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Senate

Paper Title	Semester Dates - Academic Years 2023-2028
Outcome requested	To approve the recommended dates.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	 An additional bank holiday has been added to the 2022-2023 academic calendar to mark the King's coronation. The student record system requires a minimum 5 years of academic dates at any one time to create accurate student records and to create CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies) dates for international students. Semester dates are currently approved to academic year 2026- 2027. Further dates are required for 2027 – 2029. September and January Welcome Weeks are noted in the academic calendar. Later years will be published as 'provisional' allowing for further changes should the need arise.
Questions for Senate to consider	Is Senate content to approve the proposed semester dates for 2027 – 2029 and the minor changes noted?
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Queen Mary Academic Regulations.
Strategy and risk	2.01 – student experience
Reporting/ consideration route for the paper	Senate only
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Executive Summary

Semester start and end dates are essential for planning the delivery of the curriculum and informing the Student Loans Company (SLC) of tuition fee and maintenance payment dates. The dates are also used in the creation of applicant and student records and in turn used in the submission of statutory returns such as HESA Data Futures. To create a record for a student on a programme of more than one year requires all years of the programme to have been recorded in the student record system (SRS). Currently semester dates exist in the student record system up to and including 2026-2027. To effectively set-up future applicant and student records for programmes of 5 years or more requires the approval of future semester dates.

Senate previously approved dates up to 2026-2027. Additional dates for standard programmes are required to create and maintain student records up to the academic year 2028-2029.

Academic Year Amendments

The following change has been made to pre-approved dates:

 An additional national bank holiday added to mark the coronation of King Charles. Monday 8 May 2023.

Colleagues have recommended September and January Welcome Week dates be included in the published calendars and existing calendars will be updated to provide this information.

Two further calendar years have been added: 2027-2028 and 2028-2029. Both years follow the existing pattern of 12-week semesters and standard examination periods.

Appendix A lists the changes made to 2022-2023, September and January Welcome Week dates and a summary of the Semester dates for the academic years 2027 /2028 and 2028 / 2029.

Trudy Mason
Director of Registry Services

Appendix A – Semester Dates

2022-2023 - Changes

Semester 3 - Examination period for Semester 2 & Year Long Modules

Study period: 2 May - 3 May 2023
Examinations: 4 May - 2 June 2023
Bank holidays: 1, 8 and 29 May 2023

Welcome Week Dates - 2023 - 2029

- 2023/24 18 22 September 2023, 15 19 January 2024
- 2024/25 16 20 September 2024, 13 17 January 2025
- 2025/26 15 19 September 2025, 19 23 January 2026
- 2026/27 21 25 September 2026, 18 22 January 2027
- 2027/28 20 24 September 2027, 17 21 January 2028
- 2028/29 18 22 September 2028, 15 19 January 2029

2027-2028 - Suggested dates

Semester 1

- Welcome Week 20 24 September 2027
- 27 September 17 December 2027
- Study period: 20 December 22 December 2027
- Bank holidays: 27 and 28 December 2027 3 January 2028

Semester 1 - Examination Period

- Study period: 4 January 5 January 2028
- Examinations: 6 January 21 January 2028

Semester 2

- Welcome Week 17 21 January 2028
- 24 January 13 April 2028
- Bank holidays: 14 and 17 April 2028

Semester 3 - Examination period for Semester 2 & Year Long Modules

• Study period: 2 May – 3 May 2028

• Examinations: 4 May – 2 June 2028

• Bank holidays: 1 and 29 May 2028

Late Summer Resit Period

• 7 August – 18 August 2028

2028-2029 – Suggested dates

Semester 1

- Welcome Week 18 22 September 2028
- 25 September 15 December 2028
- Study period: 18 December 20 December 2028
- Bank holidays: 25 26 December 2028, 1 January 2028

Semester 1 - Examination Period

• Study period: 2 January – 3 January 2029

• Examinations: 4 January – 19 January 2029

Semester 2

- Welcome Week 15 19 January 2029
- 22 January 13 April 2029
- Bank holidays: 30 March and 2 April 2029

Semester 3 - Examination period for Semester 2 & Year Long Modules

• Study period: 1 May – 2 May 2029

• Examinations: 3 May – 1 June 2029

• Bank holidays: 7 and 28 May 2029

Late Summer Resit Period

• 6 August – 17August 2029

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