

Academic Calendar Academic Year 2026-2027

2026	
Monday 14 th September	Start of the 2026-2027 year Start of 1 st semester teaching activities Back-to-school party
Sunday 27 th September	Public holiday (for the French Community of Belgium)
Wednesday 30 th September	Opening Ceremony of the academic year
From Monday 26 th October to Saturday 31 st October	Flexible week ⁽¹⁾
Sunday 1 st November	Public holiday (All Saints' Day)
Wednesday 11 th November	Public holiday (Armistice Day / Remembrance Day)
Saturday 19 th December	End of 1 st semester teaching activities
From Monday 21 st December to Sunday 3 rd January	Winter break University closed
2027	
From Monday 4 th January to Saturday 23 rd January	1 st semester assessment period ⁽²⁾
Saturday 8 th February at the latest <i>for students starting their Bachelor's degree course</i> Saturday 27 th February at the latest <i>for final-year students</i>	Q1 Board deliberations and grade announcements
From Monday 25 th January to Sunday 31 st January	Semester break (excluding for evening and weekend classes in Charleroi)
Monday 1 st February	Start of 2 nd semester teaching activities
From Monday 15 th March to Saturday 20 th March	Flexible week ⁽¹⁾
Monday 29 March	Public holiday (Easter Monday)
From Monday 19 th April to Sunday 2 nd May	Spring break Suspension of teaching activities
Saturday 1 st May	Public holiday (Labour Day/May Day)
Monday 3 rd May	Start of 2 nd semester teaching activities
Thursday 6 th May	Public holiday (Ascension Day)
Monday 17 th May	Public holiday (Pentecost/Whit Monday)
Saturday 22 nd May	End of the 2 nd semester teaching activities ⁽³⁾
From Monday 24 th May to Saturday 3 rd July	Study leave / 2 nd semester assessment period Board deliberations and grade announcements
From Monday 5 th July to Monday 9 th August	Summer break
Wednesday 21 st July	Public holiday (Belgian National Day)
From Tuesday 10 th August to Saturday 11 th September	Resit assessment period Board deliberations and grade announcements

Sunday 15 th August	Public holiday (Assumption of Mary)
Monday 13 th September	End of the 2026-2027 academic year

- (1) The **flexible week** is not equivalent to a week off without lessons or activities. It is a period dedicated to learning activities that are not scheduled according to the regular timetable (apart from duly justified exceptions approved by the Faculty) and during which other activities can ideally be organised (remedial activities, cross-curricular activities, tests, conferences, workshops, study trips, inter-faculty activities).

In the 2026-2027 academic year, assessments may be held during flexible weeks as part of Master's and Advanced Master's programmes.

- (2) For certain courses, an exception can be made for teaching activities to be organised during this period.
- (3) Faculties can choose to finish teaching activities before Saturday 22nd May 2027. In any case, all must have at least one week of study leave before the assessment period. These dates are listed in the faculty calendar.

Examples:

- *If learning activities end on Saturday 15th May, the assessment period can begin on Monday 24th May.*
- *If learning activities end on Saturday 22nd May, the assessment period can begin on Monday 31st May.*

The individual faculties set their own dates for assessments, deliberations and announcements in their respective academic calendars which may not fall outside the periods set out in this institutional calendar.