

2025 Year Plan - University of Otago College of Education - DRAFT 13/2/2025

Key University Dates & Statutory Holidays	Semester	Dates	Week	ELON	Bachelor of Teaching - 3 year programme (360 pts)											Week	SCHOOLS			
					Early Childhood Education - DUNEDIN & INVERCARGILL			Primary Education - DUNEDIN			Primary Education & Te Pōkai Mātauranga o te Ao Rua (Primary Bicultural Education) - INVERCARGILL									
					1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	1st Year DN (2025-2027)	2nd Year DN (2024-2026)	3rd Year DN (2023-2025)	1st Year INV (2025-2027)	2nd Year INV (2024-2026)	3rd Year INV (2023-2025)							
*New Year's Day Mon 1 Jan; Day after New Year's Day Tue 2 Jan. Summer School Mon 6 Jan - Fri 14 Feb (SS Exams Sat 15 -Thu 20 Feb) *Waitangi Day Thu 6 Feb	SUMMER SCHOOL	*30 Dec-3 Jan	1													1	TERM 1 (11 weeks) All schools start between Mon 27 Jan and Fri 7 Feb & finish Fri 11 Apr *Thu 6 Feb (Waitangi Day) Mon 23 Mar (Otago Anniversary Day observed)			
		6-10 Jan	2													2				
		13-17 Jan	3													3				
		20-24 Jan	4													4				
		27-31 Jan	5													5				
		*3-7 Feb	6													6				
		10-14 Feb	7													7				
		*17-21 Feb	8	Prog. Begins		1st Year Prog. Begins Mon 17 Feb												8		
Sem 1 begins Mon 24 Feb Mon 24 Mar Otago Anniversary Day observed UO mid-semester break (18-27 Apr) *Good Fri 18 Apr, Easter Mon 21 Apr, UO observes Otago Anniversary Day Tue 22 Apr & ANZAC DAY Fri 25 Apr. Graduation Sat 10 May Graduation Sat 17 May, 1.00pm (including Education) Semester 1 ends Fri 30 May	SEMESTER ONE	24-28 Feb	9	Lectures begin ▲		2nd Year Prog. Begins Mon 24 Feb	(Mon INV/Tue DN) *			2nd Year Prog. Begins Mon 24 Feb	(Tuesdays) ▲			2nd Year Prog. Begins Mon 24 Feb	(Mondays) ▲	9	All schools start between Mon 27 Jan and Fri 7 Feb & finish Fri 11 Apr *Thu 6 Feb (Waitangi Day) Mon 23 Mar (Otago Anniversary Day observed)			
		3-7 Mar	10															10		
		10-14 Mar	11	◆														11		
		17-21 Mar	12															12		
		*24-28 Mar	13															13		
		31 Mar-4 Apr	14			Prof. Experience 1A (10 days) EDPR 101				Prof. Experience 1A (10 days) EDPR 131					Prof. Experience 1A (10 days) EDPR 131/151			14		
		7-11 Apr	15															15		
		14-18 Apr*	16			*		*		*		*		*	*			16		
		21-25 Apr	17	BREAK	* MID-SEMESTER BREAK (Includes Easter Mon 21 Apr, Tue 22 Apr (Southland Anniversary Day & UO observes Otago Anniversary Day) & ANZAC DAY Fri 25 Apr)											17		School Holidays		
		28 Apr - 2 May	18																18	
		5-9 May	19					Prof. Experience 2A (10 days) EDPR 201				Prof. Experience 2A (15 days) EDPR 231				Prof. Experience 2A (15 days) EDPR 231/251			19	
		12-16 May	20																20	
		19-23 May	21																21	
		26-30 May	22																22	
		*King's Birthday Mon 2 Jun MID-YEAR EXAMS (4-18 Jun)	EXAMS	*2-6 Jun	23		*	*		*	*		Prof. Experience 3B (*14 days) EDPR 331	*	*			Prof. Experience 3B (*14 days) EDPR 331/351	23	*Mon 2 Jun (King's Birthday) *Fri 20 Jun (Matariki)
		9-13 Jun		24															24	
		16-20 Jun*		25	Prog. Ends	*	*	*	*	*	*	EDPR 331	*	*	*	EDPR 331/351 *		25		
*Matariki observance Fri 20 June		23-27 Jun	26													26	School Holidays			
		30 Jun-4 Jul	27		BREAK											27				
		7-11 Jul	28		BREAK											28				
Semester 2 begins Mon 14 Jul Graduation Sat 23 Aug UO mid-semester break (30 Aug-7 Sep) Semester 2 ends 17 Oct	SEMESTER TWO	14-18 Jul	29			Principals' Day (Fri 25 Jul)										29	TERM 3 (10 weeks) All schools Mon 14 Jul to Fri 19 Sep			
		21-25 Jul	30															30		
		28 Jul - 1 Aug	31															31		
		4-8 Aug	32															32		
		11-15 Aug	33															33		
		18-22 Aug	34															34		
		25-29 Aug	35															35		
		1-5 Sep	36			MID-SEMESTER BREAK			Prof. Experience 4 (20 days) EDPR 302	MID-SEMESTER BREAK			Prof. Experience 4 (25 days) EDPR 333	MID-SEMESTER BREAK				Prof. Experience 4 (25 days) EDPR 333	36	
		8-12 Sep	37			(Mon INV, Fri DN) *	(Mon DN/INV) *												37	
		15-19 Sep	38			*	*												38	
		22-26 Sep	39					BREAK				BREAK				BREAK		39		
		29 Sep - 3 Oct	40																40	
		6-10 Oct	41			*	*												41	
13-17 Oct	42			*	*	Conference Week				Conference Week				Conference Week	42					
END OF YEAR EXAMS (20 Oct-8 Nov) *Labour Day Mon 27 Oct Pre-Christmas Summer School Mon 10 Nov - Fri 12 Dec, Exams Sat 13 Dec Graduation: Sat 6 Dec, Wed 10 Dec; & Sat 13 Dec (including Education)	EXAMS	20-24 Oct	43													43	TERM 4 (11 weeks) All Schools start Mon 6 Oct & finish no later than Fri 19 Dec *Mon 27 Oct (Labour Day)			
		*27-31 Oct	44					* Prog. ends Fri 31 Oct		Prof. Experience 2B (*19 days) EDPR 231	* Prog. ends Fri 31 Oct		Prof. Experience 1B (*19 days) EDPR 131/151	Prof. Experience 2B (*19 days) EDPR 231/251	* Prog. ends Fri 31 Oct	44				
		3-7 Nov	45			Prof. Experience 1B (*14 days) EDPR 101	Prof. Experience 2B (*14 days) EDPR 201		Prof. Experience 1B (*19 days) EDPR 131							45				
		10-14 Nov	46															46		
		17-21 Nov	47			Prog. ends Fri 21 Nov	Prog. ends Fri 21 Nov		Prog. ends Fri 21 Nov		Prog. ends Fri 21 Nov		Prog. ends Fri 21 Nov	Prog. ends Fri 21 Nov		47				
		24-28 Nov	48			☞ Thursday 27 & Friday 28 November, 2-day BTchg hui for staff (TBC)												48		
		1-5 Dec	49															49		
		8-12 Dec	50															50		
15-19 Dec	51														51					
22-26 Dec*	52			2025 CHRISTMAS BREAK: Christmas Day Thu 25 Dec (Stat. Holiday); Boxing Day Fri 26 Dec (Stat. Holiday); 29, 30, & 31 Dec - College Closed (A/Leave). 2026: New Year's Day Thu 1 Jan (Stat. Holiday); and day after New Year's Day Fri 2 Jan (Stat. Holiday). University reopens Mon 5 Jan.											52					

