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HOWARD COLLEGE, PIETERMARITZBURG AND WESTVILLE CAMPUSES
SESSIONAL DATES 2021

| | WEEK | DATE | RETURNING (and new) RESEARCH MASTERS AND DOCTORAL STDS | RETURNING STUDENTS (UG, Hons, PGDip and CWM) incl. transfers and FIRST ENTRY Hons, PGDip, CWM and Research M&D | FIRST ENTRY LEVEL 1 UNDERGRADUATES |
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| CONTINUATION OF 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR <i>(please note heading above might not always apply to the 2020 year as recorded till 31 December 2020)</i> | | | | | |
| 2020 | Mon, 02 - Fri, 06 Nov | | Teaching and Learning Week 7 | | |
| | Mon, 09 - Fri, 14 Nov | | Teaching and Learning Week 8 | | |
| | | Sat, 14 Nov | <i>Diwali (condoned absence)</i> | | |
| | Mon, 16 - Fri, 20 Nov | | Teaching and Learning Week 9 | | |
| | Mon, 23 - Fri, 27 Nov | | Teaching and Learning Week 10 | | |
| | Mon, 30 - Fri, 4 Dec | | Teaching and learning Week 11 | | |
| | | Fri, 04 Dec | Last day for submission of theses/dissertations for potential 04/2021 Graduation | | |
| | Mon, 07 - Fri, 11 Dec | | Teaching and Learning Week 12 | | |
| | | Tue, 08 Dec | Deadline for Internal transfers and re-admission requests for the 2021 Year | | |
| | Mon, 14 - Fri, 18 Dec | | Teaching and Learning Week 13 | | |
| | | Tue, 15 Dec | Second semester 2020 Ends for RESEARCH M&D students, with finalisation of their term decisions. | | |
| | | Wed, 16 Dec | <i>Day of reconciliation (Public Holiday)</i> | | |
| | | Fri, 18 Dec | Theory, and Prac/Lab modules teaching ends for all COURSEWORK modules (including assessment, except for compulsory/exception exams) | | |
| | | Sun, 20 Dec | Residence close for deep clean and sanitising. | | |
| | Mon, 21 - Fri, 25 Dec | | STUDENT RECESS STARTS | | |
| | | | Staff undertake module administration | | |
| | | Thu, 24 Dec | <i>University Closes Thu, 24 Dec at 12h00</i> | | |
| | | Fri, 25 Dec | <i>Christmas Day (Public Holiday)</i> | | |
| | Mon, 28 - Thu, 31 Dec | | FINANCE YEAR END PROCESSES | | |
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| | | Fri, 01 | <i>Fri, 01 Jan</i> <i>New Years Day (Public Holiday)</i> | | |
| | Mon, 04 - Fri, 08 Jan | Mon, 04 Jan | University opens at 08h00 | | |
| | | Sat, 09 Jan | | Residences open only for those students identified as having examinations/pracs (teaching/clinical) as required by Statutory Bodies and invited back to campus | |
| | | Sun, 10 Jan | Deadline for Re-Registration Appeals to School Higher Degree Offices | | |
| | Mon, 11 - Fri, 15 Jan | | Remote, self-help, online registration for returning RESEARCH M and D students. | Exam week Mon, 11 - Fri, 15 Jan | |

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| | Tues, 12 Jan | School Higher Degree Committees to consider re-registration appeals, for recommendation to CAAB | | |
| Mon, 18 – Fri, 22 Jan | | Remote online registration. Ditto | Supps Wed 20, Jan - Saturday 24 Jan | |
| | Thu, 21 Jan | Special CAABs to consider recommendations from School Research & Higher Degree Committees | | |
| | Fri, 22 Jan | Final notification deadline for all re-registration applicants on outcome of appeal | | |
| | Sat, 23 Jan | | Vacate residences on or before 25 Jan | |
| Mon, 25 – Fri, 29 Jan | | Remote online registration | Staff - module administration | |
| | Thu, 28 Jan | Final date for submission of bound examination copies with respect to any intention to submit received in semester 2:2020, without having to register for semester 1 of 2021 | | |
| | Fri, 29 Jan | -Final date for minimum fee payment required for registration RESEARCH M&D, and -Final date for semester 1 registration for RESEARCH M&D | | |
| Mon, 01 – Fri, 05 Feb | | Semester 1 commences for Research students | Staff module administration | |
| | Wed, 03 Feb | | Exam Boards for semester 2:2020 | |
| | Fri, 05 Feb | | Release of 2 nd semester 2020 results after Exam Boards (00:01AM) | |
| Mon, 08 – Fri, 12 Feb | Mon, 08 Feb | | Remote, self-help, online registration opens. Programmes specific | |
| | Fri, 12 Feb | | Deadline for registration appeals Hons, PGDip and Coursework Masters students | |
| Mon, 15 – Fri, 19 Feb | | | Week: Online registration ditto | |
| | Wed, 17 Feb | | School Committees to consider registration appeals from Hons, PGDip and CWM students | |
| Mon, 22 – Fri, 26 Feb | | | Week: Online registration ditto | |
| | Mon, 22 Feb | | Special CAABs to consider recommendations from School Committees | |
| | Tues, 23 Feb | | | Release of Matric results |
| | Fri, 26 Feb | | | |

