

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027

The academic year 2026-2027 opens on **August 24, 2026** and closes on **August 21, 2027**.

The academic year consists of 2 semesters:

- Courses for the 1st semester will be completed at the end of November, followed by an exam period in December.
- Courses for the 2nd semester start at the end of February, followed by an exam period in June.

Yearlong courses cover 2 semesters. For Ba1 yearlong courses, a partial examination can be taken in December, 2026. Resit exams for yearlong courses fall in August, 2027 only.

Resit exams are organized for the first-term courses in February, 2027 and for the second-term courses in August, 2027.

Catch-up weeks are for revision classes or additional exercises.

Bachelor 1 and Bachelor 2

SEMESTER 1	
Monday August 24 th , 2026	Start of the 2026-2027 academic year
Mon 2026/08/24 up to and including Sat 2026/11/14	12 weeks of first-term education activities (Fall semester)
Mon 2026/11/16 up to and including Sat 2026/11/21	1 week of catch-up activities
Mon 2026/11/23 up to and including Sat 2026/12/19	4 weeks first-term exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation time for the exams • exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
Mon 2026/12/21 up to and including Sat 2027/01/30	6 weeks of winter holidays
Mon 2027/02/01 up to and including Sat 2027/02/20	3 weeks of first-term resit exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resit exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
SEMESTER 2	
Mon 2027/02/22 up to and including Sat 2027/05/15	12 weeks of second-term education activities (Spring semester)
Mon 2027/05/17 up to and including Sat 2027/05/22	1 week of catch-up activities
Mon 2027/05/24 up to and including Sat 2027/06/19	4 weeks second-term exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation time for the exams • exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
Mon 2027/06/21 up to and including Sat 2027/07/31	6 weeks of summer holidays
Mon 2027/08/02 until Sat 2027/08/21	3 weeks of second-term resit exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resit exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
Monday August 23 rd , 2027	Start of the 2027-2028 academic year

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SEMESTER 1	
Monday August 24 th , 2026	Start of the 2026-2027 academic year
Mon 2026/08/24 up to and including Sat 2026/11/14	12 weeks of first-term education activities (Fall semester)
Mon 2026/11/16 up to and including Sat 2026/11/21	1 week of catch-up activities
Mon 2026/11/23 up to and including Sat 2026/12/19	4 weeks first-term exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation time for the exams • exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
Mon 2026/12/21 up to and including Sat 2027/01/30	6 weeks of winter holidays
Mon 2027/02/01 up to and including Sat 2027/02/20	3 weeks of first-term resit exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resit exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
SEMESTER 2	
Mon 2027/02/22 up to and including Sat 2027/03/13	3 weeks of second-term education activities (1st block)
Mon 2027/03/15 up to and including Sat 2027/03/20	1 week of self-study and exam
Mon 2027/03/22 up to and including Sat 2027/04/10	3 weeks of second-term education activities (2nd block)
Mon 2027/04/12 up to and including Sat 2027/04/17	1 week of self-study and exam
Mon 2027/04/19 up to and including Sat 2027/05/08	3 weeks of second-term education activities (3rd block)
Mon 2027/05/10 up to and including Sat 2027/05/15	1 week of self-study and exam
Mon 2027/05/17 up to and including Sat 2027/06/05	3 weeks of second-term education activities (4th block)
Mon 2027/06/07 up to and including Sat 2027/06/19	2 weeks of second-term exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
Mon 2027/06/21 up to and including Sat 2027/07/31	6 weeks of summer holidays
Mon 2027/08/02 until Sat 2027/08/21	3 weeks of second-term resit exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resit exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
Monday August 23 rd , 2027	Start of the 2027-2028 academic year

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SEMESTER 1 (in GHENT)	
Monday September 21 st , 2026	Start of the 2026-2027 academic year
Mon 2026/09/21 up to and including Sat 2026/12/12	12 weeks of first-term education activities (Fall semester)
Mon 2026/12/14 up to and including Sat 2026/12/19	1 week of catch-up activities
Mon 2026/12/21 up to and including Sat 2027/01/02	2 weeks of Christmas holidays
Mon 2027/01/04 up to and including Sat 2027/01/30	4 weeks of first-term exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exams • public announcement of the results • feedback
Mon 2027/02/01 up to and including Sat 2027/02/20	3 weeks of inter-term break
SEMESTER 2 (at GUGC)	
Mon 2027/02/22 up to and including Sat 2027/03/13	3 weeks of second-term education activities (1st block)
Mon 2027/03/15 up to and including Sat 2027/03/20	1 week of self-study and exam
Mon 2027/03/22 up to and including Sat 2027/04/10	3 weeks of second-term education activities (2nd block)
Mon 2027/04/12 up to and including Sat 2027/04/17	1 week of self-study and exam
Mon 2027/04/19 up to and including Sat 2027/05/08	3 weeks of second-term education activities (3rd block)
Mon 2027/05/10 up to and including Sat 2027/05/15	1 week of self-study and exam
Mon 2027/05/17 up to and including Sat 2027/06/05	3 weeks of second-term education activities (4th block)
Mon 2027/06/07 up to and including Sat 2027/06/19	2 weeks of second-term exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
Mon 2027/06/21 up to and including Sat 2027/07/31	6 weeks of summer holidays
Mon 2027/08/02 until Sat 2027/08/21	3 weeks of second-term resit exam period comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resit exams • public announcement of the results • feedback moments
Monday August 23 rd , 2027	Start of the 2027-2028 academic year

During the catch-up week, the following activities may be held:

- education activities, if they could not take place during the prescribed period of time due to circumstances of force majeure;
- revision classes and/or additional exercises;
- the assessments as stipulated in Article 35 §4.

Education activities and assessments are suspended during the Christmas and winter holidays, the inter-term break, the summer holidays, as well as on the following closing days:

- Thursday, 2026/09/24, Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving Day) Day 1
- Friday, 2026/09/25, Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving Day) Day 2
- Saturday, 2026/09/26, Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving Day) Day 3
- Saturday, 2026/10/03, National Foundation Day
- Monday, 2026/10/05, Substitute holiday
- Friday, 2026/10/09, Hangeul Day
- Friday, 2026/12/25, Christmas break up to and including Friday, 2027/01/01, New Year's Day
- Saturday, 2027/02/06, Seollal (Korean New Year) Day 1
- Sunday, 2027/02/07, Seollal (Korean New Year) Day 2
- Monday, 2027/02/08, Seollal (Korean New Year) Day 3
- Tuesday, 2027/02/09, Substitute holiday
- Monday, 2027/03/01, Korean Independence Movement Day
- Friday, 2027/03/19, Dies Natalis
- Saturday, 2027/05/01, Labour Day
- Wednesday, 2027/05/05, Children's Day
- Thursday, 2027/05/13, Buddha's Birthday
- Sunday, 2027/06/06, Memorial Day
- Sunday, 2027/08/15, Liberation Day
- Monday, 2027/08/16, Substitute holiday