



GENERAL CALENDAR & ACADEMIC CALENDAR OF THE UNIVERSITY

SESSIONAL DATES

2024



SEFAKO MAKGATHO
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND SESSIONAL DATES

University Semesters: 2024

FIRST SEMESTER	:	08 January 2024	-	26 July 2024
AUTUMN RECESS (for students)	:	02 April 2024	-	5 April 2024**
WINTER RECESS (for students)	:	15 July 2024	-	26 July 2024**
SECOND SEMESTER	:	29 July 2024	-	13 December 2024
SUMMER RECESS (University Vacation)		13 December 2024		06 January 2025

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****NB -** The Senate approved recess dates are subject to clinical rotation dates as approved by the relevant Schools, in line with the School approved timetable for each of the programme. Where there is a contradiction between the Senate approved dates and School dates for recess for clinical students, the School dates will take precedence.

SESSIONAL/IMPORTANT DATES: 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

(Please note that dates may change should the need arise)

JANUARY 2024			Time
Monday	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY	
Tuesday	2		
Wednesday	3		
Thursday	4		
Friday	5		
Saturday	6		
Sunday	7		
Monday	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University re-opens: academic and support staff report for duty 	
Tuesday	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration commences for all returning (undergraduate & postgraduate) students. Submission of academic exclusion appeals by 2023 registered students commences 	
Wednesday	10		
Thursday	11		
Friday	12		
Saturday	13		
Sunday	14		
Monday	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement of the 2024 academic year for returning students: Lectures, clinical sessions, practicum sessions commence for registered returning students Closing Date: Submission of Academic Exclusions Appeals for 2023 academic year 	
Tuesday	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN students: School of Health Care Sciences School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN and transfer students: School of Pharmacy 	09h00 14h00
Wednesday	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN and transfer students: School of Medicine 	09h00
Thursday	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN students: School of Oral Health Sciences School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN students: School of Science and Technology 	09h00 14h00
Friday	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day: Registration ends for all returning (undergraduate & postgraduate) students. 	
Saturday	20		
Sunday	21		
Monday	22	Registration commences for 2024 FTEN students Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures and practicum sessions commence for BSc II, III, ECP II, III & IV students Meeting: Postgraduate Committee of the Senate	10h00

Wednesday	24	Meeting: School Academic Exclusions Committee: Medicine	08:h30
		Meeting: School Academic Exclusions Committee: Oral Health Sciences	14h00
Thursday	25	Meeting: School Academic Exclusions Committee: Health Care Sciences	08h30
		Meeting: School Academic Exclusions Committee: Pharmacy	14h00
Friday	26	Meeting: School Academic Exclusions Committee: Science and Technology	08h30
Saturday	27		
Sunday	28		
Monday	29	Meeting: Executive Committee of Senate	09h00
Tuesday	30		
Wednesday	31		

FEBRUARY 2024			Time
Thursday	1	Orientation for all First Time Entering students commences	09h00
		Meeting: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee	09h00
		Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Friday	2	Registration closes for 2024 FTEN students	08h30
		Orientation for all First Time Entering students ends	09h00
		Meeting: Executive Committee of Senate	
Saturday	3		
Sunday	4		
Monday	5	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
		• Commencement of 2024 academic year for First Time Entering students	
Tuesday	6	Meeting: Senate ICT Committee	09h00
Wednesday	7	Meeting: Senate Academic Exclusions Committee	09h00
Thursday	8	Meeting: Institutional Forum	09h00
Friday	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for: • Late registration for all undergraduate and postgraduate students • Changing of courses and/or modules • Submission of applications for exemption from courses or modules Meeting: Senate Academic Exclusions Committee	09h00
Saturday	10		
Sunday	11		
Monday	12	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	09h00
Tuesday	13	Meeting: Senate Academic Planning Committee	09h00
Wednesday	14	Meeting: Senate Rules Committee	09h00
Thursday	15	Meeting: Senate Research, Ethics and Postgraduate studies Committee	09h00
Friday	16	Meeting: Senate Community Engagement Committee	09h00
Saturday	17		
Sunday	18		
Monday	19	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	20	Meeting: Senate Academic Exclusions Committee	09h00
Wednesday	21	Meeting: Senate Library Committee	09h00
Thursday	22		
Friday	23	Meeting: Honorary Degrees Committee	09h00
Saturday	24		
Sunday	25		
Monday	26	Meeting: Planning and Resources Committee of the Council	09h00
Tuesday	27	Meeting: IT Governance Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	28		

