

# Academic Calendar Schedule

- (1) This schedule supports the [Course and Subject Policy](#) and the [Course and Subject Delivery and Management Procedure](#) by defining the principles and rules for preparing the academic calendar, as authorised by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

## Teaching Periods

- (2) Each teaching period has its own unique 2-digit code that can be used to identify it without reference to a particular year, and a six-digit code that can be used to identify each version of that teaching period by the year in which it commenced. This six-digit teaching period code is made up of a combination of the year in 4 digits and the unique 2-digit code for that period (eg: Session 1 is identified by the 2-digit code '30', so the 6 digit code for Session 1 in 2020 would be '202030').
- (3) As of 1 January 2025, there will be a total of 33 standard teaching periods per year delivered as part of the official academic calendar for Charles Sturt University. These 33 teaching periods are grouped together in the following sets/categories:
  - a. 3 x Sessions (30, 60, 90)
  - b. 3 x Terms (15, 45, 75)
  - c. 6 x Year-long periods (31, 32, 61, 62, 91, 92)
  - d. 6 x Micro-sessions (14, 34, 44, 54, 74, 84)
  - e. 6 x ADPP Periods (13, 33, 43, 53, 73, 83)
  - f. 9 x UCWE Periods (17, 27, 37, 47, 49, 59, 77, 79, 89)
- (4) These teaching periods have official scheduling rules (as defined in this document), which describe how and when to set the start date, census date, and end date for each standard teaching period in every year. These standard teaching period dates are also known as the 'principal dates' and may include official exam period dates and official results release dates for certain teaching periods, where scheduling rules for those dates have been defined within this document.
- (5) Each year various versions of non-standard teaching periods may be created on request via the session variation (SVS) process (see [Course and Subject Delivery and Management Procedure](#)), however, only standard teaching period dates are published in the official sources of student dates online (eg: the [Important Dates](#) and [Student Portal Key Dates](#) pages).

## Sessions

- (6) There are three sessions each year which are identified with a '0' at the end of their six-digit teaching period (TP) code.
- (7) These three sessions were first added to the academic calendar in 2010, and the rules for setting their names, codes, and principal dates have remained consistent since that time.
- (8) The rules for calculating the principal dates for each standard session are defined below.

### Session 1 (30)

- (9) Session 1 is identified by 30 at the end of its TP code (eg: 202030) and commences on the 9th Monday of each calendar year (09MON).
- (10) Session 1 is 16 weeks long in total, inclusive of a two-week mid-session break and an end of session examination period of two weeks.
- (11) The census date of Session 1 occurs on the Friday of teaching week four (which is the Friday following the 12th Monday of each calendar year, 12FRI), except for years where there is a clash with Good Friday, in which case the census date moves 2 days earlier to the Wednesday of teaching week four (which is the Wednesday following the 12th Monday of each calendar year, 12WED). This move to Wed due to public holidays is identified with an asterisk \* next to the 12FRI\* rule code.
- (12) The two-week mid-session break takes place during weeks 7 and 8 of Session 1 (unless there are clashes with public holidays and it is moved one week earlier in relevant years as per the next clause), and the April Intensive School period also takes place during this S1 mid-session break, both commencing on the 15th Monday of each calendar year (15MON).
- (13) However, in years where NSW public holidays (Easter/ANZAC Day) reduce the number of teaching days available for the conduct of intensive schools, the S1 mid-session break and its April Intensive School period can be moved one week earlier to weeks 6 and 7 of Session 1, commencing on the 14th Monday in affected years (14MON) [instead of 15MON].
- (14) There is a two-week examination period held in weeks 15 and 16 of Session 1, which commences on the 23rd Monday of each calendar year (23MON).
- (15) There is a three-week inter-session break between the end of Session 1 and the start of Session 2, which commences on the 25th Monday of each calendar year (25MON) and the June/July Intensive School period takes place during this time.
- (16) The official results release date for Session 1 is the last Friday before Session 2 commences each year (which is the Friday after the 27th Monday of each calendar year, 27FRI).

## Session 2 (60)

- (17) Session 2 is identified by 60 at the end of its TP code (eg: 202060) and commences on the 28th Monday of each calendar year (28MON).
- (18) Session 2 is 16 weeks long in total, inclusive of a two-week mid-session break and an end of session examination period of two weeks.
- (19) The census date of Session 2 occurs on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 31st Monday of each calendar year, 31FRI).
- (20) The two-week mid-session break takes place in weeks 7 and 8 of Session 2, and the Aug/Sep Intensive School period takes place during this time.
- (21) There is a two-week examination period held in weeks 15 and 16 of Session 2, which commences on the 42nd Monday of each calendar year (42MON).
- (22) The official results release date for Session 2 is the last Friday before Session 3 commences each year (which is the Friday after the 45th Monday of each calendar year, 45FRI).

