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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027 WITH KEY ACTIVITIES

	1st TERM(20th July 2026 - 18th December 2026)		
S/N	**DATE**	**WEEK**	**EVENTS**
1.	20th July 2026	01st	Continuation of lectures for BTech January 2026 intake , Opening and beginning of lectures for BTech July 2026 intake
2.	20th July 2026 to 18th December 2026	01st -22nd	Teaching & Assessment for BTech July 2026 intake & BTech January 2026 intake
3.	07th September 2026	08th	Beginning of Y1 September intake
4.	From 07th September 2026 -18th December 2026	08th -22nd	Teaching & Assessment for Y1 classes
5.	12th October 2026	13th	Beginning of lectures for Y2&Y3 classes
6.	12th October 2026 -18th December 2026	13th -22nd	Teaching and Assessment for Y2&Y3 classes
7.	5th November 2026	16th	UPI ordinary Governing Body meeting

8.	16th November 2026	17th	Opening and beginning of lectures for BTech November 2026 intake
9.	16h November 2026 to 18th December 2026	17th-22nd	Teaching & Assessment for BTech November day 2026 intake
10.	11th December 2026	21st	UPI 10th Graduation Ceremony
11.	18th December 2026	22nd	Beginning of the Christmas Holiday End of 1st Term
S/N	**2nd TERM(4th January 2027-02nd April 2027)**		
1.	04th January 2027- 02nd April 2027	25th -37th	Teaching & Assessment for Y1,Y2,Y3, BTech January 2026 intake,BTech July 2026 intake, & BTech November 2026 intake
2.	11th January 2027	26th	Beginning of lectures for Y1 January 2027 intake BTech January 2027 intake (2027-2028)
3.	11th January 2027 - 02nd April 2027	26th -37th	Teaching & Assessment for Y1&BTech January 2027 intake (2027-2028)
4.	01st February 2027 - 28th February 2027	29th	Heroes' day holiday, End of Lectures for BTech January 2026 Pre-defense of IOFYP for BTech July 2026 intake
5.	2nd March 2027 - 2nd April 2027	33rd -37th	Pre-defense of FYP for Y3 & Defense of IOFYP for BTech January 2026 intake(End of class for BTech January 2026 intake
6.	02nd April 2027	37th	Beginning of the Break & End of 2nd Term
7.	7th -13th April 2027	38th-39th	Genocide against Tutsi remembrance week

S/N	3rd TERM(19th April 2027 - 16th July 2027)		
1.	19th April 2027 - 16th July 2027	40th -52nd	Teaching and Assessment for Y1 September 2026 intake, Y1 January 2027 intake, Y2, Y3, BTech July 2026 intake, BTech November 2026 intake & BTech January 2027 intake(2027-2028)
2.	03rd May 2027	41st	Labour day celebration
3.	24th May 2027	44th	Starting of Industrial Attachment for Final Year students(Y3)
4.	07th June 2027 - 11th June 2027	46th -47th	Pre-defense of IOFYP for BTech November 2026 intake
5.	01st July 2027	50th	Independence Day
6.	16th July 2027	52nd	End of Industrial Attachment(Y3)
7.	16th July 2027	52nd	End of 3rd Term
S/N	**4th TERM(19th July 2027 - 29th October 2027)**		
1.	19th July 2027 - 29th October 2027	53rd - 67th	Teaching and Assessment
2.	19th July 2027	53rd	Starting of Industrial Attachment (Y2)
3.	19th July 2027 - 30th July 2027	53rd -54th	Reassessment exams for BTech July 2026 intake
4.	02nd August 2027 - 03rd September 2027	55th - 59th	Defense of IOFYP for BTech July 2026 intake
5.	09th August 2027 - 27th August 2027	56th - 58th	Reassessment exams for Y1 September 2026 intake
6.	27th August 2027	58th	End of class for Y1 September 2026 intake
7.	03rd September 2027	59th	End of class for BTech July 2026 intake
8.	10th September 2027	60th	End of Industrial Attachment(Y2)
9.	13th September 2027 - 24th September 2027	61st - 63rd	Reassessment exams for Y2&Y3
10.	24th September 2027	63rd	End of end class for Y2
11.	13th September 2027 - 15th October 2027	61st - 66th	Reassessment exams for BTech November 2026

12.	04th October 2027 - 29th October 2027	64th - 67th	Reassessment exams for Y1 January 2027 intake
13.	13th September 2027 - 29th October 2027	61st - 67th	Defense of FYP for Y3 & Defense of IOFYP for BTech November 2026 intake
14.	29th October 2027	67th	End of class for Y3, BTech November 2026 intake, & Y1 January 2027 intake
15.	29th October 2027	67th	End of the academic year 2026-2027

Note:

1. *For day session, normal planned days will be used to cover teaching and learning but in case needed, use holidays/ week ends in order to maximize use of laboratories/ workshops.*
2. *For Evening sessions, both weekdays and weekend days are utilized as follows: For the September intake, weekend days between 7 September 2026 and 27 August 2027 amount to 100 weekend days, equivalent to 16 weeks of 5 working days. For the January intake, weekend days between 4 January 2027 and 29 October 2027 amount to 85 weekend days, equivalent to 17 weeks of 5 working days. These weeks are added to the total number of weeks calculated from the start of each intake period mentioned above.*
3. *Teaching and assessment weeks, for an intake (Y1 or BTech) or a Year 2 or Year 3 day or evening session, shall be calculated by difference between end of class week and the beginning of teaching and assessment week, holidays weeks, plus weeks of week end days where need be.*
4. *Number of weeks are many per Term because the academic year started with Evening sessions (BTech July 2026 intake)*
5. *The Academic Senate shall convene once each month.*
6. *The Executive Organ shall meet once each month.*
7. *Senior management meeting and general staff meeting shall meet once in term*

Table 1: Calculations of Teaching and Assessment Weeks.

SN	Program/ session	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Week ends	Total	By formula
1.	BTech July 2026 intake/Ev.	22	13	13	7	0	55	59-1+1-4=55
2.	Y1 Sept.2026 intake/day	15	13	13	6	0	47	58-8+1-4=47
3.	Y1 Sept.2026 intake/Ev	15	13	13	6	10	57	58-8+1-4=47 +10=57
4.	Y2/Day	10	13	13	10	0	46	62-13+1-4=46
5.	Y2/Ev	11	13	13	10	10	57	62-12+1-4=47 +10=57
6.	Y3/Day	11	13	13	13	0	50	65-12+1-4=50
7.	Y3/Ev	11	13	13	13	10	60	65-12+1-4=50 +10=60
8.	BTech Nov. intake/day	6	13	13	15	0	47	67-17+1-4=47
9.	Y1 Jan.2027 intake/day	0	12	13	15	5	45	67-26+1-2=40 +5=45
10.	Y1 Jan.2027 intake/Ev	0	12	13	15	16	56	67-26+1-2=40 +16=56
11.	BTech Jan.2027 intake/Ev.	0	12	13	15	16	56	67-26+1-2=40 +16=56

Done at Kigali october, 2026

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