Thursday	29	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09h00
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MARCH 2024			Time
Friday	1	Meeting: Human Resources Committee of Council Meeting: Membership Committee of Council	09h00 14h00
Saturday	2		
Sunday	3		
Monday	4	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	5	Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee of Council	09h00
Wednesday	6		
Thursday	7	Meeting: SMUREC	
Friday	8	Meeting: Student Affairs Committee of the Council	10h00
Saturday	9		
Sunday	10		
Monday	11	Meeting: Finance and Investment Committee of the Council	09h00
Tuesday	12	Meeting: Remuneration Committee of Council	10h00
Wednesday	13	Meeting: Postgraduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	14	Meeting: Executive Committee of Council	09h00
Friday	15	Meeting: Senate Closing date for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submission of all assessment reports by external assessors to the Postgraduate Office ➤ Submission of all combined reports from internal supervisors for students eligible for the May 2023 graduation ceremony to the Postgraduate Office. 	09h00
Saturday	16		
Sunday	17		
Monday	18	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	19	Meeting: Board - School of Health Care Sciences	09h00
Wednesday	20	Meeting: Board: - School of Oral Health Sciences	09h00
Thursday	21	HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	
Friday	22	University holiday	
Saturday	23		
Sunday	24		
Monday	25	Research Methodology (REME) course	09h00
Tuesday	26	Meeting: Board - School of Pharmacy Research Methodology (REME) course continues	09h00
Wednesday	27	Meeting: Board - School of Science and Technology Research Methodology (REME) course continues	09h00
Thursday	28	Meeting: Board - School of Medicine Research Methodology (REME) course continues	09h00
Friday	29	GOOD FRIDAY	09h00
Saturday	30		
Sunday	31		

APRIL 2024			Time
Monday	1	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: FAMILY DAY	08h30
Tuesday	2	AUTUMN Recess for students starts **NB - The Senate approved recess dates are subject to clinical rotation	09h00

		<p>dates as approved by the relevant Schools, in line with the School approved timetable for each of the programme. Where there is a contradiction between the Senate approved dates and School dates for recess for clinical students, the School dates will take precedence.</p> <p>Meeting: Executive Management Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for submission of name lists for Graduation Ceremonies Last day for submission of mini-dissertation, dissertation and thesis reports to the Examination Department by supervisors for consideration and endorsement by Postgraduate Committee and approval of eligible candidates by Executive Committee of Senate for May Graduation Ceremonies. <p>Applications for admission for the 2025 academic year open</p>	
Wednesday	3	Meeting: Senate Community Engagement Committee	09h00
Thursday	4	Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Friday	5	Meeting: Council AUTUMN Recess for students ends	09h00
Saturday	6		
Sunday	7		
Monday	8	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	
Tuesday	9		09h00
Wednesday	10	Meeting: Senate ICT Committee	09h00
Thursday	11	Meeting: Postgraduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Friday	12	Meeting: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee	09h00
Saturday	13		
Sunday	14		
Monday	15	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	16	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Convocation	09h00
Wednesday	17		
Thursday	18		
Friday	19	Meeting: Executive Committee of Senate	09h00
Saturday	20		
Sunday	21		
Monday	22	Meeting: Senate Academic Planning Committee	09h00
Tuesday	23		
Wednesday	24	Meeting: Research, Ethics and Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Senate	10h00
Thursday	25		
Friday	26		
Saturday	27	FREEDOM DAY	
Sunday	28		
Monday	29	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	
Tuesday	30		

MAY 2024			Time
Wednesday	1	WORKERS' DAY	09h00
Thursday	2	Meeting: SMUREC Meeting: Postgraduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Friday	3		

Saturday	4		
Sunday	5		
Monday	6	Closing date for submission of lists names for graduation ceremonies by Schools to the Registrar's Office	
Tuesday	7	Meeting: Institutional Forum	09h00
Wednesday	8		
Thursday	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Day Meeting: Remuneration Committee of the Council	09h00
Friday	10	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09h00
Saturday	11		
Sunday	12		
Monday	13	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	14	Meeting: Planning and Resources Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	15	Meeting: Finance and Investment Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	16	Meeting: Senate Rules Committee	09h00
Friday	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Cancellation of courses and/or modules ➢ Exemption from attending a course or module ➢ Interruption of studies for 2024 academic year 	
Saturday	18		
Sunday	19		
Monday	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for confirmation to write the June/July examinations by postgraduate students 	
Tuesday	21		
Wednesday	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Ceremony 	
Thursday	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Ceremony 	
Friday	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Ceremony 	
Saturday	25		
Sunday	26		
Monday	27	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	28	Meeting: Board - School of Health Care Sciences Meeting: Board - School of Oral Health Science	09h00 14h00
Wednesday	29	Meeting: Board - School of Pharmacy Meeting: Board - School of Science and Technology Meeting: IT Governance Committee of the Council	09h00 14h00 09h00
Thursday	30	Meeting: Board - School of Medicine	
Friday	31	Meeting: Student Affairs Committee of the Council	10h00

