

# STUDENT COURT 2015

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## Application by SRC re: interpretation of "university day"

1. S1(7) of the Student Constitution states that "university day" means a weekday (Monday to Friday) during the academic year which is not a public holiday.
2. The question is whether the short recesses between terms can be included in this definition of academic year and university day.
3. There is nothing found in the constitution excluding this period. The day in question (Thursday 10 September 2015) was a weekday and falls well within the second semester. Additionally this was not a public holiday.
4. There is thus no reason to exclude the recess periods in between terms from the definition of "university day".

Note: Further evidence can be found, for example, in the admissions and applications section on the PGIO website which states that the academic year consists of two semesters. The first semester runs from February to June and the second semester runs from July to November. There is no reference to the recesses, as they are short breaks during which many of the Universities functions continue.

Concurred by all members of the Student Court

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