

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2017/2018

(University Council, 27 April 2017)

1. ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year will run from 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018. The year will be divided into two teaching periods, or terms, as provided in Section 2, below. Academic activity will be suspended during the month of August, on all public, local and internal holidays, and during the examination and assessment periods provided herein.

Final dissertation projects and work placement examined and/or assessed during the second opportunity examination period will be entered into the academic record on 25 September 2018 and dated 2017/2018, in accordance with the conditions provided herein.

2. ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

Teaching activities for the academic year will be divided into two terms:

First term: 11 September – 22 December 2017

Second term: 30 January – 16 May 2018

Master's courses will be permitted to defer commencement of classes until October and continue until 26 January, provided the January examination session is not required for assessment purposes. Where this occurs, second term classes will commence a week later than provided in the official calendar. All changes to the official calendar will be notified by the coordinator of the relevant Master's programme to the Office for Academic Programming.

3. ASSESSMENT

3.1. Undergraduate and Master's degrees

Students will be entitled to two examination opportunities each year. Assessment activities for the academic year will be divided into four sessions:

Examination period	Examination period dates	Deadline for entering and finalising marks
Early examination period	23 November – 12 December 2017	22 December 2017
Main examination period for first term subjects	8 – 26 January 2018	10 February 2018
	TFG / TFM: examination dates set by school/faculty	9 March 2018 for final dissertation marks (Bachelor's, Master's)
Main examination period for second term subjects	18 May – 8 June 2018	20 June 2018
	TFG / TFM: examination dates set by school/faculty	4 July 2018 for final dissertation marks (Bachelor's, Master's)
Second opportunity (all subjects)	28 June – 17 July 2018 (*)	24 July 2018
	Work placement / TFG / TFM: assessment and examination dates set by school/faculty	25 September 2018 for final dissertation marks (Bachelor's, Master's)

Exam times for subjects approved for assessment during the 'early examination period' will be set by the school or faculty responsible.

(*) During the second opportunity examination period, subjects from the first term will be examined first, followed by the remaining subjects from the second term.

Final dissertations for Bachelor's and Master's degrees will be registered for and examined in accordance with Articles 1, 2 and 3 of the UDC policies and regulations governing final dissertation registration and examination, ratified by the University Council on 19 December 2013 (and all subsequent amendments).

3.2. Degree programmes regulated by previous curriculum and assessment systems

In compliance with the UDC Academic Management Plan 2017/2018, students from the following degree programmes will be eligible for Final Dissertation examination only: Computer Engineering, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Industrial Engineering.

All teaching activities and examinations will be suspended from 23 December 2017 until 6 January 2018 (inclusive); on 12 and 13 February 2018; and from 26 March to 2 April 2018 (inclusive). The holiday to mark the feast of St Thomas Aquinas (patron saint of the University) will be moved to 29 January 2018. Academic activities will also be suspended on all official State, regional and local holidays, and in individual schools and faculties to mark the patron saint day in each case.

In order to optimise academic activity during term time, University holidays falling on a Tuesday or Thursday will be brought forward or pushed back to the nearest Monday or Friday, respectively. Holidays falling on a Wednesday will be taken on the following Friday, and those coinciding with a weekend day or other holiday will be moved to the last working day before or next working day after.