JUNE 2024			Time
Saturday	1		
Sunday	2		
Monday	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision week commences 	
Tuesday	4	Meeting: Human Resources Committee of Council Meeting: Membership Committee of Council	09h00 14h00
Wednesday	5		
Thursday	6	Meeting: SMUREC	
Friday	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision week ends Meeting: Senate	09h00
Saturday	8		
Sunday	9		
Monday	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year examinations commence 	08h30

		**NB – The dates of the mid-year examinations notwithstanding, Schools are allowed to exercise their right to arrange clinical examinations prior to the commencement of examinations as contemplated in the Calendar. Meeting: Executive Management Committee	
Tuesday	11		
Wednesday	12	Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	13		
Friday	14	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Council	09h00
Saturday	15		
Sunday	16	YOUTH DAY	
Monday	17	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	09h00
Tuesday	18	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	
Wednesday	19	Meeting: Senate Library Committee	09h00
Thursday	20		
Friday	21		
Saturday	22		
Sunday	23		
Monday	24	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	25	Meeting: Council	09h00
Wednesday	26		
Thursday	27		
Friday	28	Mid-year examinations end	09h00
Saturday	29		
Sunday	30		

JULY 2024			Time
Monday	1		
Tuesday	2	Meeting: Postgraduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Wednesday	3		
Thursday	4	Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Friday	5		
Saturday	6		
Sunday	7		
Monday	8	Meeting: Executive Management Committee • Mid-year supplementary examinations commence	08h30
Tuesday	9		
Wednesday	10	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	11		
Friday	12	• Mid-year supplementary examinations end	
Saturday	13		
Sunday	14		
Monday	15	• Winter recess for students starts **NB - The Senate approved recess dates are subject to clinical rotation dates as approved by the relevant Schools, in line with the School approved timetable for each of the programme. Where there is a contradiction between the Senate approved dates and School dates for recess for clinical students, the School dates will take precedence.	09h00
Tuesday	16		
Wednesday	17		
Thursday	18		
Friday	19	• Closing date for the VC's Research Excellence Awards • Closing date for the VC's Teaching Excellence Awards	

Saturday	20			
Sunday	21			
Monday	22		Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	23		Meeting: Senate Community Engagement Committee	09h00
Wednesday	24		Meeting: Research, Ethics and Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	25			
Friday	26		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter recess for students ends • Release of mid-year examination results 	
END OF FIRST SEMESTER				
Saturday	27			
Sunday	28			
Monday	29		SECOND SEMESTER COMMENCES	
Tuesday	30		Meeting: Board - School of Pharmacy Meeting: Board - School of Science and Technology	09h00 13h00
Wednesday	31		Meeting: Senate: Teaching and Learning Committee of the Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for the submission of the 2025 applications for all undergraduate qualifications including MSc Clinical Psychology. 	
AUGUST 2024				Time
Thursday	1		Meeting: Honorary Degrees Committee Meeting: SMUREC	09h00 14h00
Friday	2		Meeting: Membership Committee of Council	09h00
Saturday	3			
Sunday	4			
Monday	5		Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	6		Meeting: Student Affairs Committee of the Council	10h00
Wednesday	7		Meeting: Senate Rules Committee	09h00
Thursday	8		Meeting: Senate Academic Planning Committee	09h00
Friday	9		WOMEN'S DAY	09h00
Saturday	10			
Sunday	11			
Monday	12		Meeting: Senate ICT Committee	09h00
Tuesday	13		Meeting: Board - School of Health Care Sciences Meeting: Board - School of Oral Health Sciences	09h00 13h00
Wednesday	14		Meeting: Finance and Investment Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	15		Meeting: Planning and Resources Committee of Council Meeting: Board – School of Medicine	09h00 09h00
Friday	16		Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee of the Council	09h00
Saturday	17			
Sunday	18			
Monday	19		Meeting: Senior Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	20		Meeting: Institutional Forum	09h00
Wednesday	21		• SMU Research Day	09h00
Thursday	22		• SMU Research Day	09h00
Friday	23		Meeting: Executive Committee of the Convocation • SMU Research Day	09h00 09h00
Saturday	24			
Sunday	25			

Monday	26	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	27	Meeting: Human Resources Committee of Council	09h00
Wednesday	28	Meeting: IT Governance Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	29	Council Strategic Planning Session	09h00
Friday	30	Council Strategic Planning Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for confirmation to write the October/November examinations by postgraduate students Closing date for submission of first time Postgraduate applications for 2024 (Excluding Masters by Research and Doctoral applications for the first time) 	09h00
Saturday	31		

