

2025-2026 academic calendar: clarification

Semester schedule

The semester schedule for teaching and exams for Bachelor's programmes is as follows:

- First semester: Monday 1 September 2025 to Friday 23 January 2026;
- Second semester: Monday 26 January 2026 to Friday 10 July 2026.

There may be some deviation in the period when it comes to teaching and exams for the Master's programmes, but the semester schedule remains the same. Teaching will also commence on Monday 1 September 2025 for Master's programmes.

Teaching/exam/resit period

The schedule for teaching, exam, and resit periods for both semesters does not apply to the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medical Sciences (with the exception of the first semester of B3).

Exams (T) and resits (HT) are scheduled during exam period two and three in the 2025-2026 academic calendar. For 2025-2026, the following applies:

- the Faculty of Social Sciences will have to schedule the resits (HT) first and then the exams (T) in exam periods two and three;
- the Nijmegen School of Management, the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Law will have to schedule the exams (T) first and then the resits (HT) in exam periods two and three;
- the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies are free to decide the order of the exams (T) and the resits (HT) first in exam periods two and three;
- the Faculty of Medical Sciences is free to schedule teaching, exams and resits, with the understanding that B3 teaching, exams and resits in the first semester must take place in the indicated teaching, exam and resit periods;
- the order in the fourth exam period will be fixed for all faculties: first exams (T4), then resits (HT3) and then resits (HT4).

Faculties can decide for themselves when the first exam or resit takes place during an exam period. The Executive Board advises faculties to give students one or two exam-free days before the first exam or resit takes place during an exam period.

On Friday 23 January 2026, no exams may be scheduled for courses in which exchange students participate, in order to facilitate outgoing and incoming exchange students moving in and out of their accommodation.

Education and Examination Regulations (EER) 2023-2024

The Executive Board advises faculty boards to include (adjusted) deadlines for period four in the EER 2025-2026 for, among other things, the announcement of exam results and the number of working days between the result of the exam and the resit. This is partly in relation to the date of issuing a negative study advice, or intention to do so.

Honours programme

The Honours programme is taught on Monday and Tuesday evenings. For this reason, the Executive Board expressly requests that faculties do not schedule teaching on Monday and Tuesday evenings between 5.30 pm and 7.15 pm. In addition, it is recommended that work groups be scheduled from 5.30 pm to 7.15 pm instead of lectures. After all, work groups are being scheduled more frequently and students can often choose the day themselves, which provides students who have to attend honours programme education in the evening with the needed flexibility.

Events

- The opening of the academic year will take place on the afternoon of Monday 1 September 2025. Teaching and exams will take place as usual on the afternoon of Monday 1 September 2023. The Executive Board explicitly requests that lecturers include in their student manual that students who wish to attend the opening of the academic year may do so without any repercussions. If

lecturers wish to attend the opening of the academic year, the Executive Board advises them to reschedule teaching for the afternoon in question to another time that week.

- The Dies Natalis celebration will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 21 May 2026. There will be no teaching or exams that afternoon. The Executive Board explicitly requests that lecturers include in their student manual that students who wish to attend the Dies Natalis celebration may do so without any repercussions. If lecturers wish to attend the Dies Natalis celebration, the Executive Board advises them to reschedule teaching for the afternoon in question to another time that week.

Dates for providing education-related information

An annual calendar, which contains a number of crucial dates regarding the provision of education-related information, has also been established. These dates have been set for the entire university in order to make providing information to students as clear and unambiguous as possible. The dates are set out below. This includes the dates in preparation for the 2025-2026 semesters (falling partly in 2024-2025) and the 2026-2027 semesters (falling partly in 2025-2026).

- Publication of course information for international students:
 - 1st semester 2025-2026: in week 16 (14-18 April 2025)
 - 2nd semester 2025-2026: in week 41 (6-10 October 2025)
 - 1st semester 2026-2027: in week 16 (13-17 April 2026)
- Publication of timetables:
 - 1st semester 2025-2026: no later than 1 July 2025
 - 2nd semester 2025-2026: no later than 1 December 2025
 - 1st semester 2026-2027: no later than 1 July 2026
- Publication of course guides:
 - 2025-2026: no later than 1 July 2025
 - 2026-2027: no later than 1 July 2026
- Start of degree programme registration:
 - 1st semester 2025-2026: from 1 July 2025
 - 2nd semester 2025-2026: from 1 December 2025
 - 1st semester 2026-2027: from 1 July 2026

University holidays

There are no classes during holiday periods. No teaching activities, including work groups, lectures and practicals, will take place during these periods. However, it is possible to take interim and final exams in some periods. This can be seen in more detail in the schedule below.

Holiday	Date	Teaching	Exams	Final exams
Christmas break	Mon 22-12-2025 to Fri 02-01-2026	-	-	-
Carnival	Mon 16-02-2026 and Tue 17-02-2026	-	+	-
Good Friday	Fri 03-04-2026	-	-	-
Easter Monday	Mon 06-04-2026	-	-	-
King's Day	Mon 27-04-2026	-	-	-
May break	Mon 27-04-2026 to Fri 01-05-2026	-	+	-
Liberation Day	Sun 05-05-2026	-	-	-
Ascension Day	Thu 14-05-2026	-	-	-
Friday after Ascension Day	Fri 15-05-2026	-	-	-
Whit Monday	Mon 25-05-2026	-	-	-
Summer break	Mon 13-07-2026 to Fri 07-08-2027 Mon 10-08-2026 to Fri 28-08-2026	- -	- +	- +

Eid al-Fitr

When establishing the annual schedule, it is determined each year whether it is possible to

accommodate Eid al-Fitr within the educational and/or exam schedule. In 2026, this will not be possible.