

2017-18 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

(approved by the Academic Council on 23 January 2017, corrected 6 June 2017)

1st term

- Thursday 14 September: **1st term begins**
- Monday 18 September: 1st term classes begin
- *Wednesday 27 September: French Community of Belgium Day*
- *Wednesday 1 November: All Saints Day*
- *Saturday 11 November: Armistice Day*
- Saturday 23 December: 1st term classes end
- *Monday 25 December: Christmas*
- *Monday 1 January: New Year's Day*
- Friday 5 January: 1st exam session begins (part of 1st term)
- Saturday 27 January: 1st exam session ends
- Wednesday 31 January (at the latest): Deliberations end

3rd term

- Sunday 1 July: **3rd term begins**
- *Saturday 21 July: Belgian National Day*
- *Wednesday 15 August: Assumption Day*
- Thursday 16 August: 3rd exam session begins (part of 3rd term)
- Tuesday 4 September: 3rd exam session ends
- Saturday 8 September (at the latest): Deliberations end

2nd term

- Thursday 1 February: **2nd term begins**
- Monday 5 February: 2nd term classes begin
- *Sunday 1 April: Easter*
- *Monday 2 April: Easter Monday*
- Monday 2 April through Saturday 14 April: no classes, spring vacation
- *Tuesday 1 May: Labour Day*
- *Thursday 10 May: Ascension Day*
- Saturday 19 May: 2nd term classes end
- *Sunday 20 May: Pentecost*
- *Monday 21 May: Pentecost Monday*
- Monday 4 June: 2nd exam session begins (part of 2nd term)
- Saturday 30 June: 2nd exam session ends
- Tuesday 3 July (at the latest): Deliberations end

Note:

[SMART Week](#): 23-27 October 2017

Comments

- 1) 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.
- 2) In some years of study of certain programmes, and at the dean's request, there is no January session. The academic calendar thus shifts. The terms and conditions of these shifts are established by the dean and communicated to the students before the academic year begins. This is the case, in particular, for medical master's degree internships.
- 3) 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.
- 4) The end dates of deliberations are deadlines. Faculties can finish their deliberations sooner.
- 5) 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.).
- 6) 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, 24-28 October 2016 and 23-27 October 2017. 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.