## Session 3 (90)

- (23) Session 3 is identified by 90 at the end of its TP code (eg: 202090) and commences on the 46th Monday of each calendar year (46MON).
- (24) Session 3 is usually 13 weeks long in total, inclusive of a mid-session break and an end of session examination period of one week.
- (25) The census date of Session 3 occurs on the Friday at the end of teaching week three (which is the Friday after the 48th Monday of each calendar year, 48FRI).
- (26) There is a roughly one-week-long mid-session break in Session 3 to accommodate Christmas/New Year, which is not officially defined but generally coincides with starting on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec and ending after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan over the end of each year .
- (27) The two-week Jan/Feb Intensive School period takes place during weeks 11 and 12 of Session 3, commencing on the 4th Monday of each calendar year (04MON).
- (28) There is a one-week examination period held in week 13 of Session 3, which commences on the 6th Monday of each calendar year (06MON).
- (29) There is a two-week inter-session break between Session 3 and Session 1, which commences on the 7th Monday of each calendar year (07MON).
- (30) The official results release date for Session 3 is the last Friday before Session 1 commences each year (which is the Friday after the 8th Monday of each calendar year, 08FRI).

SINCE	SESSIONS	CODE	START	CENSUS	END	RESULTS
2010	Session 1	30	09MON	12FRI*	24FRI	27FRI
2010	Session 2	60	28MON	31FRI	43FRI	45FRI
2010	Session 3	90	46MON	48FRI	06FRI ↑	08FRI ↑

↑ Means this date occurs in the following calendar year, after the year in which the relevant teaching period commenced.

## Intensive School Periods

- (31) Intensive school periods are not formal teaching periods, but are related to the three standard sessions that run each year at Charles Sturt University.
- (32) There are four intensive school periods each year, which are scheduled according to the rules described below:
  - a. **Jan/Feb Intensive School period** takes place during weeks 11 and 12 of Session 3, commencing on the 4th Monday of each calendar year (04MON) and ending on the Friday after the 5th Monday of each calendar year (05FRI).
  - b. **April Intensive School period** takes place during the two week mid-session break in weeks 7 and 8 of Session 1, commencing on the 15th Monday of each calendar year (15MON) and ending on the Friday after the 16th Monday of each calendar year (16FRI) [except for years where there the combination of Easter and/or Anzac day adversely impacts on the number of days available for the conduct of intensive schools, in which case the mid-session break and intensive school period can be moved to weeks 6 and 7 of Session 1, commencing on the 14th Monday of each calendar year (14MON) and ending on the Friday after the 15th Monday of each calendar year (15FRI)].
  - c. **June/July Intensive School period** takes place during the three-week inter-session break between the end of Session 1 and the start of Session 2, commencing on the 25th Monday of each calendar year (25MON) and ending on the Friday after the 27th Monday of each calendar year (27FRI).
  - d. **Aug/Sep Intensive School period** takes place during the two-week mid-session break in weeks 7 and 8 of Session 2, commencing on the 34th Monday of each calendar year (34MON) and ending on the Friday after the 35th Monday of each calendar year (35FRI).

## Terms

- (33) There are three terms each year which are identified with a '5' at the end of their six-digit teaching period (TP) code.
- (34) These three terms were first added to the academic calendar in 2010 and remain unchanged since that time, except for their names, which were re-numbered to be in the same order as their start dates and teaching period (TP) codes each year from 2022 onwards. NOTE: Between 2010 and 2021, these terms were named in a different order that aligned with the Northern Hemisphere: Term 2 (15), Term 3 (45), Term 1 (75), and these historical names remain correct when referring to any previous term between Term 2 201015 and Term 1 202175. However, from 2022 onwards, these terms are formally named in the following chronological order: Term 1 (15), Term 2 (45), Term 3 (75), starting with Term 1 202215.
- (35) The rules for calculating the principal dates for each standard term (from T1 202215 onwards) are defined below. (NOTE: Partner cohorts and specialised subjects/courses are often delivered in non-standard variations of these terms using the session variation system (SVS). It is important to check the specific dates for each subject that is delivered within a Term).

