

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2016/17**

(Approved by the University Council, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

**1. ACADEMIC YEAR**

The academic year is divided into two sessions and will run from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Academic activity will be suspended during the month of August, and likewise on public, local and internal holidays and all other days when learning or assessment activity at the university is interrupted.

**2. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

Teaching activities are divided into two sessions:

**First term:** from September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

**Second term:** from January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

In order to facilitate the overall timetabling process, Master's courses will be permitted to defer the beginning of classes until October and continue until January 24<sup>th</sup>, provided they do not require the January assessment session for examination purposes. In this instance, the second term will begin a week later.

**3. ASSESSMENT**

Students will be entitled to two assessment opportunities each year. Assessment activities are divided into three sessions:

	<b>Assessment dates</b>	<b>Deadline for entering and finalising of grades</b>
<b>First term subjects</b>	<b>9-23 January 2017</b>	<b>10 February 2017</b>
	<b>Final dissertation Bachelor and Master – agreed in each Faculty /School</b>	<b>10 March 2017 – deadline for entering the grades</b>
<b>Second term subjects</b>	<b>18 May – 2 June 2017</b>	<b>16 June 2017</b>
	<b>Final dissertation Bachelor and Master – agreed in each Faculty /School</b>	<b>4 July 2017 – deadline for entering the grades</b>
<b>Second opportunity (all subjects)</b>	<b>26 June – 14 July 2017 (*)</b>	<b>21 July 2017</b>
	<b>Final dissertation Bachelor and Master – agreed in each</b>	<b>25 September 2017 – deadline for entering the grades</b>

(\*) During the second assessment opportunity, subjects from the first term will be examined first, followed by the remaining subjects from the second term. No classes will take place during the exam sessions.

All teaching activities and examinations will be suspended from December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 until January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (inclusive); on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016; and from April 10<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (inclusive). The holiday to mark the feast of St Thomas Aquinas (patron of the University) will be moved to January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in accordance with the procedural guidelines explained below. Academic activities will also be suspended on all official State, regional and local holidays, and in individual faculties to mark the patron's day of each.

With a view to optimising academic activity during term time, University holidays which fall on a Tuesday or Thursday will be brought forward or pushed back to the nearest Monday or Friday. Holidays falling on a Wednesday will be taken on the Friday, while those falling on a Saturday or a Sunday, or coinciding with another holiday, will be taken the day before or after.