



GENERAL CALENDAR & ACADEMIC CALENDAR OF THE UNIVERSITY

Sessional Dates

2023

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction at the Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University is English.

Validity

This Calendar is valid for the 2023 academic and financial years. The University reserves the right to amend any date, time, rule, policy or provision in this Calendar at any time without prior notice. No responsibility is accepted for possible inaccuracies.

University Semesters: 2023

FIRST SEMESTER	:	05 January 2023	-	14 July 2023
AUTUMN RECESS (for students)	:	11 April 2023	-	14 April 2023
WINTER RECESS (for students)	:	17 July 2023	-	28 July 2023
SECOND SEMESTER	:	31 July 2023	-	15 December 2023
SUMMER RECESS (University Vacation)	:	15 December 2023		08 January 2024

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IMPORTANT DATES: 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

(Please note that dates may change should the need arise)

JANUARY 2023			Time
Sunday	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY	
Monday	2		
Tuesday	3		
Wednesday	4		
Thursday	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University re-opens: academic and support staff report for duty 	
Friday	6		
Saturday	7		
Sunday	8		
Monday	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration commences for all returning (undergraduate & Postgraduate) students. Submission of academic exclusion appeals by 2022 registered students commences 	
Tuesday	10		
Wednesday	11		
Thursday	12		
Friday	13		
Saturday	14		
Sunday	15		
Monday	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement of the 2023 academic year for returning students: Lectures, clinical sessions, practicum sessions commence for registered returning students Closing Date: Academic Exclusions Appeals for 2022 academic year 	
Tuesday	17	Meeting: Joint Council and Senate Academic Exclusions Appeals Committee	09h00
Wednesday	18	Meeting: Joint Council and Senate Academic Exclusions Appeals Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN students: School of Health Care Sciences 	09h00 09h00
Thursday	19	Meeting: Joint Council and Senate Academic Exclusions Appeals Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN and transfer students: School of Pharmacy School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN and transfer students: School of Medicine (1st meeting) 	09h00 09h00 14h00
Friday	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day: Registration ends for all returning (undergraduate & Postgraduate) students. School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN students: School of Oral Health Sciences School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN students: School of Science and Technology 	09h00 14h00
Saturday	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Selection Committee Meeting for FTEN and transfer students: School of Medicine (2nd meeting) 	09h00
Sunday	22		
Monday	23	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08H30
Tuesday	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures and practicum sessions commence for BSc II, III, ECP II, III & IV students Meeting: Post Graduate Committee of the Senate 	10h00
Wednesday	25	Meeting: Joint Council and Senate Academic Exclusions Appeals Committee	09h00

Thursday	26	Meeting: Joint Council and Senate Academic Exclusions Appeals Committee	09h00
Friday	27	Meeting: ICT Steering Committee	09h00
Saturday	28		
Sunday	29		
Monday	30		
Tuesday	31	Meeting: Community Engagement Committee of Senate	09h00

FEBRUARY 2023			Time
Wednesday	1	Registration commences for 2023 FTEN students	
Thursday	2	Orientation for all First Time Entering students commences Meeting: Teaching and Learning Committee of the Senate Meeting: SMUREC	09h00 09h00
Friday	3	Registration closes for 2023 FTEN students Meeting: Joint Council and Senate Academic Exclusions Appeals Committee Orientation for all First Time Entering students end	08h30
Saturday	4		
Sunday	5		
Monday	6	Meeting: Executive Management Committee • Commencement of 2023 academic year for First Time Entering students	08h30
Tuesday	7	Meeting: ICT Committee of the Senate	09h00
Wednesday	8	Meeting: Executive Committee of Senate	09h00
Thursday	9	Meeting: Institutional Forum	09h00
Friday	10	• Closing date for: • Late registration for all undergraduate and postgraduate students • Changing of courses and/or modules • Submission of applications for exemption from courses or modules	
Saturday	11		
Sunday	12		
Monday	13	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	09h00
Tuesday	14	Meeting: Academic Planning Committee of the Senate	09h00
Wednesday	15		
Thursday	16	Meeting: Senate Research, Ethics and Postgraduate studies Committee	09h00
Friday	17		
Saturday	18		
Sunday	19		
Monday	20	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	21	Meeting: Finance and Investment Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	22	Meeting: Library Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	23	Meeting: Student Affairs Committee of the Council	10h00
Friday	24	Meeting: Honorary Degrees Committee	09h00
Saturday	25		
Sunday	26		
Monday	27	Meeting: Planning and Resources Committee of the Council	09h00
Tuesday	28	Meeting: IT Governance Committee of the Council	09h00

