill
27	Sunday	Vacation	
28	Monday	Vacation	
29	Tuesday	Vacation	
30	Wednesday	Vacation	
31	Thursday	Vacation	