### Term 1 (15)

- (36) Term 1 is identified by 15 at the end of its TP code (eg: 202215) and commences on the 2nd Monday of each calendar year (02MON).
- (37) Term 1 is 16 weeks long in total and the census date of Term 1 occurs on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 5th Monday of each calendar year, 05FRI).
- (38) There is a three-week break between the end of Term 1 and the start of Term 2.
- (39) Term 2 (45)
- (40) Term 2 is identified by 45 at the end of its TP code (eg: 202245) and commences on the 21st Monday of each calendar year (21MON).
- (41) Term 2 is 12 weeks long in total and the census date of Term 2 occurs on the Friday at the end of teaching week three (which is the Friday after the 23rd Monday of each calendar year, 23FRI)
- (42) There is a two-week break between the end of Term 2 and the start of Term 3.

### Term 3 (75)

- (43) Term 3 is identified by 75 at the end of its TP code (eg: 202275) and commences on the 35th Monday of each calendar year (35MON).
- (44) Term 3 is 16 weeks long in total, and the census date of Term 3 occurs on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 38th Monday of each calendar year, 38FRI).
- (45) There is a three or four-week break (depending on whether it is a 52 or 53 week year) between the end of Term 3 and the start of Term 1 in January of the following year.

SINCE	TERMS	CODE	START	CENSUS	END
2010	Term 1	15	02MON	05FRI	17FRI
2010	Term 2	45	21MON	23FRI	32FRI
2010	Term 3	75	35MON	38FRI	50FRI

## Year-long periods

- (46) There are six year-long periods each year which are identified with a '1' or '2' at the end of their six-digit teaching period (TP) code. Each year-long period is a combination of 2 or 3 standard sessions, using same start date and end date as the first and final session that they are aligned with, as well as the same results date as the final session in the sequence that they have combined. Every year-long period ends in the year after it commenced, except for Year-long Period 1.
- (47) Five year-long periods were added to the academic calendar in 2021, however, these had different TP codes and dates/rules to the current set of six year-long periods, which commenced from 2022 onwards.
- (48) The rules for calculating the principal dates for each year-long period (from Y1 202231 onwards) are defined below:
- Year-long period 1 (31)** combines 30 & 60, commences on the 9th Monday of each calendar year (09MON) and runs for 35 weeks ending on the Session 2 (60) end date of the same calendar year, and uses the same census date as the Term 2 (45) census date described above (23FRI).
  - Year-long period 2 (32)** combines 30, 60, & 90 and commences on the 9th Monday of each calendar year (09MON), runs for 50 weeks ending on the Session 3 (90) end date of the next calendar year, and uses the same census date as the Term 2 (45) census date described above (23FRI).
  - Year-long period 3 (61)** combines 60 & 90 and commences on the 28th Monday of each calendar year (28MON), runs for 31 weeks ending on the Session 3 (90) end date of the next calendar year, and uses the same census date as the Term 3 (75) census date described above (38FRI).

- d. **Year-long period 4 (62)** combines 60, 90, & 30 and commences on the 28th Monday of each calendar year (28MON), runs for 49 weeks ending on the Session 1 (30) end date of the next calendar year, and uses the same census date as the Term 3 (75) census date described above (38FRI).
- e. **Year-long period 5 (91)** combines 90 & 30 and commences on the 46th Monday of each calendar year (46MON), runs for 31 weeks ending on the Session 1 (30) end date of the next calendar year, and uses the census date of Term 1 (15) described above but in the year after this period commenced (05FRI of the year after this year-long period began).
- f. **Year-long period 6 (92)** combines 90, 30, & 60 and commences on the 46th Monday of each calendar year (46MON), runs for 50 weeks ending on the Session 2 (60) end date of the year after this period commenced, and uses the same census date of Term 1 (15) described above but in the next calendar year (05FRI of the year after this period began).

SINCE	YEAR-LONG PERIODS	CODE	START	CENSUS	END	RESULTS
2022	Year-long Period 1 (30/60)	31	09MON	23FRI	43FRI	45FRI
2022	Year-long Period 2 (30/60/90)	32	09MON	23FRI	06FRI ↑	08FRI ↑
2022	Year-long Period 3 (60/90)	61	28MON	38FRI	06FRI ↑	08FRI ↑
2022	Year-long Period 4 (60/90/30)	62	28MON	38FRI	24FRI ↑	27FRI ↑
2022	Year-long Period 5 (90/30)	91	46MON	05FRI ↑	24FRI ↑	27FRI ↑
2022	Year-long Period 6 (90/30/60)	92	46MON	05FRI ↑	43FRI ↑	45FRI ↑

↑ Means this date occurs in the following calendar year, after the year in which the relevant teaching period commenced.

