

## **University of Chester Official Vacation Dates 2023/4**

### **Postgraduate Taught Students**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### **Undergraduate Taught Students**

Term begins: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (New students)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Returning students)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024


Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Under the UKVI rules students studying in the United Kingdom on a student visa are restricted to specified working hours per week during the term-time as detailed in the individual student's visa contained either on their Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) or their digital visa. The restrictions are usually 20 hours per week, being the seven-day period from Monday to Sunday, for [Bachelors](#), [Masters](#) and [Research](#) Degrees and 10 hours per week (Monday to Sunday) for the [Foundation programmes](#).

However, during vacation periods, as detailed above, students on a student visa may be employed on a full-time basis. There are still some restrictions on the type of work that can be done at these times. Those on a student visa who are seeking employment can never:

- be employed as a doctor in training;
- be employed as a professional sports person (including a sports coach);
- be employed as an entertainer;
- be self-employed;
- engage in business activity; or
- fill a full-time, permanent vacancy

International students entering the UK with a [Standard Visitor Visa](#) may not take any paid or unpaid employment.

Potential employers are strongly advised to check both the restrictions detailed in an individual student's visa and seek [guidance](#) from the UKVI directly or via the UKVI website at: <https://www.gov.uk/check-job-applicant-right-to-work> regarding a migrant student's legal right to work. Employers are also advised to undertake a [Right to Work check](#) or use the [Employer Checking Service](#) available through UKVI. We have a document, " [Employing International Students from the University of Chester.pdf](#)" which highlights some useful information for those employing student visa holders from the University of Chester.

Both employers and students are reminded that for the purposes of employment or working the UKVI define a 'week' as the seven-day period commencing on a Monday and ending on the following Sunday. Training also counts towards the total hours per week.