

2018-19 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

(approved by the Academic Council on 22 January 2018 and corrected on 26 March 2018)

1st term

- Friday 14 September: **1st term begins**
- Monday 17 September: 1st term classes begin
- *Thursday 27 September: French Community of Belgium Day*
- *Thursday 1 November: All Saints Day*
- *Sunday 11 November: Armistice Day*
- Saturday 22 December: 1st term classes end
- *Tuesday 25 December: Christmas*
- *Tuesday 1 January: New Year's Day*
- Friday 4 January: 1st exam session begins (part of 1st term)
- Saturday 26 January: 1st exam session ends
- Thursday 31 January (at the latest): Deliberations end

3rd term

- Monday 1 July: **3rd term begins**
- *Sunday 21 July: Belgian National Day*
- *Thursday 15 August: Assumption Day*
- Friday 16 August: 3rd exam session begins (part of 3rd term)
- Thursday 5 September: 3rd exam session ends
- Saturday 7 September (at the latest): Deliberations end

2nd term

- Friday 1 February: **2nd term begins**
- Monday 4 February: 2nd term classes begin
- *Sunday 21 April: Easter*
- *Monday 22 April: Easter Monday*
- Monday 8 April through Monday 22 April: no classes, spring vacation
- *Wednesday 1 May: Labour Day*
- Saturday 18 May: 2nd term classes end
- *Sunday 30 May: Ascension Day*
- Monday 3 June: 2nd exam session begins (part of 2nd term)
- *Sunday 9 June: Pentecost*
- *Monday 10 June: Pentecost Monday*
- Saturday 29 June: 2nd exam session ends
- Wednesday 3 July (at the latest): Deliberations end

Note:

[SMART Week](#): 22-26 October 2018 (sixth week of first term)

Comments

Exceptions to the academic calendar relating to the beginning and end of exams and deliberation sessions are the responsibility of the faculties, in consultation with other relevant faculties. These exceptions will be approved by faculty bodies no later than 15 November for the January session and 1 May for the June and September sessions. The ADEF director will be informed of these decisions. (CEFO 20/02/2012)

Faculties are authorised to organise degree deliberations and proclamations 1) beyond the June exam session and 2) beyond the September exam session, so that there are more days to conduct all the exams for each session. (CEFO 12/11/2015)

The end dates of deliberations are deadlines. Faculties can finish their deliberations sooner. (CEFO 17/12/2015)

In BAC1, a particular week called SMART (a French acronym that roughly translates as 'Multisite Week for Success and Transition Assistance') is organised in the first term, 23-27 October 2017 and 22-26 October 2018. This week is an integral part of the first-year bachelor's programme and allows for the organisation of educational tests, remedial activities, alternative activities, personal or group work, make-up classes, etc. This week can also be organized in other years of study, depending on the choice of the faculty.

Faculties are authorised to make up, during the second term, classes that fall on holidays or event days (e.g. University Celebration Day, honorary doctorate ceremony, 1 May, Pentecost, etc.). (CEFO 19/12/2013)