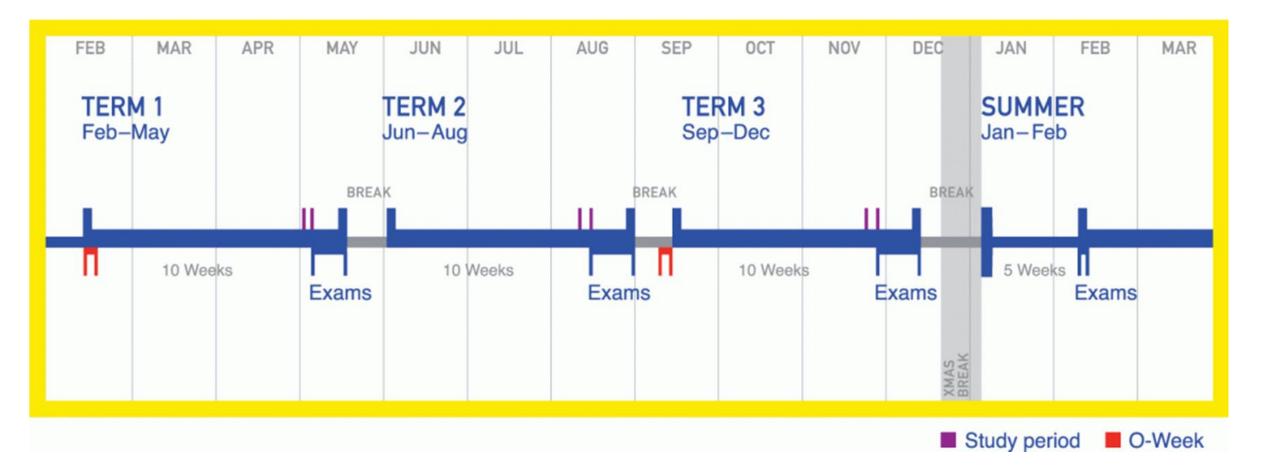


UNSW3+ Academic Calendar:

A Distinctive New Model of Education

Background for Transformational Leadership Seminar

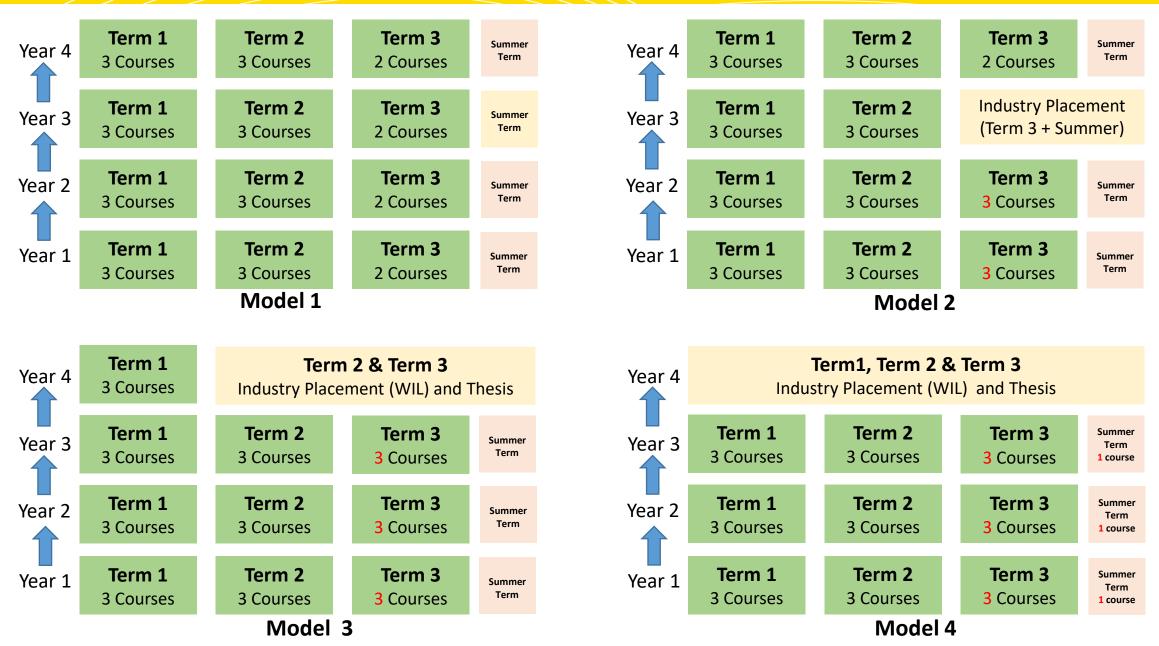
- ✓ The UNSW 3+ academic calendar consists of three 10-week teaching terms (trimesters) and an optional five-week summer term.
- ✓ In Week 6 (Flexibility week) no new material can be taught, and no assignments or tests can be due. Tutorials/Seminars/Labs may run depending on the course.



The 3+ Calendar has a number of advantages, some of which are yet to be fully realised:

- ✓ The timetabling system is now much more flexible and sophisticated and fewer timetable clashes for students
- ✓ The term structure gives students more choice (for reduced load, greater flexibility, program leave, exchange or industrial training), and programs can capitalise on this to create innovative plans (e.g. 6 months in industry)
- ✓ Reduced number of early morning and evening lectures
- ✓ Term 3 aligns better with Northern Hemisphere universities and international commencement
- ✓ More focused study with maximum three courses per term and reduced exam load
- ✓ Three student intakes per year
- ✓ Better use of campus facilities (e.g. close to 50% additional capacity for teaching labs) 30 weeks usage than 24 weeks under semester system
- ✓ Better use of casual staff resources with courses spread across three terms (same casual staff supporting on average 2 to 3 courses/labs compared with two semester system)

Innovative Use of 3-Term Model – Example BEng Program Plans



Note: Other options are also possible