### Academic Calendar Leiden University 2025-2026

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

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#### Academic Year

1. **Academic Year**

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

2. **Examinations**

   - Examinations and resits may take place during semesters I & II.
   - Examinations may take place during 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 sits, 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: Prinses’ 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: Día de la Raya, no lectures between 3-5 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: Whit Sunday.
   - 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 day to a children.

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: Carnival (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: Hari Raya
   - 19 August 2026: Sri Krishna Janantri (Hinduism)
   - 25 August 2026: Ma’nul-al-Nabi (Islam)