

# TUM overlapping semester dates with UQ

You may or may not be aware that the TUM semester dates overlap quite significantly with the UQ semesters dates in 2020 and 2021.

**UQ Sem 1, 2020:** 24 February – 20 June 2020

**TUM Summer Semester 2020: 01 April – 30 September 2020**

- Lecture Period: 20.04.2020 – 24.07.2020
- Lecture-free Period: 01.04.2020 – 19.04.2020
- Exams: 25.07.2020 - 30.09.2020

**UQ Sem 2, 2020:** 27 July – 21 November 2020

**TUM Winter Semester 2020/2021: 01 October 2020 – 31 March 2021**

- Lecture Period: mid-Oct 2020 to mid-Feb 2021
- Lecture-free Period: early-mid Oct 2020
- Exams: mid-Feb to 31 March 2021

**Official TUM position:**

*“If the examination time does not fit into an exchange student’s study plan at home, please note that earlier or extra examinations for exchange students cannot be arranged at TUM.”*

**Advice from past exchange students to TUM:**

*“Discuss your assessments/examination dates with your lecturers/professors directly as soon as you start classes, and negotiate alternative exam dates if necessary, because of your expected return date to UQ to commence the following semester back in Australia.”*

It has become apparent, however, that some Faculties and some professors within TUM are strongly opposed to alternative examination dates/alternative assessment and will refuse to negotiate. This means that students either:

- need to stay in Germany to complete their assessment tasks, but miss the start of their next semester at UQ (or miss the next semester at UQ altogether)
- sit their TUM exams when back in Brisbane while already into their next semester at UQ

If you choose to pursue an exchange to TUM, you need to be aware of the risk that you may not be allowed to have alternative examinations/assessment dates.