MIHI WHAKATAU - Dean's welcome for all first year students - Tuesday 18 February, 10.00am (TG07) (TBC)

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☞ 2-day BTchg hui for staff - Thursday 27 & Friday 28 November

★ 1 day/week in Centres (BTchg ECE) - Monday for all Invercargill students; Friday (Year 1), Monday (Year 2), Tuesday (Year 3) Dunedin students

▲ 1 day/week in Schools (BTchg Primary/Te Pōkai) - Invercargill on Mondays and Dunedin on Tuesdays

▲ Introductory day in School (ELON students) - Wednesday 26 February.

◆ NOHO MARAE: Araiteuru Marae, Dunedin - Mon 10-Tue 11 March (overnight) for BTchg Primary (Year 2A) & ELON; Mon 17-Tue 18 March (overnight) for BTchg ECE & Primary (Year 2B); and, Murihiku Marae, Invercargill - Fri 25 July (TBA)

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		6-10 Jan	2	Programme Briefing & ID Check			2	
		13-17 Jan	3	Orientation Week 1 (Mihi Whakatau Mon 13 Jan)			3	
		20-24 Jan	4	◆ Orientation Week 2			4	
		27-31 Jan	5				5	
		*3-7 Feb	6				6	
		10-14 Feb	7	Prof. Exp. A (5 days) EDUC 475	Prof. Exp. A (5 days) EDUC 473	Prof. Exp. A (10 days) EDUC 478	7	
		❖ 17-21 Feb	8	★	★		8	
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		4-8 Aug	32				32	
		11-15 Aug	33	Prof. Experience C (35 days) EDUC 475	Prof. Experience C (35 days) EDUC 473	Prof. Experience C (35 days) EDUC 478	33	
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		25-29 Aug	35				35	
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		17-21 Nov	47				47	
		24-28 Nov	48	EDUC 579 Presentations (Mon 24 - Wed 26 Nov)			48	
		1-5 Dec	49	Curriculum Presentations (Wed 3 - Fri 5 Dec) & Student Teachers' Farewell (Fri 5 Dec)			49	
		8-12 Dec	50	Examiners' Meeting (Thu 11 Dec)			50	
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Early Childhood	Days
Week 7: 10-14 Feb	5
Weeks 8-15: 1-day/week	8
Weeks 18-23: 28 Apr-6 Jun (excl. King's birthday 2 Jun)	29
Weeks 29-31: 1-day/week	3
Weeks 32-38: 4 Aug-19 Sep	35
TOTAL	80
Primary	Days
Week 7: 10-14 Feb	5
Weeks 8-15: 1-day/week	8
Weeks 18-23: 28 Apr-6 Jun (excl. King's birthday 2 Jun)	29
Weeks 29-31: 1-day/week	3
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Secondary	Days
Week 7-8: 10-21 Feb	10
Weeks 18-24: 28 Apr-13 Jun (excl. King's birthday 2 Jun)	34
Week 30: 1-day/week (Principal's Day 25 Jul)	1
Weeks 32-38: 4 Aug-19 Sep	35
TOTAL	80

1 day/week: Wednesdays in (★ Centres) or (★ Schools)

★ Principals' Day: Friday 25 July

◆ NOHO MARAE: Araiteuru Marae, Dunedin

Mon 20-Tue 21 January (overnight) for MTchgLn (Group 1); and

Mon 21-Tue 22 January (overnight) for MTchgLn (Group 2)

Group 1 = Surnames A-M

Group 2 = Surnames N-Z