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| Paper Title | Semester Dates - Academic Years 2032-2033 |
| Outcome requested | To approve the recommended dates. |
| Points for Senate members to note and further information | Senate is asked to note the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic year dates to 2031/32 are already approved.• The student record system requires a minimum 5 years of academic dates at any one time to create accurate student records and to create CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies) dates required for international students to apply for a visa to study in the UK.• From the start of the next admissions cycle (late September / early October 2025), programmes of 5 years+ will need to be set-up requiring the approval of dates to 2032/33.• Future dates are published as 'provisional' allowing for further changes to the academic year should the need arise. |
| Questions for Senate to consider | Is Senate content to approve the proposed semester dates for 2032/2033? |
| Regulatory/statutory reference points | Queen Mary Academic Regulations. |
| Strategy and risk | 2.01 – student experience |
| Reporting/consideration route for the paper | Senate |
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Executive Summary

Semester start and end dates are crucial for effective curriculum planning, communicating attendance expectations to students, and coordinating with the Student Loans Company (SLC) regarding tuition fee liability and maintenance loan payments. These dates also play a key role in the creation of applicant and student records, which are used for submitting statutory returns, such as those for HESA Data Futures.

Currently, semester dates are approved through the academic year 2031-2032. To ensure continued management of future applicant and student records, additional approved dates are required.

Academic Year Amendments

To facilitate the setup of five-year or longer programmes for the upcoming admissions cycle, approval of semester dates extending through 2032-2033 is necessary. The proposed dates will follow the existing pattern of 12-week semesters, with a welcome week for both September and January starters. The examination periods will remain as follows: two weeks and two days in January, four weeks and two days in May/June, and two weeks in August. Each semester will commence on a Monday.

Appendix A outlines the proposed academic dates for the 2032-2033 academic year.

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Appendix A – Semester Dates

2032-2033 – Proposed dates

Semester 1

- Welcome Week – 20– 24 September 2032
- Teaching - 27 September 2032 – 17 December 2032
- Study period: 20 December 2032 – 21 December 2032
- Bank holidays: 27 - 28 December 2032, 3 January 2033

Semester 1 - Examination Period

- Study period: 4-5 January 2033
- Examinations: 6 January – 21 January 2033

Semester 2

- Welcome Week – 17 – 21 January 2033
- Teaching - 24 January – 14 April 2033
- Bank holidays: 15 April and 18 April 2033

Semester 3 - Examination period for Semester 2 & Year Long Modules

- Study period: 3 May – 4 May 2033
- Examinations: 5 May – 3 June 2033
- Bank holidays: 2 and 30 May 2033

Late Summer Resit Period

- 1 August – 12 August 2033

Vacation Period

- 22 December 2032 – 3 January 2033
- 19 April 2033 – 29 April 2033
- 6 June 2033 – 16 September 2033