

SENATE April 2021

FROM: Registrar

Term Dates 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23

Purpose and Recommendation(s)

This paper outlines updates to the term dates for 2020/21 and 2021/22. Additionally it contains the term dates for 2022/23. Senate is asked to APPROVE these updated term dates for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Paper history

The term dates for 2020/21 were last considered at the meeting of Senate in May 2020 ([minute 7315.2](#) refers).

The term dates for 2021/22 were approved by Chairs action, following consultation with members of Senate in December 2020 and were confirmed at the February 2021 meeting ([SEN/7340](#) refers).

This is the first consideration of term dates for 2022/23.

Background and summary

The University requires term dates to be published in advance of each academic year to inform applicants and current students as well as staff. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a number of changes to be made to the term dates over a number of academic year. This paper outlines the changes made and the reasons they have been amended.

Term dates 2020/21 (Appendix 1 – Revised term dates 20-21 V6)

The following updates have been made to the previously agreed term dates. These changes do not materially affect the teaching weeks or term start and end dates.

- Following confirmation that the graduation ceremonies will not be able to continue as planned in July 2021, the term dates have been amended to remove the graduation and include the virtual celebrations that will take place. (see weeks 43 & 44).
- In order to provide sufficient time to carry out progression boards, which will have to facilitate two separate degree algorithms and a no detriment policy, it is proposed that an additional week of Progression boards is added to the calendar. As there is no traditional graduation this will be possible this year. There will be sufficient time to contact students to participate in the virtual celebrations. However there is an impact on the amount of notice students will get for their re-assessment timetable. (see week 42).
- The A-Level results date has now been confirmed as 10 August, therefore the Confirmation and Clearing dates have been amended accordingly. (see week 46).
- When these term dates were set the enrolment for 2021/22 academic year was expected to be during week commencing 13 September 2021. This was updated in term dates for 2021/22 (approved December 2020). This has now been corrected in this version. (see week 51).

Term dates 2021/22 (Appendix 2 – Updated term dates 21-22 V3)

The following updates have been made to the previously agreed term dates. . These changes do not materially affect the teaching weeks or term start and end dates.

- Winter graduation has now been confirmed to be held over three days in December. This will provide an opportunity for previous students to attend a graduation ceremony after the cancellation in December 2020. (see week 13).
- Summer graduation is planned to be held over two weeks in 2022 to provide an opportunity for graduates from 2020 and 2021 to attend. (see weeks 43 & 44).

Term dates 2022/23 (Appendix 3 – Draft term dates 22-23)

This is the first consideration of the term dates for 2022/23.

Term dates

It is proposed that the formal University term dates for 2022/23 for publication are:

Term	From (inclusive)	To (inclusive)	No. of weeks *
1 Autumn Term:	All 12 September 2022	16 December 2022	14 (13 teaching weeks)
2 Spring Term:	All 9 January 2023	31 March 2023	12
3 Summer Term:	All 24 April 2023	30 June 2023	10
4	All 3 July 2023	15 September 2023	11

* excluding vacation

Enrolment

Induction, Registration, and Enrolment week will be 12 September 2022 to 16 September 2022.

Due to changes in the visa regulations for International students, it is no longer a requirement to have PG courses over 52 weeks (for students to be eligible for leave to remain in the UK). Students can now apply for post study visas which mean that the PGT course length can now be set as 51 weeks. On this basis, teaching for UG and PGT can start at the same time – in week 1, the week preceding enrolment and welcome week. This amendment removes the difficulties experienced by students who can only remain in residences for 51 weeks and provides an overall better student experience for the PGT students.

University closures

	From (inclusive)	To (inclusive)
Christmas break:	Monday 26 December 2022	Monday 2 January 2023
Easter break:	Wednesday 5 April 2023	Tuesday 11 April 2023

Dates to be notified to external bodies

The dates to be notified to the Student Loans Company for the 30 week study and assessment period for which student maintenance and fee loans are provided to eligible students (September start), and following current SLC guidelines are:

Term	From (inclusive)	To (inclusive)
1 Autumn Term:	All 12 September 2022	16 December 2022
2 Spring Term:	All 9 January 2023	31 March 2023
3 Summer Term:	UG 24 April 2023	2 June 2023
	PGT 24 April 2023	30 August 2023

Term dates to be notified to the SLC for postgraduate research students are not shown here as they are dependent on the student's start date, where postgraduate research students are recruited throughout an academic year.

The 51-week programme length to be notified to the UKVI for full-time taught postgraduate students requiring a Tier 4 visa is as follows:

Start date:	12 September 2022
End date:	5 September 2023

Incoming Student Exchange dates

In an effort to reduce the number of queries from incoming exchange students, and to align processes and provide a single point of reference, the term dates for *incoming exchange students* has been noted. The dates are as follows (inclusive):

Duration	Start Date	End Date
Full-year	19 September 2022	2 June 2023
Part-year September start	19 September 2022	13 January 2023
Part-year January start	9 January 2023	2 June 2023

Issues and options considered

A variety of issues have been considered, largely in relation to the impact of the pandemic. It is expected that following academic years term dates will not need to be amended frequently as they have over the past 12 months.

Linkage to Brunel 2030¹

In support of the goals within the University 2030 vision, in particular:

- Education and student experience
- Our university community
- Our campus and local community

Financial implications

None directly.

