

## RHODES UNIVERSITY – AMENDED TERM DATES – 2026

Amended due to the Senate decision to move all supplementary examinations to one sitting in 2026 and to facilitate the Senate recommendations regarding the reimagining of assessment.

<b>January</b>	5	Monday	University opens
	12	Monday	Postgraduate registration opens
	16	Friday	Initial fee deadline for returning students
	23	Friday	Initial fee deadline for first-year students
	19-30	Monday - Friday	Supplementary exams ( <b>2025</b> supplementary)
<b>January / February</b>	31-01	Saturday/Sunday	On-campus registration for first-time entering students
<b>February</b>	01	Sunday	Vice-Chancellor's and SRC President's Opening Address
	02	Monday	Final day for registration for first-time entering students (on campus)
	02-05	Monday - Thursday	Academic Orientation Week
	05	Thursday	Humanities Curriculum approval
	06	Friday	All Faculties Curriculum approval
	07	Saturday	Commerce, Science and Humanities Curriculum approval for returning students
	09	Monday	Undergraduate lectures begin
<b>March</b>	20	Friday	Undergraduate lectures end
	21	Saturday	Mid-Semester vacation begins
	25-27	Wednesday – Friday	Graduation
	30	Monday	Undergraduate lectures begin
<b>April</b>	03-6	Friday - Monday	Easter
<b>May</b>	15	Friday	Undergraduate lectures end
	16	Saturday	Swot period begins
	21	Thursday	Swot period ends
	22	Friday	Examinations begin
<b>June</b>	12	Friday	Examinations end
	13	Saturday	Mid-year vacation begins
<b>July</b>	06	Monday	Undergraduate lectures begin
<b>August</b>	14	Friday	Undergraduate lectures end
	15	Saturday	Mid-Semester vacation begins
	24	Monday	Undergraduate lectures begin
<b>October</b>	01	Thursday	Undergraduate lectures end
	02	Friday	Graduation for M and PhD graduates Swot period begins
	07	Wednesday	Swot period ends
<b>October</b>	08	Thursday	Examinations begin
<b>November</b>	05	Thursday	Examinations end
<b>October - November</b>	19/10 – 10/11	Monday - Tuesday	Submission of end-of-year exam results to Registrar's Division
<b>November</b>	09/11 – 11/11	Monday - Wednesday	Academic Departments/Faculties to advise Students of supplementary qualifications
<b>November</b>	13/11	Friday	Supplementary examinations ( <b>2026</b> ) begin (Saturdays will be used if required)
	26/11	Thursday	Supplementary examinations end
<b>December</b>	01/12	Tuesday	Final date for the submission of supplementary results
	03-05	Thursday - Saturday	Result printouts to Deans for analysis (including supplementary results)
		At least 24 hrs before the Faculty Board	Deans to submit recommendations to the Registrar's Division to photocopy for faculty boards

	09/12 – 11/12	Wednesday - Friday	Faculty Boards confirm results
	12/12 – 17/12	Saturday - Thursday	Academic Administration to process Faculty Board decisions in preparation for the release of results
	15/12	Tuesday	University Closes (P&C to confirm)
	16/12	Wednesday	Day of Reconciliation
	18/12- 19/12	Friday - Saturday	Exam results released to Students

### **TERMS DATES:**

Term 1: 09 February – 20 March 2026  
Term 2: 30 March – 12 June 2026  
Term 3: 06 July – 14 August 2026  
Term 4: 24 August – 05 November 2026

### **VACATION PERIODS:**

21 March – 29 March 2026  
13 June – 05 July 2026  
15 August – 23 August 2026  
University shutdown: 15 December 2026 (P&C to confirm)

*Please note that although Rhodes University takes care to publish term dates accurately, the academic diary is subject to change.*

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### **ACTING REGISTRAR**

**30 September 2025**