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| 1 | Mon, 01– Fri, 05 Mar | Mon, 01 Mar | | First semester lectures commence online for all students in these category | |
| | | Fri, 05 Mar | | -Final date for minimum fee payment required for registration. -Final date for semester 1 registration. -Final date for curriculum changes | |
| 2 | Mon, 08 – Fri, 12 Mar | Mon, 08 - Fri, 12 | | Lectures, W 2 | Remote, self-help, online registration opens for first entry first year students |
| | | Sat, 13 Mar | | | Virtual Parents Day |
| 3 | Mon, 15 – Fri, 18 Mar | | | Lectures, W 3 | Remote, self-help, online registration and Virtual Orientation week |
| | | Sat, 19 Mar | | | |
| 4 | Mon, 22 – Fri, 26 Mar | Mon, 22 Mar | <i>Human Rights Day (Public Holiday Observed)</i> | | |
| | | Tues, 23 Mar | | Lectures, W 4 | First Semester commences online for first entry UG first years |
| 5 | Mon, 29 - Fri, 02 Apr | | | Lectures, W 5 | Lectures, W 2 |
| | | Thu, 1 Apr | | | -Final date for minimum fee payment required for registration. -Final date for semester 1 registration. -Final date for curriculum changes |
| | | Fri, 02 Apr | <i>Good Friday (Public Holiday)</i> | | |
| 6 | Mon, 05 – Fri, 09 Apr | Mon, 05 Apr | <i>Family Day (Public Holiday)</i> | | |
| | | | | Lectures, W 6 | Lectures, W 3 |
| 7 | Mon, 12 – Fri, 16 Apr | | | Lectures, W 7 | Lectures, W 4 |
| | | Wed, 14 April | Final date for capturing ALL graduation decisions onto ITS (Bachelor through to PhDs) | | |
| 8 | Mon, 19 – Fri, 23 Apr | | | Lectures, W 8 | Lectures, W 5 |
| | | Fri, 23 Apr | Final date for withdrawal from a module and Final date for withdrawal from the University (S1) for ALL categories of registered students | | |
| | Mon, 26 – Fri, 30 Apr | STUDENT RECESS (MID-TERM BREAK) FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS | | | |
| | | Tues, 27 Apr | <i>Freedom Day (Public Holiday)</i> | | |
| | | Sat, 01 May | <i>Workers' Day (Public Holiday)</i> | | |
| 9 | Mon, 03 – Fri, 07 May | | | Lectures, W 9 | Lectures, W 6 |
| 10 | Mon, 10 – Fri, 14 May | | | Lectures W 10 | Lectures, W 7 |
| | | Tues, 11 & Wed, 12 | Proposed Graduation PMB | | |

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| | | Thu, 13 May | <i>Eid ul Fitr (condoned absence)</i> | | |
| | | Sat, 15 May | Proposed Graduation WVLC commences | | |
| 11 | Mon, 17 – Fri, 21 May | | Proposed Graduation ceremonies WVLC | Lectures W 11 | Lectures, W 8 |
| | | Sat, 22 May | Proposed Graduation ceremonies WVLC end | | |
| 12 | Mon, 25 – Fri, 28 May | | | Lectures W 12 | Lectures, W 9 |
| 13 | Mon, 31 – Fri, 04 Jun | | | Lectures W 13 | Lectures, W 10 |
| | | Wed, 02 Jun | | DPs published | |
| | | Fri, 04 Jun | | Lectures End Final date for DP appeals submission | |
| | Mon, 07 – Fri 11, Jun | Tues, 08 Jun | | DP appeals outcomes published | Lectures, W 11 |
| | | Wed, 09 Jun | | Study leave Sat, 05 June - Wed, 09 June | |
| | | Thurs, 10 Jun | | Exams commence, including Saturday | |
| | Mon, 14 – Fri, 18 Jun | Wed, 16 Jun | <i>Youth Day (Public Holiday observed)</i> | Exam week, including Saturday | Lectures, W 12 |
| | Mon, 21 - Fri 25 Jun | | | Exam week, ends Thursday 24, Jun. | Lectures, W 13 |
| | Mon, 28 - Fri, 02 Jul | | | Supp exams: Mon - Saturday | Lectures, W 14 |
| | | Sat, 03 Jul | SEMESTER 1 ENDS FOR 2021 | | |
| | | Sat, 03 Jul | Residences close for deep clean | | |
| | | | Mon, 05 - Fri 31 July - STUDENT RECESS (MID-YEAR BREAK) - Residence deep clean and prepare for Semester 2. | | |
| | Mon, 05 - Fri, 09 Jul | | | Staff academic administration | Staff academic administration |
| | | Fri, 09 Jul | | Supplementary Exam marks to be captured on SMS by 12h00 | Final module marks to be captured on SMS by 12h00 |
| | Mon, 12 - Fri, 16 Jul | | | Staff academic administration | Staff academic administration |
| | | Wed, 14 Jul | | Exam Boards | Exam Boards |
| | | Thur, 15 Jul | | Release of 1 st semester results after Exam Boards (00:01 am) | Release of 1 st semester results after Exam Boards (00:01 am) |
| | | | SEMESTER 2: THESE DATES APPLY TO ALL REGISTERED STUDENTS | | |
| | Mon, 19 – Fri, 23 Jul | | | | |
| | | Tue, 20 Jul | <i>Eid ul Adha</i> | | |
| | Mon, 26 – Fri, 30 Jul | Mon, 26 Jul | Remote online registration. Self-help. Change of Curriculum. Commences for Semester 2:2021 | | |
| | | Sat, 31 Jul | Residences open for registered returning students | | |
| 1 | Mon, 02 – Fri, 06 Aug | Mon, 2 Aug | Second semester commences. Lectures commence | | |

