

Academic Calendar and Vacation Dates for Student Visa Holders 2025/26

To whom it may concern

This information should be used in conjunction with a personalised **Confirmation of Studies** letter to enable employers or other interested parties to determine a students vacation periods at Edinburgh Napier University whilst studying in the UK.

The information relating to work restrictions are indicative and does not constitute legal advice. Employers should follow guidance from their Human Resources department or immigration advisors if they are considering providing paid or unpaid work to a Student Visa holder.

Employers should please note that we cannot provide personalised letters for students.

The information below relates to students undertaking Postgraduate Study. The Confirmation of Studies letter (which the student should provide in combination with this information). The Confirmation of Studies Letter will confirm:

- Students' personal information such as full name, Edinburgh Napier number and date of birth.
- The date of the students first academic term of study upon starting their course.
- The end date - this refers to the conclusion of the student's final academic term **prior** to the release of their official results. (Students are not considered to have completed their studies until the official publication of results confirms this.)
- The students year and level of study

Important Note: If a student is required to undertake further study—such as resubmitting their dissertation—after the publication of their final results, restrictions on working will apply during periods when the student is expected to engage with their academic work.

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If a student's programme is at undergraduate degree level or above, students can typically undertake paid or unpaid work up to 20 hours per week during term time and full-time during vacation periods.

For students who are reaching the end of their academic study (noted as the "Expected End Date" on the Confirmation of Studies letter, they can work full-time in paid or unpaid work through to the expiry date of their Student Visa.

Our term dates for our programmes can be found on our website online - www.napier.ac.uk/about-us/term-dates.

Vacation Periods for standard Postgraduate Students who started in September 2025

Winter break: 19 December 2025 to 18 January 2026

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026

Vacation Periods for MSc Global Hospitality Management (with work placement) who started in September 2025

Winter break: 19 December 2025 to 18 January 2026

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026

Vacation trimester: 7 September 2026 to 18 January 2027

Vacation Periods for MSc Computing with Professional Placement, MBA Strategic Project Management, MBA (Business Leadership & Practice) who started in September 2025

Winter break: 19 December 2025 to 18 January 2026

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026

Vacation trimester: 1 June 2026 to 6 September 2026

Vacation Periods for MFA Acting for Stage and Screen or MFA Advanced Film Practice who started in September 2025

Winter break: 19 December 2025 to 18 January 2026

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026

Winter break: 20 December 2026 to 17 January 2027

Spring break: 21 March 2027 to 04 April 2027

Vacation Periods for MFA Playwriting or MFA Directing who started in September 2025

Winter break: 19 December 2025 to 18 January 2026

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026

Vacation trimester: 1 June 2026 to 6 September 2026

Winter break: 20 December 2026 to 17 January 2027

Spring break: 21 March 2027 to 04 April 2027

Vacation Periods for MSc Computing with Professional Placement, MBA Strategic Project Management, MBA (Business Leadership & Practice) who started in September 2025

Winter break: 19 December 2025 to 18 January 2026

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026

Vacation trimester: 1 June 2026 to 6 September 2026

Winter break: 20 December 2026 to 17 January 2027

Spring break: 21 March 2027 to 04 April 2027

Yours faithfully



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