

2019-20 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

(approved by the Academic Council on 22 January 2018)

1st term

- Saturday 14 September: **1st term begins**
- Monday 16 September: 1st term classes begin
- *Friday 27 September: French Community of Belgium Day*
- *Friday 1 November: All Saints Day*
- *Monday 11 November: Armistice Day*
- Saturday 21 December: 1st term classes end
- *Wednesday 25 December: Christmas*
- *Wednesday 1 January: New Year's Day*
- Saturday 4 January: 1st exam session begins (part of 1st term)
- Saturday 25 January: 1st exam session ends
- Friday 31 January (at the latest): Deliberations end

3rd term

- Wednesday 1 July: **3rd term begins**
- *Tuesday 21 July: Belgian National Day*
- *Saturday 15 August: Assumption Day*
- Monday 17 August: 3rd exam session begins (part of 3rd term)
- Thursday 3 September: 3rd exam session ends
- Saturday 5 September (at the latest): Deliberations end

2nd term

- Saturday 1 February: **2nd term begins**
- Monday 3 February: 2nd term classes begin
- *Sunday 12 April: Easter*
- *Monday 13 April: Easter Monday*
- Monday 6 April through Saturday 25 April: no classes, spring vacation
- *Friday 1 May: Labour Day*
- Saturday 16 May: 2nd term classes end
- *Thursday 21 May: Ascension Day*
- Tuesday 2 June: 2nd exam session begins (part of 2nd term)
- *Sunday 31 May: Pentecost*
- *Monday 1 June: Pentecost Monday*
- Saturday 27 June: 2nd exam session ends
- Wednesday 1 July (at the latest): Deliberations end

Note:

[SMART Week](#): 21-25 October 2019 (sixth week of first term)

Comments

Exceptions to the academic calendar relating to the beginning and end of exams and deliberation sessions are the responsibility of the faculties, in consultation with other relevant faculties. These exceptions will be approved by faculty bodies no later than 15 November for the January session and 1 May for the June and September sessions. The ADEF director will be informed of these decisions. (CEFO 20/02/2012)

Faculties are authorised to organise degree deliberations and proclamations 1) beyond the June exam session and 2) beyond the September exam session, so that there are more days to conduct all the exams for each session. (CEFO 12/11/2015)

The end dates of deliberations are deadlines. Faculties can finish their deliberations sooner. (CEFO 17/12/2015)

In BAC1, a particular week called SMART (a French acronym that roughly translates as 'Multisite Week for Success and Transition Assistance') is organised in the first term, 21-25 October 2019. This week is an integral part of the first-year bachelor's programme and allows for the organisation of educational tests, remedial activities, alternative activities, personal or group work, make-up classes, etc. This week can also be organized in other years of study, depending on the choice of the faculty.

Faculties are authorised to make up, during the second term, classes that fall on holidays or event days (e.g. University Celebration Day, honorary doctorate ceremony, 1 May, Pentecost, etc.). (CEFO 19/12/2013)