## Micro-sessions

- (49) There are six micro-sessions each year which are identified with a '4' at the end of their six-digit teaching period (TP) code.
- (50) These six micro-sessions were first added to the academic calendar in 2020. However, between 2020 and 2021, they had a '2' at the end of their code instead of the '4' that has been used from 2022 onwards.
- (51) The rules for calculating the principal dates for each standard micro-session (from M1 202214 onwards) are defined below:
  - a. **Micro-session 1 (14)** commences on the 2nd Monday of each calendar year (02MON) and runs for 8 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week three (which is the Friday after the 4th Monday of each calendar year, 04FRI).
  - b. **Micro-session 2 (34)** commences on the 10th Monday of each calendar year (10MON) and runs for 8 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week three (which is the Friday after the 12th Monday of each calendar year, 12FRI, except for years where there is a clash with Good Friday, in which case the census date is moved 2 days earlier to Wednesday of the same week, 12WED). This potential shift built into the rule is identified as 12FRI\*.
  - c. **Micro-session 3 (44)** commences on the 18th Monday of each calendar year (18MON) and runs for 8 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week three (which is the Friday after the 20th Monday of each calendar year, 20FRI).
  - d. **Micro-session 4 (54)** commences on the 26th Monday of each calendar year (26MON) and runs for 8 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week three (which is the Friday after the 28th Monday of each calendar year, 28FRI).
  - e. **Micro-session 5 (74)** commences on the 34th Monday of each calendar year (34MON) and runs for 8 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week three (which is the Friday after the 36th Monday of each calendar year, 36FRI).
  - f. **Micro-session 6 (84)** commences on the 42nd Monday of each calendar year (42MON) and runs for 8 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week three (which is the Friday after the 44th Monday of each calendar year, 44FRI).

SINCE	MICRO-SESSIONS	CODE	START	CENSUS	END
2022	Micro Session 1	14	02MON	04FRI	09FRI
2022	Micro Session 2	34	10MON	12FRI*	17FRI
2022	Micro Session 3	44	18MON	20FRI	25FRI
2022	Micro Session 4	54	26MON	28FRI	33FRI
2022	Micro Session 5	74	34MON	36FRI	41FRI
2022	Micro Session 6	84	42MON	44FRI	49FRI

## ADPP periods

- (52) There are six ADPP Periods each year which are identified with a '3' at the end of their six-digit teaching period (TP) code.
- (53) These six ADPP Periods were first added to the academic calendar in 2020. However, between 2020 and 2021, they had an '8' at the end of their code instead of the '3' that has been used from 2022 onwards.
- (54) The rules for calculating the principal dates for each standard ADPP Period (from A1 202213 onwards) are defined below:
- ADPP Period 1 (13)** commences on the Sunday before the 2nd Monday of each calendar year (01SUN) and runs for 14 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 5th Monday of each calendar year, 05FRI).
  - ADPP Period 2 (33)** commences on the Sunday before the 10th Monday of each calendar year (09SUN) and runs for 14 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 13th Monday of each calendar year, 13FRI), except for years where there is a clash with Good Friday, in which case the census date is moved 2 days earlier to Wednesday of the same week (13WED). This is identified as 13FRI\*.
  - ADPP Period 3 (43)** commences on the Sunday before the 18th Monday of each calendar year (17SUN) and runs for 14 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 21st Monday of each calendar year, 21FRI).
  - ADPP Period 4 (53)** commences on the Sunday before the 26th Monday of each calendar year (25SUN) and runs for 14 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 29th Monday of each calendar year, 29FRI).
  - ADPP Period 5 (73)** commences on the Sunday before the 34th Monday of each calendar year (33SUN) and runs for 14 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 37th Monday of each calendar year, 37FRI).
  - ADPP Period 6 (83)** commences on the Sunday before the 42nd Monday of each calendar year (41SUN) and runs for 14 weeks plus 4 (or 5) weeks of holidays over Christmas (depending on if it is a 52 or 53 week year) ending on the Friday after the 7th Monday of the following calendar year (07FRI), with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week four (which is the Friday after the 45th Monday of each calendar year, 45FRI).