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| 2 | Mon, 09 – Fri, 13 Aug | Mon, 09 Aug | National Women's Day (Public Holiday) | | |
| | | Fri, 13 Aug | -Final date for minimum fee payment required for registration. -Final date for semester 2 registration. -Final date for curriculum changes | | |
| 3 | Mon, 16 – Fri, 20 Aug | | | | |
| 4 | Mon, 23 – Fri, 27 Aug | | | | |
| 5 | Mon, 30 – Fri, 03 Sep | | | | |
| 6 | Mon, 06 – Fri, 10 Sep | | | | |
| 7 | Mon, 13 – Fri, 17 Sep | | | | |
| | | Fri, 17 Sep | Final date for withdrawal from a module and - Final date for withdrawal from the University (S2:2021) | | |
| | Mon, 20 - Fri 24 Sep | STUDENT RECESS (MID-TERM BREAK) | | | |
| | | Fri, 24 Sept | Heritage Day (Public Holiday) | | |
| 8 | Mon, 27 Sep – Fri, 01 Oct | | | | |
| 9 | Mon, 04 – Fri, 08 Oct | | | | |
| 10 | Mon, 11– Fri, 15 Oct | | | | |
| 11 | Mon, 18 – Fri, 22 Oct | | | | |
| 12 | Mon, 25 – Fri, 29 Oct | | | | |
| 13 | Mon, 01 – Fri, 05 Nov | | Last week of lectures | | |
| | | Wed, 03 Nov | DPs published | | |
| | | Thu, 04 Nov | Diwali/Deepavali (condoned absence) | | |
| | | Fri, 05 Nov | Lectures End. Final date for DP appeals submission | | |
| | Mon, 08 – Fri, 12 Nov | | | | |
| | | Tue, 09 Nov | DP appeal outcomes published | | |
| | | Thur, 11 Nov | Exams commence, including Saturday | | |
| | Mon, 15 – Fri, 19 | | Exam week, including Saturday | | |
| | Mon, 29 – Fri, 26 Nov | | Exam week, ends Thur 25 Nov | | |
| | Mon, 29– Fri, 03 Dec | | Supp exams, Mon 29 Nov - Sat, 04 Dec | | |
| | Mon, 06 – Fri, 10 Dec | | | | |

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| | Mon, 13 – Fri, 17 Dec | Mon, 13 Dec | Supplementary marks to be captured on SMS by 12h00 | | |
| | | Thur, 16 Dec | <i>Day of Reconciliation (Public Holiday)</i> | | |
| | Mon, 20 – Fri, 24 Dec | Mon, 20 Dec | Exam Boards | | |
| | | Wed, 22 Dec | Release of 2 nd semester results after Exam Boards (00:01 am) | | |
| | | Fri, 24 Dec | University Offices Close (12h00) | | |
| | Mon, 27 - Fri, 31 Dec | | | | |
| | | Mon, 27 Jan | <i>Day of Goodwill (Public Holiday observed)</i> | | |

PLEASE NOTE:

- Sessional Dates for both the School of Medicine and the School of Education will be published separately.
- All Bachelor of Nursing students are required to attend clinical training and community work during vacations in any academic year.
- PGDip (Acc): Sessional dates will be published within the School.-
- Assumed certain COVID 19 restrictions will still be in place, especially in terms of physical distancing and maximum number of people in a venue (rule of thumb 1.5m² per person required). COVID 19 will continue to define that the majority of modules are taught online, and assessed via continuous assessment within a semester. Remote online teaching and learning to be re-assessed as modus operandi in July 2021.
- Level 1 modules must be assessed via continuous assessment during Semester 1:2021. To be re-assessed for Semester 2:2021
- While Graduation ceremony dates have been factored in, there is however, no guarantee of on-site graduation.
- The University of KwaZulu-Natal reserves the right to change any of the said Sessional Dates, solely in its discretion, and without any liability for inconvenience and/or loss occasioned thereby.