SEPTEMBER 2024			Time
Sunday	1		
Monday	2	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	3	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09h00
Wednesday	4		
Thursday	5	Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Friday	6		
Saturday	7		
Sunday	8		
Monday	9		
Tuesday	10	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	11		09h00
Thursday	12		09h00
Friday	13	Meeting: Senate	09h00
Saturday	14		
Sunday	15		
Monday	16	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	17		
Wednesday	18	Meeting: Research, Ethics and Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	19		
Friday	20		
Saturday	21		
Sunday	22		
Monday	23	University Holiday	
Tuesday	24	HERITAGE DAY	09h00
Wednesday	25	Meeting: Senate Community Engagement Committee	
Thursday	26		
Friday	27	Meeting: COUNCIL	09h00
Saturday	28		
Sunday	29		
Monday	30	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	

OCTOBER 2024			Time
Tuesday	1	Meeting: Library Committee of the Senate	09h00

Wednesday	2	Meeting: ICT Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	3	Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Friday	4		
Saturday	5		
Sunday	6		
Monday	7	Meeting: Postgraduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Tuesday	8	Meeting: Human Resources Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	9	Meeting: Executive Committee of Senate	09h00
Thursday	10	Meeting: Senate Teaching and Learning Committee	09h00
Friday	11	Publication of year-marks for end-of-year examinations	
Saturday	12		
Sunday	13		
Monday	14	Meeting: Executive Management Committee • Revision Week Commences	08h30
Tuesday	15	Meeting: Senate Academic Planning Committee	09h00
Wednesday	16	Meeting: Remuneration Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	17		
Friday	18	Revision Week ends	
Saturday	19		
Sunday	20		
Monday	21	Meeting: Senior Management Committee • End-of-year standard examinations commence **NB – <u>The dates of the mid-year and end of year examinations notwithstanding, Schools are allowed to exercise their right to arrange clinical examinations prior to the commencement of examinations as contemplated in the Calendar.</u>	09h00
Tuesday	22	Meeting: Planning and Resources Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	23	Meeting: Council: Student Affairs Committee	10h00
Thursday	24	Meeting: Senate Rules Committee	09h00
Friday	25		
Saturday	26		
Sunday	27		
Monday	28	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	29	Meeting: ICT Governance Committee of the Council Closing date for registration of Masters (Research) (first-time students only)	09h00
Wednesday	30	Meeting: Institutional Forum	
Thursday	31	Meeting: Finance and Investment Committee of the Council	

NOVEMBER 2024			Time
Friday	1	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09h00
Saturday	2		
Sunday	3		
Monday	4		
Tuesday	5	Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	6		
Thursday	7	Meeting: SMUREC	
Friday	8		
Saturday	9		
Sunday	10		
Monday	11	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	12		

Wednesday	13		
Thursday	14		
Friday	15	Meeting: Senate • End-of-year standard examinations end	09h00
Saturday	16		
Sunday	17		
Monday	18		
Tuesday	19	Meeting: Executive Committee of Council	09h00
Wednesday	20	Supplementary / deferred examinations commence	
Thursday	21		
Friday	22	• VC's Excellence Awards Ceremony to non-academic staff	
Saturday	23		
Sunday	24		
Monday	25	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	26	Supplementary / deferred examinations end	
Wednesday	27	Meeting: Council	09h00
Thursday	28	Closing date for Doctoral registration (first time students)	
Friday	29	• VC's Research and Teaching Excellence Awards Ceremony	
Saturday	30		

DECEMBER 2024			Time
Sunday	1		
Monday	2	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	09h00
Tuesday	3		
Wednesday	4		
Thursday	5		
Friday	6	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate University Student Excellence Awards Ceremony	09h00
Saturday	7		
Sunday	8		
Monday	9	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	10	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate (Approval of Results)	09h00
Wednesday	11	• Oath-taking Ceremony: School of Pharmacy • Oath-taking Ceremony: School of Health Care Sciences	09h00 14h00
Thursday	12	• Oath-taking Ceremony: School of Oral Health Sciences • Oath-taking Ceremony: School of Medicine	09h00 14h00
Friday	13	Release of year-end examination results • End of Semester 2 & End of all academic activities of the University	
Saturday	14		
Sunday	15		
Monday	16	DAY OF RECONCILIATION	
Tuesday	17		
Wednesday	18		
Thursday	19		
Friday	20		
Saturday	21		
Sunday	22		
Monday	23		
Tuesday	24		
Wednesday	25	CHRISTMAS DAY	

Thursday	26	DAY OF GOODWILL	
Friday	27		
Saturday	28		
Sunday	29		
Monday	30		
Tuesday	31		

		JANUARY 2025	
Wednesday	1		
Thursday	2		
Friday	3		
Saturday	4		
Sunday	5		
Monday	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS FOR THE 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR: SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC STAFF REPORT FOR DUTY 	