MARCH 2023			Time
Wednesday	1	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	2	Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Friday	3	Meeting: Human Resources Committee of Council	09h00

		Meeting: Membership Committee of Council	14h00
Saturday	4		
Sunday	5		
Monday	6	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	7	Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee of Council	09h00
Wednesday	8		
Thursday	9		
Friday	10		
Saturday	11		
Sunday	12		
Monday	13	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	09h00
Tuesday	14	Meeting: Remuneration Committee of Council	10h00
Wednesday	15	Meeting: Post Graduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	16	Meeting: Executive Committee of Council	09h00
Friday	17	Meeting: Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cancellation of courses and/or modules ➤ Exemption from attending a course or module ➤ Interruption of studies for 2023 academic year ➤ Submission of all assessment reports by assessors (Internal & External) ➤ Submission of all combined reports from (internal & external) examiners for students eligible for the May graduation ceremony. 	09h00
Saturday	18		
Sunday	19		
Monday	20	University holiday	
Tuesday	21	HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	
Wednesday	22	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Thursday	23		
Friday	24		
Saturday	25		
Sunday	26		
Monday	27	Meeting: Deans' Forum	09h00
Tuesday	28	Meeting: Board - School of Pharmacy	09h00
Wednesday	29	Meeting: Board - School of Science and Technology	09h00
Thursday	30	Meeting: Board - School of Medicine	09h00
Friday	31	Meeting: Council	09h00

APRIL 2023			Time
Saturday	1		
Sunday	2		
Monday	3	Meeting: Executive Management Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day for submission of name lists for Graduation Ceremonies • Last day for submission of mini-dissertation, dissertation and thesis reports to the Examination Department by supervisors for consideration and endorsement by Postgraduate Committee and approval of eligible candidates by Executive Committee of Senate for May Graduation Ceremonies. Applications for admission for the 2024 academic year open	08h30
Tuesday	4	Meeting: Community Engagement Committee of the Senate	09h00

Wednesday	5	Meeting: Board - School of Health Care Sciences	09h00
Thursday	6	Meeting: Board: - School of Oral Health Sciences Meeting: SMUREC	09h00 09h00
Friday	7	• GOOD FRIDAY	
Saturday	8		
Sunday	9		
Monday	10	• PUBLIC HOLIDAY: FAMILY DAY	
Tuesday	11	Meeting: Senior Management Committee AUTUMN Recess for students starts	09h00
Wednesday	12	Meeting: ICT Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	13	Meeting: Post Graduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Friday	14	Meeting: Teaching and Learning Committee of the Senate AUTUMN Recess for students ends	09h00
Saturday	15		
Sunday	16		
Monday	17	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	18		
Wednesday	19		
Thursday	20	Meeting: ICT Steering Committee	09h00
Friday	21	Meeting: Executive Committee of Senate	09h00
Saturday	22		
Sunday	23		
Monday	24	Meeting: Academic Planning Committee of the Senate	09H00
Tuesday	25	Meeting: Post Graduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Wednesday	26	Meeting: Research, Ethics and Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Senate	10h00
Thursday	27	FREEDOM DAY	
Friday	28	University Holiday	
Saturday	29		
Sunday	30		

MAY 2023			Time
Monday	1	WORKERS' DAY	
Tuesday	2	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Wednesday	3		09h00
Thursday	4	Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Friday	5	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09H00
Saturday	6		
Sunday	7		
Monday	8	Closing date for submission of lists names for graduation ceremonies by Schools to the Registrar's Office	
Tuesday	9	Meeting: Institutional Forum	09h00
Wednesday	10		
Thursday	11	• Open Day Meeting: Remuneration Committee of the Council	09h00
Friday	12		
Saturday	13		
Sunday	14		
Monday	15	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30

Tuesday	16	Meeting: Planning and Resources Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	17	Meeting: Finance and Investment Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	18		
Friday	19		
Saturday	20		
Sunday	21		
Monday	22	Meeting: Senior Management Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for confirmation to write the June/July examinations by postgraduate students 	09h00
Tuesday	23	Meeting: Deans' Forum	09h00
Wednesday	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Ceremony 	
Thursday	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Ceremony 	
Friday	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Ceremony 	
Saturday	27		
Sunday	28		
Monday	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methodology (REME) course Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	30	Meeting: Board - School of Health Care Sciences Meeting: Board - School of Oral Health Science	09h00 14h00
Wednesday	31	Meeting: Board - School of Pharmacy Meeting: Board - School of Science and Technology Meeting: ICT Governance Committee of the Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methodology (REME) course continues 	09h00 14h00 09h00