SINCE	ADPP PERIODS	CODE	START	CENSUS	END
2022	ADPP Period 1	13	01SUN	05FRI	15FRI
2022	ADPP Period 2	33	09SUN	13FRI*	23FRI
2022	ADPP Period 3	43	17SUN	21FRI	31FRI
2022	ADPP Period 4	53	25SUN	29FRI	39FRI
2022	ADPP Period 5	73	33SUN	37FRI	47FRI
2022	ADPP Period 6	83	41SUN	45FRI	07FRI ↑

↑ Means this date occurs in the following calendar year, after the year in which the relevant teaching period commenced.

## UCWE periods

- (55) There are nine UCWE Periods each year which are identified with either a '7' or '9' at the end of their six-digit teaching period (TP) code.
- (56) UCWE Periods were first added to the academic calendar in 2024. However, only eight official UCWE Periods were implemented in 2024, with the full nine formal UCWE Periods planned to be delivered each year from 2025 onwards.
- (57) The rules for calculating the principal dates for each standard UCWE Period are defined below:
- UCWE Period 1 (17)** commences on the 4th Monday of each calendar year (04MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week two (which is the Friday after the 5th Monday of each calendar year, 05FRI).
  - UCWE Period 2 (27)** commences on the 8th Monday of each calendar year (08MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week two (two (which is the Friday after the 9th Monday of each calendar year, 09FRI).
  - UCWE Period 3 (37)** commences on the 12th Monday of each calendar year (12MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week two (which is the Friday after the 13th Monday of each calendar year, 13FRI), except for years where there is a clash with Good Friday, in which case the census date is moved 2 days earlier to Wednesday of the same week (13WED). This is identified in the rule code as 13FRI\*.
  - UCWE Period 4 (47)** commences on the 20th Monday of each calendar year (20MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Monday at the start of teaching week three (which is always on the 22nd Monday of the calendar year, 22MON).

- e. **UCWE Period 5 (49)** commences on the 24th Monday of each calendar year (24MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week two (which is the Friday after the 25th Monday of each calendar year, 25FRI).
- f. **UCWE Period 6 (59)** commences on the 28th Monday of each calendar year (28MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week two (which is the Friday after the 29th Monday of each calendar year, 29FRI).
- g. **UCWE Period 7 (77)** commences on the 36th Monday of each calendar year (36MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week two (which is the Friday after the 37th Monday of each calendar year, 37FRI).
- h. **UCWE Period 8 (79)** commences on the 41st Monday of each calendar year (41MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week two (which is the Friday after the 42nd Monday of each calendar year, 42FRI).
- i. **UCWE Period 9 (89)** commences on the 46th Monday of each calendar year (46MON) and runs for 4 weeks, with a census date on the Friday at the end of teaching week two (which is the Friday after the 49th Monday of each calendar year, 49FRI).

SINCE	UCWE PERIODS	CODE	START	CENSUS	END
2025	UCWE Period 1	17	04MON	05FRI	07FRI
2024	UCWE Period 2	27	08MON	09FRI	11FRI
2024	UCWE Period 3	37	12MON	13FRI*	15FRI
2024	UCWE Period 4	47	20MON	22MON	23FRI
2024	UCWE Period 5	49	24MON	25FRI	27FRI
2024	UCWE Period 6	59	28MON	29FRI	31FRI
2024	UCWE Period 7	77	36MON	37FRI	39FRI
2024	UCWE Period 8	79	41MON	42FRI	44FRI
2024	UCWE Period 9	89	46MON	47FRI	49FRI

## Document history

Approval date	Resolution or delegation	Nature of Amendment
29/10/2020	Schedule 9 AS86	Original approval
12/04/2021	Schedule 9 AS86	Added the ADPP Period rules which come into effect from 2022 onwards; Updated the census dates for the Year-long Periods & Added information about the sixth Year-long Period that commences from 2022 onwards; Updated the codes for Micro-sessions, ADPP Periods, and Year-long Periods; Updated the names of the Terms from 2022 onwards; Added tables with rule codes to demonstrate how and when the principal dates are set for each standard teaching period; Clarified the residential school periods by adding their own section; Added some references to the years in which each teaching period was first added to the academic calendar and when these current rules apply from (eg from 2022 onwards).
27/04/2023	Schedule E	Replaced references to 'Residential/Res Schools' with 'Intensive Schools', as these periods have been officially renamed by the University.
08/04/2024	Schedule E	Added the 9 new UCWE Periods to this schedule, which were first implemented in 2024, including perpetual scheduling rules to calculate their correct start, census, and end dates.