



ZCAS UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR

NB:

Dates are subject to change at any time prior to or during an academic semester due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the University.

Day	Date	Event
Monday	5 January 2026	Normal Registration for new students for the January to June 2026 semester begins
Monday – Wednesday	5 – 7 January 2026	Schools Board of Examiners’ Meeting
Friday	9 January 2026	Senate Examinations Committee Meeting
Tuesday	13 January 2026	December 2025 Results Released
Wednesday	14 January 2026	Normal Registration for returning students for the January to June 2026 semester begins
Tuesday	27 January 2026	Normal Registration for ODeL new and returning students for the January to June 2026 closes.
Wednesday - Friday	28 January – 6 February 2026	ODeL First Residential School to be conducted virtually
Friday	6 February 2026	Normal Registration for new and returning students for the January to June 2026 semester closes
Monday	9 February 2026	1. Full time and part time classes for the January to June 2026 semester begin 2. Induction of new students 3. Late registration begins (penalty fee of ZMW500 to be paid)
Monday - Friday	23 – 27 February 2026	Assignments issued to students

Monday	23 February 2026	Late Registration for January to June 2026 semester closes – no more enrollments after this day
Monday - Friday	9 – 13 March 2026	Assignment due for submission through the eLearning portal (students to check for specific dates on the portal)
Thursday	2 April 2026	Feedback to assignments due
Tuesday - Wednesday	7 -15 April 2026	ODEL Second Online Residential School
Tuesday - Friday	7 – 17 April 2026	First Study Break
Friday	17 April 2026	First Research Friday (14:00 – 16:00 hrs only)
Monday	20 April 2026	Classes for full time, evening and part time students resume
Monday- Friday	20 – 24 April 2026	Mid-semester Tests (Schools to decide on dates when tests are to be written within this week)
Friday	24 April 2026	Publication of 2026 Semester 1 Final Examination Timetables
Friday	8 May 2026	Cultural Day
Friday	15 May 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Last Day of classes/lectures for courses 2. Lecturers to provide total CA marks to students
Monday - Friday	18 - 22 May 2026	Second Study Break
Friday	22 May 2026	Second Research Friday (14:00 – 16:00 hrs only)
Tuesday - Monday	26 May – 8 June 2026	Final Examinations
Friday	5 June 2026	Doctoral colloquium
Wednesday – Friday	17 – 19 June 2026	Deferred Examination for the June 2026 Examination Session (Deferred Exam fee of ZMW500 and ZMW400 per course to be paid for postgraduate and undergraduate courses, respectively)
Wednesday	1 July 2026	Normal Registration for new students for the July to December 2026 semester begins
Wednesday – Friday	1 – 3 July 2026	Official period for entering results in the Examinations Management System by Lecturers
Wednesday – Friday	8 – 10 July 2026	Schools Board of Examiners' Meeting
Monday	13 July 2026	Senate Examinations Committee Meeting
Tuesday	14 July 2026 at 14:30 hrs	June 2026 Examination Results Released
Wednesday	15 July 2026	Normal registration for returning students begins -

		payment of tuition fees, enrolment on courses, invoicing, etc.
Friday	24 July 2026	Annual Research Symposium
Tuesday	28 July 2026	Normal Registration for ODeL new and returning students for the July to December 2026 closes
Wednesday - Friday	July 29 – 7 August 2026	ODeL First Online Residential School
Friday	7 August 2026	Last day of normal registration (all students should have registered before or on this date)
Monday	10 August 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full time, evening and part time classes begin 2. Induction of new students 3. Late registration begins (penalty fee of ZMW500 to be paid)
Monday	24 August 2026	Last day for student registration (two weeks after commencement of classes)
Monday to Friday	24– 28 August 2026	Assignments issued to students
Monday – Friday	14 – 28 September 2026	Assignment due for submission through the E-Learning portal (students to check for specific dates on the portal)
Friday	18 September 2026	Graduation Ceremony
Friday	2 October 2026	Feedback to Assignments due
Monday - Tuesday	5 – 13 October 2026	ODeL Second Online Residential School
Monday - Friday	5 – 16 October 2026	First Study Break
Friday	16 October 2025	First Research Friday (14:00 – 16:00 hrs Only)
Monday	20 October 2026	Classes for full time, evening and part time students resume.
Tuesday - Monday	20 – 26 October 2026	Mid-semester Tests (Schools to decide on dates when tests are to be written within this week)
Friday	23 October 2026	Publication of Final Examination Timetables
Friday	30 October 2026	University Sports Day
Friday	13 November 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Last Day of classes/lectures for courses 2. Lecturers to provide total CA marks to students
Monday - Friday	16 – 20 November 2026	Second Study Break
Friday	20 November	Second Research Friday (14:00 – 16:00 hrs Only)

Monday - Friday	23 November – 4 December 2026	Final Examinations
Friday	4 December 2026	Doctoral colloquium
Monday – Wednesday	14 – 16 December 2026	Deferred Exams for December 2026 Exam Session (deferred exam fee of ZMW500 and ZMW400 per course to be paid for postgraduate and undergraduate courses, respectively)
Monday – Friday	28 December 2026 to 1 January 2027	Official period for entering results in the Examinations Management System by Lecturers
Monday	4 January 2027	Normal Registration for new students for the January to June 2027 semester begins
Monday – Wednesday	4 – 6 January 2027	Schools Board of Examiners' Meeting
Friday	8 January 2027	Senate Examinations Committee Meeting
Tuesday	12 January 2027 at 14:30 hrs	December 2026 Results Released
Wednesday	13 January 2027	Normal Registration for returning students for the January to June 2027 semester begins
Friday	29 January 2027	Normal Registration for ODeL new and returning students for January to June 2027 closes
Saturday - Sunday	30 January – 7 February 2027	ODeL First Residential School to be conducted virtually
Friday	5 February 2027	Normal Registration for new and returning students for the January to June 2027 semester closes
Monday	8 February 2027	1. Full time and part time classes for the January to June 2027 semester begin 2. Induction of new students 3. Late registration begins (penalty fee of ZMW500 to be paid)
Monday	22 February 2027	Late Registration for the January to June 2027 semester closes – no more registration/enrollments after this day