



DEPARTMENT OF FASHION DESIGN, FACULTY OF ARTS & DESIGN

ACADEMIC PLANNING 1st SEMESTER 2026

Dear Design Studies student, welcome to the 2026 Academic Year. We wish you everything of the best in your studies. The following dates give you a broad outline for the First Semester. Other important dates and events will be communicated to you via myTUTor or in your study guides.

DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN STUDIES			
Undergraduate Programmes			
Qualification Code	Qualification Name	Year	Activities
DPFD19	Diploma in Fashion Design and Technology	1 st Year	<p>02 February 2026, report to the department at 9:00 for orientation and welcome programmes. Orientation is scheduled for 02 – 06 February 2026. Classes commence on 9th February 2026, as per your timetables that will be issued during orientation. On the 13th of February 2025, you will attend a teambuilding workshop outside campus. Term 1 ends on the 30th of March 2026. Term 2 starts on the 07th of April 2026. On 17 April 2026, you will attend South African Fashion Week as an academic visit. Your booster week is scheduled for 25–29 May 2026. In May 2026, you will visit Freedom Park as an academic visit under the module HIF105D. On the 17th of April you will attend South African Fashion week as an academic visit. First Semester contact classes will be completed on the 12th of June 2026. The first Semester ends on the 30th of June 2026.</p> <p>Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal evaluations are scheduled for the 17th & 18th of June 2026. • Assessments for theory modules will be scheduled during the entire Semester, according to your study guides.



		2 nd Year	<p>Classes commence on 02 February 2026, as per your timetables. Term 1 ends on the 30th of March 2026. Term 2 starts on the 07th of April 2026. On 17 April 2026, you will attend South African Fashion Week as an academic visit. Your booster week is scheduled for 25–29 May 2026 First Semester contact classes will be completed on the 6th of June 2026. The first Semester ends on the 30th of June 2026.</p> <p>Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal evaluations are scheduled for the 19th and 22nd of June 2026. • Assessments for theory modules will be scheduled during the entire Semester, according to your study guides.
		3 rd Year	<p>Classes commence on 02 February 2026, as per your timetables. Term 1 ends on the 30th of March 2026. Term 2 starts on the 07th of April 2026.</p> <p>Term 2 classes commence on the 7th of April 2025, as per your timetables. Your booster week is scheduled for the 2nd to 6th of June 2026. On 17 April 2026, you will attend South African Fashion Week as an academic visit. Your booster week is scheduled for 25–29 May 2026 First Semester contact classes will be completed on the 12th of June 2026. The first Semester ends on the 30th of June 2026.</p> <p>Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal evaluations are scheduled for the 23rd to 24th of June 2026. • Assessments for theory modules will be scheduled during the entire Semester, according to your study guides.
ADFD20	Advanced Diploma in Fashion Design and Technology	4 th Year	<p>Classes commence on 09 February 2026, as per your timetables. Term 1 ends on the 30th of March 2026. Term 2 starts on the 07th of April 2026. Your booster week is scheduled for 25–29 May 2026 First Semester contact classes will be completed on the 12th of June 2026. The first Semester ends on the 30th of June 2026.</p> <p>Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal evaluations are scheduled for the 16th & 19th of June 2026. • Assessments for theory modules will be scheduled during the entire Semester, according to your study guides.

Postgraduate Programmes

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PDDE21	Postgraduate Diploma in Design	Postgrad	<p>10 February, 9:00: Fifth-year students report to the department for the welcome and orientation. A detailed time schedule and year plan will be provided at orientation.</p> <p>11 – 13 February: Project orientation.</p> <p>16 – 27 February: Research Bootcamp on campus.</p> <p>2 – 11 March: Research Bootcamp moves online.</p> <p>26 March: Project proposal presentation.</p> <p>30 March – 6 April: Recess.</p> <p>7 April: Term 2 timetabled classes commence.</p> <p>22 June: Fifth-year student practical evaluation.</p> <p>29 June – 10 July: Mid-year recess.</p> <p>13 July: Semester Two commences.</p>
MDDG20	Master of Art and Design	Postgrad	<p>Online consultations must be scheduled.</p> <p>Face-to-face consultations on appointment if required.</p>
DDDG20	Doctor of Art and Design	Postgrad	<p>Online consultations must be scheduled.</p> <p>Face-to-face consultations on appointment if required.</p>

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