Risk assessment/management

Publication of the academic calendar mitigates the risk of misinformation to students with consequent recruitment, student satisfaction and contract risks.

Office for Students impact assessment

This paper presents proposed term dates information for students, which is relevant to OfS Condition *F: Information for Students*, and *E: Good Governance*.

¹ *Relevant statements within any of the five goals*

Equality Impact assessment

Calendar and term dates apply to all students and staff.

Who has been consulted

Colleges (via Deputy Deans and Head of Departments), Commercial Services, Student and Academic Services, UKVI Compliance, Business Support, CMSR (Admissions), Timetabling and Awarding, Vice Chancellor's team.

Attachments

Appendix 1 – Revised term dates 20-21 V6

Appendix 2 – Updated term dates 21-22 V3

Appendix 3 – Draft term dates 22-23

References/further information

N/A

Person to contact for further information or to discuss the matter before the meeting

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Week Numbers 2021/22										
	Week No	Monday	to	Friday	M	T	W	Th	F	
TERM 1 (Autumn)	0	13/09/2021	to	17/09/2021					T4 ends (20/21)	
	1	20/09/2021	to	24/09/2021	T1 begins (21/22) L5/L6 teaching begins SE FY and Sept PY begins	Transition Week				
	2	27/09/2021	to	01/10/2021	L4 Clinical teaching begins	Welcome Week (registration)				
	3	04/10/2021	to	08/10/2021	Foundation, L4 UG teaching & PGT begins					
	4	11/10/2021	to	15/10/2021						
	5	18/10/2021	to	22/10/2021						
	6	25/10/2021	to	29/10/2021						
	7	01/11/2021	to	05/11/2021	SITS and eVision unavailable			PGT Boards		
	8	08/11/2021	to	12/11/2021	PGT Boards					
	9	15/11/2021	to	19/11/2021						
	10	22/11/2021	to	26/11/2021						
	11	29/11/2021	to	03/12/2021						
	VAC	12	06/12/2021	to	10/12/2021					
13		13/12/2021	to	17/12/2021	Winter Examinations				T1 ends	
14		20/12/2021	to	24/12/2021	Winter Graduation					
15		27/12/2021	to	31/12/2021	C	C	C	C	C	
TERM 2 (Spring)	16	03/01/2022	to	07/01/2022	C	January Welcome & enrolment				
	17	10/01/2022	to	14/01/2022	T2 begins SE Jan PY begins	Winter Examinations				SE Sept PY ends
	18	17/01/2022	to	21/01/2022						
	19	24/01/2022	to	28/01/2022						
	20	31/01/2022	to	04/02/2022						
	21	07/02/2022	to	11/02/2022						
	22	14/02/2022	to	18/02/2022						
	23	21/02/2022	to	25/02/2022						
	24	28/02/2022	to	04/03/2022						
	25	07/03/2022	to	11/03/2022	SITS and eVision unavailable					
	26	14/03/2022	to	18/03/2022						
	27	21/03/2022	to	25/03/2022						
	VAC	28	28/03/2022	to	01/04/2022					T2 ends
29		04/04/2022	to	08/04/2022						
30		11/04/2022	to	15/04/2022			C	C	C	
31		18/04/2022	to	22/04/2022	C	C				
TERM 3 (Summer)	32	25/04/2022	to	29/04/2022	T3 begins	Revision Week				
	33	02/05/2022	to	06/05/2022	C	Summer examinations				
	34	09/05/2022	to	13/05/2022	Summer examinations					
	35	16/05/2022	to	20/05/2022	Summer examinations					
	36	23/05/2022	to	27/05/2022	Summer examinations (L4/foundation only)					
	37	30/05/2022	to	03/06/2022				C	C E (UG) SE FY and Jan PY ends	
	38	06/06/2022	to	10/06/2022	Award Boards					
	39	13/06/2022	to	17/06/2022	Award Boards					
	40	20/06/2022	to	24/06/2022	Progression Boards					
	41	27/06/2022	to	01/07/2022	Progression Boards				T3 ends	
	42	04/07/2022	to	08/07/2022	T4 starts Progression Boards (tbc)					
TERM 4	43	11/07/2022	to	15/07/2022	Summer Graduation					
	44	18/07/2022	to	22/07/2022	Summer Graduation					
	45	25/07/2022	to	29/07/2022						
	46	01/08/2022	to	05/08/2022						
	47	08/08/2022	to	12/08/2022						
	48	15/08/2022	to	19/08/2022	Re-sit Examinations			Confirmation and Clearing (tbc)		
	49	22/08/2022	to	26/08/2022						
	50	29/08/2022	to	02/09/2022	C	Re-sit Boards	E (PGT)			
	51	05/09/2022	to	09/09/2022	Re-sit Boards	PGT hand-in			T4 ends (21/22)	
	0	12/09/2022	to	16/09/2022	T1 PGT begins		Enrolment week			

Term dates 2021-22 V4 - approved by Chairs action on 18 August 2021. Reported to Senate Sept 2021.

	Vacations
C	University Closed
	Examination period
	Boards of Examiners
	Enrolment
	Graduation
	Confirmation & Clearing
	PGT dissertation hand-in date
E	End of Assessment and Examination Period
FY / PY	Full-year and Part-year (Student Exchange only)
PGT	Postgraduate Taught
SE	Student Exchange (Incoming)
T	First/last day of term
UG	Undergraduate