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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026 WITH KEY ACTIVITIES

1 st TERM(7 th July 2025 - 19 th December 2025)			
S/N	DATE	WEEK	EVENTS
1.	7 th July 2025	1 st	Opening of the academic year 2025-2026 and beginning of lectures for BTech July intake
2.	7 th July 2025 to 19 th December 2025	1 st - 24 th	Teaching & Assessment for BTech July intake
3.	8 th September 2025	10 th	Beginning of Y1 September intake
4.	From 8 th September 2025-19 th December 2025	10 th - 24 th	Teaching & Assessment for Y1 classes
5.	6 th October 2025	14 th	Beginning of lectures for Y2&Y3 classes
6.	6 th October 2025-19 th December 2025	14 th - 24 th	Teaching and Assessment for Y2&Y3 classes
7.	30 th October 2025	17 th	UPI ordinary Governing Body meeting

8.	12 th December 2025	23 rd	UPI 9 th Graduation Ceremony
9.	19 nd December 2025	24 th	Beginning of the Christmas Holiday End of 1 st Term
S/N	2nd TERM(5th January 2026-03rd April 2026)		
1.	05 th January 2026-03 rd April 2026	27 th - 39 th	Teaching & Assessment for Y1,Y2,Y3&BTech July 2025 intake
2.	12 th January 2026	28 th	Beginning of lectures for Y1&BTech January intake
3.	12 th January 2026-03 rd April 2026	28 th -39 th	Teaching & Assessment for Y1&BTech January intake
S4/N	21 st January 2026	29 th	UPI ordinary Governing Body meeting
5.	02 nd February 2026	31 st	Heroes' day holiday
6.	16 th March 2026 – 20 th March 2026	37 th	Pre-defense of FYP for Y3
7.	03 rd April 2026	39 th	Beginning of the Break & End of 2 nd Term
8.	7 th -17 th April 2026	40 th - 41 st	Genocide against Tutsi remembrance week
S/N	3rd TERM(20th April 2026 - 17th July 2026)		
1.	20 th April 2026-17 th July 2026	42 nd - 54 th	Teaching and Assessment for Y1(both intakes), Y2, Y3 & BTech(both intakes)
2.	20 th April 2026 - 24 th April 2026	42 nd	Pre-defense of IOFYP for BTech July 2025 intake
3.	01 st May 2026	43 rd	Labour day celebration
S4/N	20 th May 2026	46 th	UPI ordinary Governing Body meeting
5.	25 th May 2026	47 th	Starting of Industrial Attachment for Final Year students(Y3)
6.	1 st June 2026 - 5 th June 2026	48 th	Pre-defense of IOFYP for BTech January intake

7.	01 st July 2026	52 nd	Independence Day
8.	17 th July 2026	54 th	End of Industrial Attachment(Y3)
9.	17 th July 2026	54 th	End of 3 rd Term
S/N	4th TERM(20th July 2026- 30th October 2026)		
1.	20 th July 2026 - 30 th October 2026	55 th - 69 th	Teaching and Assessment
2.	20 th July 2026	55 th	Starting of Industrial Attachment (Y2)
3.	20 th July 2026 - 31 st July 2026	55 th - 56 th	Reassessment exams for BTech July 2025 intake
4.	03 rd August 2026 - 04 th September 2026	57 th – 61 st	Defense of IOFYP for BTech July 2025 intake
5.	04 th September 2026	61 st	End of class for BTech July 2025 intake
6.	05 th August 2026	57 th	UPI ordinary Governing Body meeting
7.	10 th August 2026 - 28 th August 2026	58 th - 60 th	Reassessment exams for Y1 September intake
8.	28 th August 2026	60 th	End of end class for Y1 September intake
9.	11 th September 2026	62 nd	End of Industrial Attachment(Y2)
10.	14 th September 2026 - 25 th September 2026	63 rd - 64 th	Reassessment exams for Y2&Y3
11.	25 th September 2026	64 th	End of end class for Y2
12.	28 th September 2026 - 16 th October 2026	65 th - 67 th	Defense of FYP for Y3
13.	16 th October 2026	67 th	End of end class for Y3
14.	05 th October 2026 - 16 th October 2026	66 th - 67 th	Reassessment exams for BTech January intake
15.	05 th October 2026 - 30 th October 2026	66 th - 69 th	Reassessment exams for Y1 January intake
16.	19 th October 2026 - 30 th October 2026	68 th - 69 th	Defense of IOFYP for BTech January intake

17.	30 th October 2026	69 th	End of end class for Y1&BTech January intake
18.	30 th October 2026	69 th	End of the academic calendar 2025-2026

Note:

1. *For Evening sessions, both weekdays and weekend days are utilized as follows: For September intake, weekend days between September 8, 2025 to August 28, 2026, amount to 96 weekend days, equivalent to 19 weeks of 5 working days, and for January intake, from January 12 to October 30, we have 80 week days, equivalent to 16 weeks of 5 working days. These weeks are added to the total number of weeks calculated from the start of the intake period mentioned above.*
2. *Teaching and assessment weeks, for an intake(Y1 or BTech) or a Year (Y1 or Y2) day or evening session, shall be calculated by difference between end of class week and the beginning of teaching and assessment week, negative break/holidays weeks, plus weeks of week end days where need be.*
3. *Number of Weeks are many per Term because the academic year started with Evening sessions (BTech July intake)*
4. *The Academic Senate shall convene once each month.*
5. *The Executive Organ shall meet once each month.*
6. *Senior management meeting and general staff meeting shall meet once in term*



Table 1: Calculations of Teaching and Assessment Weeks.

SN	Program/ses sion	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Week ends	Total	Use of formula of point 2.
1.	BTech July intake/Ev.	24	13	13	7	0	57	$61-1+1-4=57$
2.	Y1 Sept. intake/day	15	13	13	6	0	47	$60-10+1-4=47$
3.	Y1 Sept. intake/Ev	15	13	13	6	10	57	$60-10+1-4=47$ $+10=57$
4.	Y2/Day	11	13	13	10	0	47	$64-14+1-4=47$
5.	Y2/Ev	11	13	13	10	10	57	$64-14+1-4=47$ $+10=57$
6.	Y3/Day	11	13	13	13	0	50	$67-14+1-4=50$
7.	Y3/Ev	11	13	13	13	10	60	$67-14+1-4=50$ $+10=60$
8.	Y1 January intake/day	0	12	13	15	5	45	$69-28+1-2=40$ $+5=45$
9.	Y1 January intake/Ev	0	12	13	15	16	56	$69-28+1-2=40$ $+16=56$
10.	BTech January intake/day	0	12	13	15	5	45	$69-28+1-2=40$ $+5=45$
11.	BTech January intake/Ev.	0	12	13	15	16	56	$69-28+1-2=40$ $+16=56$

Done at Kigali October 30th, 2025


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