University of Kent Academic Year and Term Dates 2018 - 2019

**Academic Year**  
17 September 2018 – 15 September 2019

The academic year is split into terms during which the student is expected to engage with study. The length and pattern of the terms depend on the type of programme the student is following. The period between each of the terms is a vacation period. The University will be closed over the Christmas period.

**Undergraduate Programme Term Dates 2018 - 2019**

- **Welcome Week**: 17 September 2018 – 21 September 2018
- **Autumn Term**: 24 September 2018 - 14 December 2018
- **Spring Term**: 14 January 2019 – 5 April 2019
- **Summer Term**: 6 May 2019 - 14 June 2019

**Postgraduate Taught Programme Term Dates 2018 - 2019**

- **Welcome Week**: 17 September 2018 – 21 September 2018
- **Autumn Term**: 24 September 2018 - 14 December 2018
- **Spring Term**: 14 January 2019 - 5 April 2019
- **Summer Term**: 6 May 2019 – 15 September 2019

**Postgraduate Taught Programme (2 year programme) Term Dates 2018 – 2019**

- **Stage 1**: Undergraduate programme term dates apply
- **Stage 2**: Postgraduate programme term dates apply

**Postgraduate Research Programme Term Dates 2018 - 2019**

Our expectations for postgraduate research students are that they study throughout the whole year, for at least 35 hours per week and take holidays (normally 30 days over the year) as agreed with their supervisor. There is only one term; the dates of the term coincide with the academic year, 17 September 2018 – 15 September 2019.

**Programmes with Non Standard study periods**

There may be some programmes where the expected study periods do not coincide with the term dates set out above. In these cases term dates will be notified separately.

**Student Registration Period**

All students will have a start of registration date which will be their first expected date of attendance on their programme and an end of registration date which will be the last expected date of their attendance on their programme. For 2018-2019, the registration date for all UG and PGT students starting in September 2018 will be Saturday 15 September 2018, the first day of the Arrivals weekend.

A student’s registration period may or may not coincide with term dates and may cover a number of years or only part of a year. During the registration period the student will be expected to study during term dates applicable to their programme and have vacation periods which are between their term dates.