

Academic Calendar and Vacation Dates for Student Visa Holders who started in January 2026

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 student's 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. A student should also provide a Confirmation of Studies Letter. 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 student's 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 student's 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.

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.

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026
End of Spring Term: 16th May 2026 to 31st May 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

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026
End of Spring Term: 16th May 2026 to 31st May 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
End of Spring Term: 15th May 2027 to 31st May 2027

Vacation Periods for MBA Business Leadership Practice & MSc Global Hospitality Management

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026
End of Spring Term: 16th May 2026 to 31st May 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

End of Spring Term: 15th May 2027 to 30th May 2027
Vacation trimester: 31st May 2027 to 27th August 2027

Vacation Periods for MSc Pharmaceutical & Analytical Science

Spring break: 29 March 2026 to 12 April 2026

End of Spring Term: 16 May 2026 to 31 May 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

End of Spring Term k: 15 May 2027 to 30 May 2027

Vacation trimester: 31 May 2027 to 8 September 2027

Winter Break: 18 December 2027 to 17 January 2028

Spring break: 10 April 2028 - 23 April 2028

Yours faithfully



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