JUNE 2023			Time
Thursday	1	Meeting: SMUREC Meeting: Student Affairs Committee of the Council Meeting: Board - School of Medicine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methodology (REME) course continues 	09h00 10h00 09h00
Friday	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methodology (REME) course continues 	09h00
Saturday	3		
Sunday	4		
Monday	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision week commences 	
Tuesday	6	Meeting: Human Resources Committee of Council Meeting: Membership Committee of Council	09h00 14h00
Wednesday	7		
Thursday	8		
Friday	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision week ends 	
Saturday	10		
Sunday	11		
Monday	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-year examinations commence Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	13		
Wednesday	14	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	15	Meeting: Senate	09h00
Friday	16	YOUTH DAY	
Saturday	17		
Sunday	18		
Monday	19	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	09h00
Tuesday	20		
Wednesday	21	Meeting: Library Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	22		
Friday	23	Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee of the Council	09h00

Saturday	24		
Sunday	25		
Monday	26	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	27		
Wednesday	28		
Thursday	29		
Friday	30	Meeting: Council • Mid-year examinations end	09h00

JULY 2023				Time
Saturday	1			
Sunday	2			
Monday	3			
Tuesday	4	Meeting: Post Graduate Committee of the Senate		09h00
Wednesday	5			
Thursday	6	• Meeting: SMUREC Mid-year supplementary examinations commence		09h00
Friday	7			
Saturday	8			
Sunday	9			
Monday	10	Meeting: Executive Management Committee		08h30
Tuesday	11			
Wednesday	12			
Thursday	13	Meeting: ICT Steering Committee • Mid-year supplementary examinations end		09h00
Friday	14			
Saturday	15			
Sunday	16			
Monday	17	• Meeting: Senior Management Committee • Winter recess for students starts		
Tuesday	18			
Wednesday	19			
Thursday	20			
Friday	21	• Release of mid-year examination results • Closing date for the VC's Research Excellence Awards • Closing date for the VC's Teaching Excellence Awards		
Saturday	22			
Sunday	23			
Monday	24	Meeting: Executive Management Committee		08h30
Tuesday	25	Meeting: Community Engagement Committee of the Senate		09h00
Wednesday	26	Meeting: Research, Ethics and Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Senate		09h00
Thursday	27			
Friday	28	• Closing date for the submission of the 2024 applications for all undergraduate qualifications • Winter recess for students ends		
END OF FIRST SEMESTER				
Saturday	29			
Sunday	30			
Monday	31	SECOND SEMESTER COMMENCES		
AUGUST 2023				Time

Tuesday	1	Meeting: Joint Council and Senate Academic Exclusions Appeals Committee	09h00
Wednesday	2	Meeting: Teaching and Learning Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	3	Meeting: Honorary Degrees Committee Meeting: SMUREC	09h00 14h00
Friday	4	Meeting: Membership Committee of Council	09H00
Saturday	5		
Sunday	6		
Monday	7	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	8		
Wednesday	9	WOMEN'S DAY	
Thursday	10	Meeting: ICT Committee of the Senate	09h00
Friday	11	Meeting: Academic Planning Committee of the Senate	09h00
Saturday	12		
Sunday	13		
Monday	14	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	09h00
Tuesday	15	Meeting: Student Affairs Committee of the Council	10h00
Wednesday	16	Meeting: Finance and Investment Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	17	Meeting: Planning and Resources Committee of Council	09h00
Friday	18		
Saturday	19		
Sunday	20		
Monday	21	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	22	Meeting: Institutional Forum	09h00
Wednesday	23	Meeting: Board - School of Health Care Sciences Meeting: Board - School of Oral Health Science	09h00 13h00
Thursday	24	Meeting: Board - School of Pharmacy Meeting: Board - School of Science and Technology	09h00 13h00
Friday	25	Meeting: Board – School of Medicine	09h00
Saturday	26		
Sunday	27		
Monday	28	Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee of the Council	09h00
Tuesday	29	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09h00
Wednesday	30	Meeting: ICT Governance Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	31	Meeting: Human Resources Committee of Council	09h00

SEPTEMBER 2023			Time
Friday	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for confirmation to write the October/November examinations by postgraduate students Meeting: Executive Committee of the Convocation	09h00
Saturday	2		
Sunday	3		
Monday	4	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMU Research Day Council Workshop (Strategic Reflections) 	09h00 09h00
Wednesday	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMU Research Day Council Workshop (Strategic Reflections) 	09h00 09h00
Thursday	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMU Research Day 	09h00
Friday	8	Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Saturday	9		
Sunday	10		
Monday	11	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	09h00

