

Setting the academic calendar for the University of Tasmania

The University of Tasmania academic calendar* is set according to the following principles:

Week 1 of Semester 1 commences on the ninth Monday of the year (when the first Monday in January is 1st or 2nd January), otherwise week 1 commences on the eighth Monday of the year.

The mid-semester break in Semester 1 commences on the Thursday before Good Friday with classes resuming on the following Thursday.

Semester 1 (and Semester 2) consist of 13 weeks of teaching.

There is a 6 week break between the end of Semester 1 and the beginning of Semester 2 (comprising a study week, the Semester 1 examination period and a vacation break)

The mid-semester break in Semester 2 is held in week 8.

The HECS census dates are generally set at 23rd March for Semester 1 and 10th August for Semester 2 (regardless of the day of the week these dates fall). These dates should be confirmed annually.

Summer school (Semester 3) teaching is conducted by some Faculties, generally in the January period. Start and end dates may vary across courses/units.

Spring (Semester 5) and Winter (Semester 4) schools are also conducted by some faculties. Start and end dates may vary across courses/units.

*Note that some courses adopt a different calendar for teaching and learning activities.