

University of Kent Academic Year and Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Academic Year 14 September 2026 – 12 September 2027

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 2026 - 2027

Welcome Week	14 September 2026	18 September 2026
Autumn Term	21 September 2026	11 December 2026
Spring Term	11 January 2027	2 April 2027
Summer Term	3 May 2027	11 June 2027

Postgraduate Programme Term Dates

Welcome Week	14 September 2026	18 September 2026
Autumn Term	21 September 2026	11 December 2026
Spring Term	11 January 2027	2 April 2027
Summer Term	3 May 2027	12 September 2027

Postgraduate Taught Programme (2 Year Programme) Term Dates 2026 - 2027*

Stage 1 Undergraduate programme term dates apply

Stage 2 Postgraduate programme term dates apply

Postgraduate Research Programme Term Dates 2026 - 2027

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, 14 September 2026 - 12 September 2027.

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 2026-2027, the registration date for all UG and PGT students starting in September 2026 will be Saturday 12 September 2026, 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