Queen Mary
University of London

Senate

Paper Title	**Semester Dates - Academic Years 2027/28 – 2031/32**
Outcome requested	To **approve** the recommended dates.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	Senate is asked to note the following: • Semester dates are currently approved to the academic year 2026/27. • 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 required for visa purposes for international students. • From the start of the next admissions cycle (late September / early October 2024), programmes of 5 years+ will need to be set-up requiring the approval of dates to 2031/32. • September and January Welcome Weeks are noted in the academic calendar. • The start of each semester will always commence on a Monday. • Later years will be published as 'provisional' allowing for further changes to the academic year should the need arise.
Questions for Senate to consider	Is Senate content to approve the proposed semester dates for 2027/2028 – 2031/2032 noting the information above?
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Queen Mary Academic Regulations.
Strategy and risk	2.01 – student experience
Reporting/ consideration route for the paper	Senate
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Executive Summary

Semester start and end dates are essential for planning the delivery of the curriculum, informing students when they are expected to be in attendance and notifying the Student Loans Company (SLC) of tuition fee liability and maintenance loan 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.

Currently semester dates exist in the student record system up to and including 2026-2027. Further semester dates up to and including 2031-2032 are required to manage future applicant and student records.

Academic Year Amendments

Semester dates have been approved for academic years up to and including 2026-27. The dates are published on the Queen Mary website with future years noted as 'provisional' in line with other universities.

To effectively set up programmes of 5 years or more from the start of the next admissions cycle requires the approval of semester dates up to and including 2031-2032. Proposed future dates follow the existing pattern of 12-week semesters with a welcome week for September and January starters and standard examination periods. The start of each semester of teaching will always commence on a Monday.

Whilst it is assumed vacation periods occur outside of the approved semester dates, the University is increasingly being asked to provide letters to international students setting out holiday periods as these are absent from existing web pages. Vacation periods will therefore be explicitly stated for standard programmes on the web site.

Appendix A lists the proposed academic dates for the years 2027-2028 through to 2031-2032.

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Appendix A – Semester Dates

2027-2028 – Proposed dates

Semester 1

- Welcome Week – 20 – 24 September 2027
- Teaching - 22 September 2027 – 17 December 2027
- Study period: 20 December 2027 – 21 December 2027
- Bank holidays: 27 - 28 December 2029, 3 January 2028

Semester 1 - Examination Period

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

Semester 2

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

Vacation Period

- 22 December 2027 – 3 January 2028
- 14 April 2028 – 1 May 2028
- 5 June 2028 – 15 September 2028

2028-2029 – Proposed dates

Semester 1

- Welcome Week – 18 – 22 September 2028
- Teaching - 25 September 2028 – 15 December 2028
- Study period: 18 December 2028 – 19 December 2028
- Bank holidays: 25 - 26 December 2029, 1 January 2029

Semester 1 - Examination Period

- Study period: 2-3 January 2029
- Examinations: 4 January – 19 January 2029

Semester 2

- Welcome Week – 15 – 19 January 2029
- Teaching - 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 – 17 August 2029

Vacation Period

- 20 December 2028 – 1 January 2029
- 16 April 2029 – 1 May 2029
- 4 June 2029 – 14 September 2029

2029-2030 – Proposed dates

Semester 1

- Welcome Week – 17 – 21 September 2029
- Teaching - 24 September 2029 – 14 December 2029
- Study period: 17 December 2029 – 18 December 2029
- Bank holidays: 25 - 26 December 2029, 1 January 2030

Semester 1 - Examination Period

- Study period: 2 January 2030
- Examinations: 3 January – 18 January 2030

Semester 2

- Welcome Week – 14 – 18 January 2030
- Teaching - 21 January – 12 April 2030
- Bank holidays: 19 and 22 April 2030

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

- Study period: 29 April - 1 May 2030
- Examinations: 2 May – 31 May 2030
- Bank holidays: 6 and 27 May 2030

Late Summer Resit Period

- 5 August – 16 August 2030

Vacation Period

- 19 December 2029 – 1 January 2030
- 15 April 2030 – 26 April 2030
- 3 June 2030 – 13 September 2030

2030 - 2031 – Proposed dates

Semester 1

- Welcome Week – 16 – 20 September 2030
- Teaching - 23 September 2030 – 13 December 2030
- Study period: 16 December 2030 – 17 December 2030
- Bank holidays: 25 - 26 December 2030, 1 January 2031

Semester 1 - Examination Period

- Study period: 6 - 8 January 2031
- Examinations: 9 January – 24 January 2031

Semester 2

- Welcome Week – 20 – 24 January 2031
- Teaching - 27 January – 18 April 2031
- Bank holidays: 11 and 14 April 2031

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

- Study period: 6 May - 7 May 2031
- Examinations: 8 May – 6 June 2031
- Bank holidays: 5 and 26 May 2031

Late Summer Resit Period

- 4 August – 15 August 2031

Vacation Period

- 18 December 2030 – 3 January 2031
- 21 April 2031 – 2 May 2031
- 9 June 2031 – 12 September 2031

2031 - 2032 – Proposed dates

Semester 1

- Welcome Week – 15 – 19 September 2031
- Teaching - 22 September 2031 – 12 December 2031
- Study period: 15 December 2031 – 16 December 2031
- Bank holidays: 25 - 26 December 2031, 1 January 2032

Semester 1 - Examination Period

- Study period: 5 - 7 January 2032
- Examinations: 8 January – 23 January 2032

Semester 2

- Welcome Week – 19 – 23 January 2032
- Teaching - 26 January – 16 April 2032
- Bank holidays: 26 and 29 March 2032

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

- Study period: 4 May - 5 May 2032
- Examinations: 6 May – 4 June 2032
- Bank holidays: 3 and 31 May 2032

Late Summer Resit Period

- 2 August – 13 August 2032

Vacation Period

- 17 December 2031 – 2 January 2032
- 19 April 2032 – 30 April 2032
- 7 June 2032 – 17 September 2032