

MWIMBA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

FIRST SEMESTER OF THE 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The First Semester of the 2025/2026 Academic Year is scheduled to commence in November 2025 and conclude in mid-May 2026, covering a total span of twenty-eight calendar weeks. The semester accommodates teaching, assessment, academic reviews, and administrative processes required for effective delivery and evaluation of all academic programmes.

The Bridging Programme will open on Monday, 3 November 2025, to allow early orientation and preparation for students under this category. The Normal Intake will officially open a week later, on Monday, 10 November 2025, marking the start of full academic activities for all continuing and newly admitted students.

Orientation and registration of students will be conducted from 10 to 13 November 2025, followed by a four-week period of late registration, running concurrently with the early phase of the semester. During this period, registration for industrial attachment and allocation of supervisors will also be conducted between 10 November and 12 December 2025.

The teaching period before the midsemester break will run for six weeks, from 10 November to 19 December 2025. Within this period, several key institutional activities are planned, including curriculum review, the College Field Day scheduled for Friday, 28 November 2025, and the College Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 12 December 2025.

The College will close for the Christmas Break from Saturday, 20 December 2025, to Sunday, 4 January 2026. Upon resumption, midsemester examinations will be administered from Monday, 5 to Friday, 9 January 2026, marking the mid-point of the semester.

Following the midsemester assessments, the teaching period after midsemester will resume on Monday, 12 January 2026, and continue for another six weeks up to Friday, 20 February 2026, completing a total of twelve teaching weeks for the semester. During this period, peer review and submission of examination papers to the Academics Office will take place, alongside external review of examination papers and industrial attachment supervision.

Registration for end-of-semester examinations will be conducted from 9 to 13 February 2026, followed by internal moderation of examination papers from 16 to 18 February 2026 and a briefing of invigilators on 19 February 2026.

The end-of-semester examinations are scheduled from Monday, 23 February to Friday, 6 March 2026. Immediately after examinations, on-farm attachments will take place from 9 to 13 March 2026, followed by research project presentations running from 11 to 27 March 2026. Deferred examinations will be held from 30 March to 2 April 2026 for students who missed initial assessments for valid reasons.

The submission of results will be undertaken between 3 April and 11 May 2026, concurrently with the handling of examination disciplinary cases (30 March–3 April 2026), external moderation (6–10 April 2026), and internal assessment of results by the Academic Committee (14–17 April 2026). Invitations to Senate members will also be issued during this period, leading to the Senate meeting for approval of results scheduled for Friday, 24 April 2026.

Following Senate approval, preliminary results will be published on Monday, 27 April 2026, after which appeals and queries will be received and addressed from 27 to 30 April 2026. The final examination results will be released on Friday, 1 May 2026, after the appeals process.

Supplementary examinations are planned for 4 to 8 May 2026, with internal assessment of supplementary results on 13 May 2026 and upload and release of results on 15 May 2026.

The next semester is scheduled to commence on Monday, 18 May 2026.

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S/N	Semester	Activity	Start Date	End Date	Duration (Weeks)
—	—	Opening date for Bridging Programme	Mon, 3 Nov 2025		
1	Nov–Apr	Opening date for Normal Intake	Mon, 10 Nov 2025		
2	Nov–Apr	Orientation & Registration of Students	Mon, 10 Nov 2025	Thu, 13 Nov 2025	1
3	Nov–Apr	Late Registration	Mon, 10 Nov 2025	Fri, 12 Dec 2025	4
4	Nov–Apr	Registration for Industrial Attachment & Allocation of Supervisors	Mon, 10 Nov 2025	Fri, 12 Dec 2025	2
5	Nov–Apr	Teaching Period — Before Midsemester	Mon, 10 Nov 2025	Fri, 19 Dec 2025	6
—	Nov–Apr	Curriculum review	Mon, 10 Nov 2025	1-Jun-26	
—	Nov–Apr	Field day	Fri, 28 Nov 2025		
—	Nov–Apr	Graduation	Fri, 12 Dec 2025		
6	Nov–Apr	Christmas Break	Sat, 20 Dec 2025	Sun, 4 Jan 2026	2
7	Nov–Apr	Midsemester Examinations (first week after break)	Mon, 5 Jan 2026	Fri, 9 Jan 2026	1
8	Nov–Apr	Teaching Period — After Midsemester	Mon, 12 Jan 2026	Fri, 20 Feb 2026	6

9	Nov–Apr	Peer Review of Examination Papers	Mon, 12 Jan 2026	Fri, 16 Jan 2026	1
10	Nov–Apr	Submission of Examination Papers to Academics Office	Mon, 12 Jan 2026	Fri, 16 Jan 2026	1
11	Nov–Apr	External Review of Examination Papers	Mon, 12 Jan 2026	Fri, 6 Feb 2026	4
12	Nov–Apr	Industrial Attachment Supervision	Mon, 12 Jan 2026	Fri, 23 Jan 2026	2
13	Nov–Apr	Registration for Examinations	Mon, 9 Feb 2026	Fri, 13 Feb 2026	1
14	Nov–Apr	Internal Moderation of Examination Papers	Mon, 16 Feb 2026	Wed, 18 Feb 2026	1
15	Nov–Apr	Briefing of Invigilators	Thu, 19 Feb 2026		
16	Nov–Apr	End of Semester Examinations	Mon, 23 Feb 2026	Fri, 6 Mar 2026	2
17	Nov–Apr	On-Farm Attachments	Mon, 9 Mar 2026	Fri, 13 Mar 2026	1
18	Nov–Apr	Research Project Presentations	Wed, 11 Mar 2026	Fri, 27 Mar 2026	3
19	Nov–Apr	Deferred Examinations	Mon, 30 Mar 2026	Thu, 2 Apr 2026	1
20	Nov–Apr	Submission of Results	Fri, 3 Apr 2026	Mon, 11 May 2026	5
21	Nov–Apr	Handling of Examination	Mon, 30 Mar 2026	Fri, 3 Apr 2026	1

		Disciplinary Cases			
22	Nov–Apr	External Moderation of Marked Examination Papers	Mon, 6 Apr 2026	Fri, 10 Apr 2026	1
23	Nov–Apr	Internal Assessment of Results by Academic Committee	Tue, 14 Apr 2026	Fri, 17 Apr 2026	1
24	Nov–Apr	Invitation to Senators	Tue, 14 Apr 2026		
25	Nov–Apr	Approval of Results – Senate Meeting	Fri, 24 Apr 2026		
26	Nov–Apr	Publication of Preliminary Results	Mon, 27 Apr 2026		
27	Nov–Apr	Appeals and Queries	Mon, 27 Apr 2026	Thu, 30 Apr 2026	1
28	Nov–Apr	Release of Final Examination Results after Appeals	Fri, 1 May 2026		
29	Nov–Apr	Supplementary Examinations	Mon, 4 May 2026	Fri, 8 May 2026	1
30	Nov–Apr	Internal Assessment of Supplementary Results	Wed, 13 May 2026		
31	Nov–Apr	Upload & Release of Supplementary Results	Fri, 15 May 2026		

32	Nov–Apr	Next Semester Opens	Mon, 18 May 2026		
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