

Health, Medicine and Life Sciences 2026-2027 Semester B Intake Study Pattern

- MA International Relations – Advance Research Year 1

Starting: January 2027

Important Information for Student Visa Holders:

Please note that all periods except official University vacations are considered term time. This includes the time after your final exam or dissertation submission, up until the end date on your CAS. During this entire period, you must continue to follow the term-time work restrictions set by your visa and, in the case of students employed by the University, by the University of Hertfordshire policy: Employment of Students on Student visas UPR HR15A (as previously sent to you).

Semester B 2026 - 2027			Semester C 2026 - 2027			Semester A 2027 - 2028		
Month	Week Starting	Activity	Month	Week Starting	Activity	Month	Week Starting	Activity
Jan 2027	18/01/27	Term Time	May 2027	17/05/27	Vacation	Sep 2027	27/09/27	Term Time
	25/01/27	Term Time		24/05/27	Vacation			
Feb 2027	01/02/27	Term Time		31/05/27	Vacation	Oct 2027	04/10/27	Term Time
	08/02/27	Term Time	Jun 2027	07/06/27	Vacation		11/10/27	Term Time
	15/02/27	Term Time		14/06/27	Vacation		18/10/27	Term Time
	22/02/27	Term Time		21/06/27	Term Time		25/10/27	Term Time
Mar 2027	01/03/27	Term Time		28/06/27	Term Time	Nov 2027	01/11/27	Term Time
	08/03/27	Term Time	Jul 2027	05/07/27	Term Time		08/11/27	Term Time
	15/03/27	Term Time		12/07/27	Vacation		15/11/27	Term Time
	22/03/27	Vacation		19/07/27	Vacation		22/11/27	Term Time
	29/03/27	Vacation		26/07/27	Vacation		29/11/27	Term Time
Apr 2027	05/04/27	Term Time	Aug 2027	02/08/27	Vacation	Dec 2027	06/12/27	Term Time
	12/04/27	Term Time		09/08/27	Vacation		13/12/27	Term Time
	19/04/27	Term Time		16/08/27	Vacation		20/12/27	Vacation
	26/04/27	Term Time		23/08/27	Vacation		27/12/27	Vacation
May 2027	03/05/27	Term Time		30/08/27	Vacation	Jan 2028	03/01/28	Term Time
	10/05/27	Term Time	Sep 2027	06/09/27	Vacation		10/01/28	Term Time
				13/09/27	Vacation			
				20/09/27	Vacation			

Although Semester C is designated as a vacation period, students are expected to secure and obtain approval for their placement during this time.

For students on a Student Visa, please note the following: if approval is given to begin a placement during Semester C, the remainder of that semester will be treated as term time.

From the point the placement begins, Student visa working conditions will apply. This means that any additional work undertaken outside of the approved placement must comply with term-time work restrictions.

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