

Semester Dates 2020-21: Undergraduate and Postgraduate



UG: Undergraduate Courses

PGT: Postgraduate Taught Courses

PGR: Postgraduate Research

The revised semester and exam timetables outlined in this document have been made necessary by the effects of COVID-19 and the social distancing restrictions that are in place. In autumn 2020, it is likely that a significant portion of the curriculum will be delivered online. The semester will also start later for most courses.

The dates outlined below for Year 1 are provisional, and dependent on the timely issuing of Leaving Certificate results by the State Examinations Commission. ***It should be noted that all arrangements will be guided by public health advice.***

1. College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies (except School of Education);
College of Business, Public Policy and Law (except Shannon College);
College of Science and Engineering.

Semester 1		Semester 2
<i>Year 1 UG only:</i> O: 21-25 Sep 2020 T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 E: None	<i>Other UG Years & PGT:</i> T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 E: 11-22 Jan 2021	<i>All Years, UG & PGT:</i> T: 8 Feb-2 Apr 2021 F: 6 Apr-9 Apr 2021 T: 12 Apr-7 May 2021 E: 18 May-4 Jun 2021

2. School of Education

2.1. Undergraduate

Semester 1		Semester 2
<i>Year 1 UG only:</i> O: 21-25 Sep 2020 T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 E: None	<i>Years 2&3 UG:</i> T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 E: 11-22 Jan 2021 <i>Year 4 Undergraduate</i> SP: 31 Aug-27 Nov 2020	<i>All Years UG:</i> T: 8 Feb-2 Apr 2021 T: 12 Apr-7 May 2021 E: 18 May-4 Jun 2021

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**2.2. Postgraduate Master’s in Education (PME)
Máistreacht Gairmiúil san Oideachas (MGO)**

Semester 1			Semester 2
PME/MGO <i>Year 1 only:</i> I: 21-25 Sep 2020 T: 28 Sep-30 Oct 2020 SP: 2 Nov-4 Dec 2020 T: 7 Dec-18 Dec 2020	PME <i>Year 2:</i> SP: 31 Aug-2 Oct 2020 T: 5 Oct-11 Dec 2020	MGO <i>Year 2:</i> SP: 31 Aug-25 Sep 2020 T: 28 Sep-11 Dec 2020	PME/MGO <i>Year 1:</i> T: 4-29 Jan 2021 SP: 1-26 Feb 2021 T: 1-16 Apr 2021 SP: 19 Apr-21 May 2021 <i>Year 2:</i> SP: 18 Jan-30 Apr 2021

3. Shannon College

Semester 1		Semester 2
<i>Year 1 UG only:</i> O: 21-25 Sep 2020 T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 T: 18-22 Jan 2021 E: None	<i>Other UG Years & PGT:</i> O: 21-25 Sep 2020 T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 E: 18-22 Jan 2021	<i>All Years UG & PGT:</i> T: 1 Feb-5 Mar 2021 G: 8-12 Mar 2021 T: 15 Mar-7 May 2021 E: 17 May-28 May 2021

4. CMNHS: Schools of Nursing & Midwifery and Health Sciences

Semester 1		Semester 2
<i>Year 1 UG only:</i> O: 21-25 Sep 2020 T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 E: None	<i>Other UG Years & PGT:</i> CP: 1-27 Sep 2020 T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 E: 11-22 Jan 2021	<i>All Years UG & PGT:</i> T: 8 Feb-2 Apr 2021 T: 12 Apr-7 May 2021 E: 18 May-4 Jun 2021

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5. CMNHS: School of Medicine

5.1. Medicine Years 0, 1, 2 (Pre-clinical Years) and PGT

Semester 1		Semester 2
<p><i>Year 0 and 1 UG only:</i> O: 21-25 Sep 2020 (applies to new entrants only) T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 T: 4-29 Jan 2021 E: None</p>	<p><i>Year 2 UG and PGT:</i> T: 28 Sep-18 Dec 2020 E: 7-18 Dec 2020</p>	<p><i>Years 0, 1 and 2 UG & PGT:</i> T: 8 Feb-2 Apr 2021 T: 12 Apr-7 May 2021 E: 18 May-4 Jun 2021</p>

5.2. Medicine Years 3, 4 and 5 (Clinical Year Medical Students)

- Exam dates for all 3 years in Semester 1 and for Year 5 in Semester 2 will not coincide with proposed University dates but will require Examinations Office and other central services support.
- The start date for Year 5 is dependent on the completion date for the remaining Year 4 clinical exams (which, subject to the public health perspective, are scheduled for 26-27 August 2020.)

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 3	<p>T: 31 Aug-18 Dec 2020 (16 weeks) E: 7-18 Dec 2020 (outside proposed University Exam schedule)</p>	<p>T: 4 Jan-7 May 2021 (18 weeks) (Clinical Placement Module may need to be extended beyond those dates) E: 18 May-4 Jun 2021</p>
Year 4	<p>T: 31 Aug-18 Dec 2020 (16 weeks) E: 7-18 Dec 2020 (outside proposed University Exam schedule)</p>	<p>T: 4 Jan-23 Apr 2021 (16 weeks) (All Modules may need to be extended beyond those dates, dependent on CP requirements.) E: 18 May-4 Jun 2021 (but dependent on CP above)</p>
Year 5	<p>T: 31 Aug-18 Dec 2020 (16 weeks) E: 7-18 Dec 2020 (outside proposed University Exam schedule)</p>	<p>T: 4 Jan-9 Apr 2021 (14 weeks) E: tbc</p>

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6. Postgraduate Research

Research students should liaise closely with their supervisor and graduate research committee to assess how to commence, continue or alter their research programme so that research progress is possible. Any significant interruption to research should be brought to the attention of your supervisor and GRC so they can advise on consequences this may have with respect to your status as a student, and how we can support you beyond the period of interruption.

7. Repeat Exams August 2020

Given ongoing social distancing requirements, we can now confirm that the repeat Autumn examinations, which will take place from **10-21 August 2020**, will take the form of remote or alternative assessments, and that no face-to-face repeat examinations will be held at that time. ***Should social distancing restrictions allow, the University hopes to make a limited number of on-campus facilities available to students who are not able to participate in exams remotely.***

Deputy President and Registrar,
10 June 2020.

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