**Academic Calendar FAQs**

**Why are we changing the calendar from 25/26?**

The changes were approved following feedback received from staff and students on the need to change the current structure. They have been made with the best interests of our students and staff in mind, with the aim to make the calendar a better fit for all. The updated calendar will provide students with a proper break over the festive period, giving you time to rest and recharge before Trimester B begins in January 2026. Additionally, this adjustment aligns our calendar more closely with other universities in Scotland.

**What consultation was undertaken?**

Consultation with students was undertaken in partnership with the Students’ Association at forums including SAGE, EDI Committee, the Academic Rep Gathering, and through an all-student poll.

Initial consultation reviewed the current structure and the challenges staff and students found. A further round of consultation on the proposed changes took place before they were presented to and approved by the University Senate in February 2024 (whose membership includes student representatives).

**Will the changes have any impact on the module delivery?**

There will be no overall impact on module delivery. All current, approved module content will be delivered during the teaching trimesters, and ensuring that all module learning outcomes are met.

**What are the key dates to note?**

* Trimester A Induction starts 8th September 2025
* Trimester A Teaching starts 15th September 2025 and ends 28th November 2025
* Trimester A Assessment Diet starts 8th December 2025 and ends 17th December 2025
* Trimester B Induction starts 19th January 2026
* Trimester B Teaching starts 26th January 2026 and ends 10th April 2026
* Trimester B Assessment Diet starts 20th April and ends 6th May 2026
* Trimester C Induction starts 4th May 2026
* Trimester C Teaching starts 11th May 2026 and ends 17th July 2026
* Trimester C Assessment Diet starts 27th July 2026 and ends 7th August 2026

**Are all programmes timetabled to the standard academic calendar?**

While the majority of programmes follow the standard calendar there are some which due to a variety of reasons, such as placements, operate outside of the standard calendar. Please refer to your programme handbook for details, and if needed, contact your Programme Leader for further clarification.

**Is there any impact on my student funding?**

There will be no impact on funding students receive from SAAS or the SLC to cover the cost of their tuition fees.  For any privately funded students, the tuition fee liabilities dates may change.  These changes will bring the liabilities date periods in line with the new academic calendar.

**I see that 25/26 TriA starts a week earlier in September than for 24/25, I have a holiday booked for that week so will miss the first week, what should I do and how will that impact my studies?**

We appreciate that some students may have already made plans based on the current structure and where necessary students should contact their Programme Leader, who will make arrangements with you to consider how any impacts on your studies will be managed.