Tuesday	12	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	13		09h00
Thursday	14		09h00
Friday	15	Meeting: Senate	09h00
Saturday	16		
Sunday	17		
Monday	18	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	19		
Wednesday	20	Meeting: Research, Ethics and Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	21		
Friday	22		
Saturday	23		
Sunday	24	HERITAGE DAY	
Monday	25	• PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Tuesday	26	Meeting: Community Engagement Committee of the Senate	09h00
Wednesday	27		
Thursday	28		
Friday	29	• Closing date for submission of postgraduate applications for the 2024 academic year excluding doctoral studies Meeting: COUNCIL	09h00
Saturday	30		

OCTOBER 2023			Time
Sunday	1		
Monday	2	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	3	Meeting: Library Committee of the Senate	09h00
Wednesday	4	Meeting: ICT Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	5	Meeting: SMUREC	09h00
Friday	6		
Saturday	7		
Sunday	8		
Monday	9	Meeting: Post Graduate Committee of the Senate	09h00
Tuesday	10	Meeting: Human Resources Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	11	Meeting: ICT Steering Committee	09h00
Thursday	12	Meeting: Teaching and Learning Committee of the Senate	09h00
Friday	13	Publication of year-marks for end-of-year examinations	
Saturday	14		
Sunday	15		
Monday	16	Meeting: Executive Management Committee • Revision Week Commences	08h30
Tuesday	17	Meeting: Academic Planning Committee of the Senate Meeting: Dean's Forum	09h00 09h00
Wednesday	18	Meeting: Remuneration Committee of the Council	09h00
Thursday	19		
Friday	20	Revision Week ends	
Saturday	21		
Sunday	22		
Monday	23	Meeting: Senior Management Committee • End-of-year examinations commence	09h00

Tuesday	24	Meeting: Planning and Resources Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	25	Meeting: Council: Student Affairs Committee	10h00
Thursday	26		
Friday	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VC's Research and Teaching Excellence awards ceremony 	
Saturday	28		
Sunday	29		
Monday	30	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	31	Meeting: ICT Governance Committee of the Council Closing date for registration of Masters (Research) and PhD (first-time students only)	09h00

NOVEMBER 2023			Time
Wednesday	1	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate	09h00
Thursday	2	Meeting: Finance and Investment Committee of the Council Meeting: SMUREC	09h00 14h00
Friday	3	Meeting: Institutional Forum	09h00
Saturday	4		
Sunday	5		
Monday	6	Meeting: Joint Council and Senate Academic Exclusions Appeals Committee	09h00
Tuesday	7	Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee of the Council	09h00
Wednesday	8		
Thursday	9		
Friday	10	Meeting: Executive Committee of Council	09h00
Saturday	11		
Sunday	12		
Monday	13	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08h30
Tuesday	14		
Wednesday	15		
Thursday	16		
Friday	17	Meeting: Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-of-year examinations end VC's Research and Teaching Excellence Awards Ceremony 	09h00
Saturday	18		
Sunday	19		
Monday	20	Meeting: Senior Management Committee	09h00
Tuesday	21	Supplementary / deferred examinations commence	
Wednesday	22		
Thursday	23		
Friday	24		
Saturday	25		
Sunday	26		
Monday	27	Meeting: Executive Management Committee Supplementary / deferred examinations end	09h00
Tuesday	28	Closing date for Doctoral registration (first time students)	
Wednesday	29	Meeting: Council	09h00
Thursday	30		

DECEMBER 2023			Time
Friday	1		
Saturday	2		
Sunday	3		
Monday	4		
Tuesday	5		
Wednesday	6		
Thursday	7		
Friday	8		
Saturday	9		
Sunday	10		
Monday	11	Meeting: Executive Management Committee	08H30
Tuesday	12	Meeting: Executive Committee of the Senate (Approval of Results)	09H00
Wednesday	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oath-taking Ceremony: School of Pharmacy Oath-taking Ceremony: School of Health Care Sciences 	09h00 14h00
Thursday	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oath-taking Ceremony: School of Oral Health Sciences Oath-taking Ceremony: School of Medicine 	09h00 14h00
Friday	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> END OF SECOND SEMESTER End of all academic activities of the University 	
Saturday	16	DAY OF RECONCILIATION	
Sunday	17		
Monday	18		
Tuesday	19		
Wednesday	20		
Thursday	21		
Friday	22		
Saturday	23		
Sunday	24		
Monday	25	CHRISTMAS DAY	
Tuesday	26	DAY OF GOODWILL	
Wednesday	27		
Thursday	28		
Friday	29		
Saturday	30		
Sunday	31		

JANUARY 2024			
Monday	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY	
Tuesday	2		
Wednesday	3		
Thursday	4		
Friday	5		
Saturday	6		
Sunday	7		
Monday	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University re-opens: academic and support staff report for duty 	