

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

- **MSc in Social Work**

Starting: September 2026

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 both 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 A 2026 - 2027			Semester B 2025- 2026			Semester C 2025 - 2026		
Month	Week Starting	Activity	Month	Week Starting	Activity	Month	Week Starting	Activity
Sep 2026			Jan 2027	25/01/27	Term Time	May 2027	10/05/27	Term Time
	28/9/26	Induction					17/05/27	Term Time
Oct 2026	5/10/26	Term Time	Feb 2027	01/02/27	Term Time		24/05/27	Term Time
	12/10/26	Term Time		08/02/27	Term Time		31/05/27	Term Time
	19/10/26	Term Time		15/02/27	Term Time	Jun 2027		Term Time
	26/10/26	Term Time		22/02/27	Term Time		07/06/27	Term Time
Nov 2026	02/11/26	Term Time	Mar 2027	01/03/27	Term Time		14/06/27	Term Time
	09/11/26	Term Time		08/03/27	Term Time		21/06/27	Term Time
	16/1/26	Term Time		15/03/27	Term Time		28/06/27	Term Time
	23/11/26	Term Time		22/03/27	Vacation Time	Jul 2027	05/07/27	Vacation
Dec 2026	30/11/26	Term Time		29/03/27	Vacation Time		12/07/27	Vacation
	07/12/26	Term Time	Apr 2027	05/04/27	Term		19/07/27	Vacation
	14/12/26	Term Time		12/04/27	Term Time		26/07/27	Vacation
	21/12/26	Vacation		19/04/27	Term Time	Aug 2027	09/08/27	Vacation
	28/12/26	Vacation		26/04/27	Term Time		16/08/27	Vacation
Jan 2027	04/01/27	Vacation Time	May 2027	03/05/27	Term Time		23/08/27	Vacation
	11/01/27	Term Time				Sep 2027	30/08/27	Vacation
	18/01/27	Term Time					06/09/27	Vacation
							13/09/27	Vacation
							20/09/27	Vacation

Although **Semester C** is designated as a vacation period, students are expected to attend placement during this time. As a result, the remainder of Semester C will be treated as **term time** for Student Visa purposes.

Please note that all periods other than official University vacation periods are considered **term time**. This includes the period following **the** final examination or dissertation submission through to the end date stated on **the** Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). During this entire period, students must continue to comply with the **term-time work restrictions** attached to their Student Visa.

From the date **an approved placement** begins, Student Visa working conditions will apply. The placement forms part of the student's programme of study; however, any additional paid employment undertaken outside the approved placement must also comply with the visa's **term-time working restrictions**.

It is **the student's** responsibility to ensure that they do not exceed the maximum number of working hours permitted under the conditions of their Student Visa.

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