

University of Kent Academic Year and Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Academic Year 15 September 2025 – 13 September 2026

The academic year is split into terms during which the student is expected to engage with study. The length and pattern of the terms depend on the type of programme the student is following. The period between each of the terms is a vacation period. The University will be closed over the Christmas period.

Undergraduate Programme Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Welcome Week	15 September 2025	19 September 2025
Autumn Term	22 September 2025	12 December 2025
Spring Term	12 January 2026	3 April 2026
Summer Term	4 May 2026	12 June 2026

Postgraduate Programme Term Dates

Welcome Week	15 September 2025	19 September 2025
Autumn Term	22 September 2025	12 December 2025
Spring Term	12 January 2026	3 April 2026
Summer Term	4 May 2026	13 September 2026

Postgraduate Taught Programme (2 Year Programme) Term Dates 2025 - 2026*

Stage 1 Undergraduate programme term dates apply

Stage 2 Postgraduate programme term dates apply

Postgraduate Research Programme Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Our expectations for postgraduate research students are that they study throughout the whole year, for at least 35 hours per week and take holiday (normally 30 days over the year) as agreed with their supervisor. There is only one term; the dates of the term coincide with the academic year, 15 September 2025 - 13 September 2026.

Programmes with Non Standard Study Periods

There may be some programmes where the expected study periods do not coincide with the term dates set out above. In these cases term dates will be notified separately.

Student Registration Period

All students will have a start of registration date which will be their first expected date of attendance on their programme and an end of registration date which will be the last expected date of their attendance on their programme. For 2025-2026, the registration date for all UG and PGT students starting in September 2025 will be Saturday 13 September 2025, the first day of the Arrivals weekend. A student's registration period may or may not coincide with term dates and may cover a number of years or only part of a year. During the registration period the student will be expected to study during term dates applicable to their programme and have vacation periods which are between their term dates.

*some courses may vary