

Postgraduate Student Term Time Guide (Academic year 2024 – 2025)

There are no official recognised vacation periods for postgraduate September and January starters within the academic calendar at St Mary's University.

Postgraduate students can work up to 20 hours weekly in part-time jobs from the start of their course to the submission of the dissertation or final piece of work, with no pending resit.

This means that they are NOT permitted to work more than 20 hours weekly at any time between the first date of their course to the submission of the dissertation or final piece of work.

For the purpose of this guide, postgraduate courses refer to Master of Science, Master of Arts, PGCE courses. Mphil, MRes, PhD courses are NOT included here.

The term dates below apply to most postgraduate students. However, the time between each term generally indicates that there is little or no teaching and class attendance. This should not be regarded as a break of academic engagement for postgraduate students who must be continuously committed to the studies and research of an intense 12-month Level 7 programme. Writing-up of a dissertation is also deemed as term-time.

Autumn Term	Monday 2nd September - Sunday 8th December 2024
Spring Term	Friday 3rd January - Friday 28th March 2025
Summer Term	Monday 7th April - Friday 27th June 2025

Eligible periods for full-time non-permanent work or part-time work exceeding 20 hours weekly:

From the submission of the dissertation with no resit until the Student visa's expiry date

A Student visa holder must not undertake full-time work which fulfils a permanent vacancy. A contract for any full-time work during the permitted period above must end before the student visa's expiry date. If part-time jobs are taken, the term for these contracts can be ongoing.

* Disclaimer: This document is not a bespoke term-time letter for an individual. It is a general guide to help employers decide the work conditions of any postgraduate students from St Mary's University sponsored on Student visas. It is an employer's responsibility to verify the right to work for those subject to immigration control based on the Immigration Rules. St Mary's University does NOT provide bespoke term-time letters for students' employment purpose.

Term dates and Fee Liability periods are based off the Undergraduate full-time calendar.
Information includes when the term starts, ends and national holidays.

Undergraduate Term Dates

Induction Week	Monday 16th September - Friday 20th September 2024
Term 1	Monday 23rd September - Friday 13th December 2024
Reconnect Week	Monday 20th January - Friday 24th January 2025
Term 2	Monday 27th January - Friday 11th April 2025
Term 3	Monday 28th April - Friday 16th May 2025

Postgraduate Term Dates

Term dates are an indication for teaching only and do NOT confirm dates for vacation periods

Term 1	Monday 2nd September - Sunday 8th December 2024
Term 2	Friday 3rd January - Friday 28th March 2025
Term 3	Monday 7th April - Friday 27th June 2025

Fee Liability Periods

Term 1	Monday 23rd September 2024
Term 2	Monday 6th January 2025
Term 3	Monday 7th April 2025

Assessment Periods (UG)

Semester 1 Examinations	Monday 6th - Friday 17th January 2025
Semester 2 Examinations	Wednesday 7th - Friday 16th May 2025
Summer Re-sit Examinations	Monday 21st July - Friday 25th July 2025

Vacation/Holiday Periods

UNDERGRADUATE ONLY

Christmas/Winter Vacation	Monday 16th December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025
Easter/Spring Vacation	Monday 14th - Friday 25 April 2025

Additional Key Dates

Summer Graduation	Tuesday 15th - Saturday 19th July 2025
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