

# Academic Calendar Leiden University 2025-2026

## semester I: 1 September 2025 - 1 February 2026









	SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER					DECEMBER				
week	36	37	38	39	40	40	41	42	43	44	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	1
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Sat	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Sun	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	

## semester II: 2 February 2026 - 5 July 2026

	JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL					
	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18
Mon		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Tue		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Wed		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
Sun	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		

## summer (resits may be scheduled in wks. 28-32)

	MAY					JUNE					JULY					AUGUST + beginning Sept.					
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	27	28	29	30	31	31	32	33	34	35	36
Mon		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		
Tue		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			
Wed		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		
Thu		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	

	Opening of academic year		Public holiday/compulsory vacation		EL CID-introduction week
	Special occasion		Lecture free, resit period		HOP-introduction week
	Year- and semester marker				(Winter-)OWL-introduction week (intl. students)

### Explanatory notes:

#### 1. Academic Year

- This academic calendar serves as a basis for the planning of (educational) activities of Leiden University.
- The academic calendar applies to the entire university, with the exception of the Faculty of Medicine and LUC.
- Irrespective of this academic calendar, for legal and administrative purposes the academic year lasts from 1 September 2025 until and including 31 August 2026.
- The academic year comprises two 21-week semesters (public holidays and compulsory vacation days not included) in which lectures and assessment take place, assignments are completed and so on.
- Resits may also be scheduled in the summer period. See 'Examinations' below.
- For course and examination schedules, see faculty and programme websites.

#### 2. Examinations

- Examinations and resits may take place during semesters I & II.
- Resits may take place in the summer period (6 July - 30 August); in agreement with the Overlap Committee, the period in which introduction weeks take place (10 - 30 August) are free of resits, with a possible exception for first-year exams.

### 3. Public holidays, compulsory vacation days and special occasions

- 1 September 2025: opening academic year 2025-2026.
- 5 September 2025: no lectures for first years from 1 PM to allow attendance at inaugurations student clubs.\*
- 16 September 2025: Prince's Day (no compulsory closure).
- 3 October 2025: Relief of Leiden (note this is also a holiday for Campus The Hague).
- 26 November 2025: Cleveringa Lecture, no lectures between 3-6 PM.
- 22 and 23 December 2025: days before Christmas, advised not to plan any examinations or deadlines.\*\*
- 24 December 2025 - 2 January 2026: Christmas and New Year.
- 9 February 2026: Dies Natalis, no lectures between 1-5 PM.
- 3 April 2026: Good Friday.
- 5 and 6 April 2026: Easter.
- 27 April 2026: King's Day.
- 4 May 2026: Remembrance Day (no compulsory closure).
- 5 May 2026: Liberation Day.
- 14 and 15 May 2026: (day after) Ascension Day.
- 24 and 25 May 2026: Whitsun.
- 31 August 2026: opening academic year 2026-2027.

\*In agreement with the Overlap Committee. By decision of the Executive Board, this applies to all faculties.  
 \*\*Request from the Local Consultative Committee, for well-being. By decision of the Executive Board, included as a device to all faculties.

### 4. Other religious, national, regional or local holidays and days of remembrance (for information)

- 22-24 September 2025: Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)
- 1-2 October 2025: Yom Kippur (Judaism)
- 21 October 2025: Diwali (Hinduism)
- 25 November 2025: All Saints' Day (Christianity)
- 14 December 2025: Start of Hanukkah (Judaism)
- 27 January 2026: Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 14-17 February 2026: Carnaval (Christianity)
- 17 February 2026: Chinese New Year (Buddhism)
- 17 February 2026: Start of Ramadan (Islam)
- 18 February 2026: Ash Wednesday (Christianity)
- 3-4 March 2026: Holi (Hinduism)
- 19-20 March 2026: Eid-al-Fitr (Islam)
- 29 March 2026: Palm Sunday (Christianity)
- 2-8/9 April 2026: Pesach (Judaism)
- 1 May 2026: Vesak (Buddhism)
- 26-27 May 2026: Eid-al-Adha (Islam)
- 1 July 2026: Keti Koti
- 19 August 2026: Sri Krishna Jayanti (Hinduism)
- 25 August 2026: Ma'wlad al-Nabi (Islam)