

Academic calendar 2020/2021

1. ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year will run from 21 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. The year will be divided into two teaching periods, or terms, as provided in Section 2, below. Teaching activities will be suspended during the month of August, on all public, local and internal holidays, and during the examination and assessment periods provided herein.

Final dissertations and work placement examined and/or assessed during the second opportunity examination period, and entered into the official grade record on 30 September 2021, will be dated 2020/2021, in accordance with the calendar provided herein.

2. ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

Teaching activities for the academic year will be divided into two terms:

First term: 21 September 2020 – 15 January 2021

Second term: 8 February 2021 – 21 May 2021

Master's courses will be permitted to defer commencement of first term classes until October and continue until 22 January, provided the January examination session is not required for assessment purposes. Where this occurs, second term classes will commence a week later than provided in the official calendar. Any changes to the official calendar should be notified to the Academic Programming Office by the coordinator(s) of the relevant Master's programme.

3. ASSESSMENT

Undergraduate and Master's degree students will be entitled to two examination opportunities each year. Assessment activities for the academic year will be divided into four sessions:

Examination period	Examination period dates	Deadline for recording and verification of marks
Early examination period	23 November – 11 December 2020 ¹	18 December 2020
Main examination period for first term subjects	18 January – 5 February 2021	22 February 2021

¹ Exam times for the 'early examination period' will be set by the school or faculty responsible only in the event of applications from students for early examination to complete their studies.

	TFG / TFM: examination dates set by school/faculty	8 March 2021
Main examination period for second term and year-long subjects	24 May – 14 June 2021	22 June 2021
	TFG / TFM: examination dates set by school/faculty	16 July 2021
Second opportunity	28 June – 19 July 2021 ²	28 July 2021
	Work placement / TFG / TFM: assessment and examination dates set by school/faculty	30 September 2021

Final dissertations for Bachelor's and Master's degrees (*TFG* and *TFM*) will be registered for and examined in accordance with Articles 1, 2 and 3 of the UDC policies and regulations governing final dissertation registration and examination, ratified by the University Council on 19 December 2013 (and all subsequent amendments).

All teaching activities and examinations will be suspended from 23 December 2020 to 8 January 2021 (inclusive); on 15 and 16 February 2021; and from 29 March to 5 April 2021 (inclusive). The holiday to mark the feast of the patron saint of the University will be moved to 29 January 2021. Academic activities will also be suspended on all official State, regional and local holidays, and in individual schools and faculties to mark the patron saint day in each case.

In order to optimise academic activity during term time, University holidays falling on a Tuesday or Thursday will be brought forward or pushed back to the nearest Monday or Friday, respectively. Holidays falling on a Wednesday will be taken on the following Friday, and those coinciding with a weekend day or other holiday will be taken the working day before or after.

² In the second opportunity examination period, first term subjects will be examined first, followed by second term and year-long subjects.