

Graduate Academic Calendar 2020–2021

Fall Semester		2020	
May	31	Sunday	Admission applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2020 (for new students applying for assistantship) Assistantship applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2020 for new students
July	30	Thursday	Admission applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2020 (for students not applying for assistantship)
August	20	Thursday	Residential halls open
	24	Monday	Registration for new students begins
	26	Wednesday	Welcome session for new students
	30	Sunday	First day of classes Late registration and add/drop period begin
September	6	Sunday	Late registration and add/drop period end, 5:00 p.m. Deadline to pay Fall Semester 2020 tuition fees without late payment penalty, 5:00 p.m.
	24	Thursday	Applications for Fall Semester 2020 graduation due
October	29	Thursday	No classes (university closed: Al Mawlid Al Nabawi holiday)
November	5	Thursday	Deadline to withdraw from a course without a grade penalty, 5:00 p.m. Last day to move from thesis to project and vice versa
	8	Sunday	Admission applications deadline for master's degree programs for Spring Semester 2021 (for new students applying for assistantship) Assistantship applications deadline for master's degree programs for Spring Semester 2021 for new students
	17	Tuesday	Advising and early registration for Spring Semester 2021 begins
	1-3	Tuesday-Thursday	No classes (university closed): Commemoration Day and UAE National Day holiday
December	12	Saturday	Last day of classes
	14-22	Monday-Tuesday	Examination period
	26	Saturday	Fall Semester 2020 Commencement*
Spring Semester		2021	
December	24	Thursday	Admissions applications deadline for master's degree programs for Spring Semester 2021 (for students not applying for assistantship)
January	14	Thursday	Residential halls open
	17	Sunday	Registration for new students begins
	20	Wednesday	Welcome session for new students
	24	Sunday	First day of classes Late registration and add/drop period begin
	31	Sunday	Late registration and add and drop period end, 5:00 p.m. Deadline to pay Spring Semester 2020 tuition fees without late payment penalty, 5:00 p.m.
February	18	Thursday	Applications for Spring Semester 2021 graduation due
March	25	Thursday	Application for Summer Term 2021 graduation due
	28-3 (April)	Sunday-Saturday	No classes: Spring Break
April	8	Thursday	Deadline to withdraw from a course without a grade penalty, 5:00 p.m. Last day to move from thesis to project and vice versa
	18	Sunday	Advising and early registration for Summer Term 2021 and Fall Semester 2021 begins
	29	Thursday	Deadline to submit Summer Permission to Take Courses Outside AUS forms Admission applications deadline for PhD degree programs for Fall Semester 2021 Assistantship applications deadline for PhD degree programs for Fall Semester 2021
May	8	Saturday	Last day of classes
	10-16	Monday-Sunday	No classes (university closed): Eid Al Fitr holiday
	17-26	Sunday-Wednesday	Examination period
	20	Thursday	Admissions applications deadline for master's degree programs for Summer Term 2021
June	12	Saturday	Spring Semester 2020 Commencement*
July	29	Thursday	Admission applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2021 (for new students applying for assistantship) Assistantship applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2021 for new students
	2-3	Wednesday-Thursday	Registration for Summer Term 2021
	6	Sunday	First day of classes Late registration and add/drop period begin
	8	Tuesday	Late registration and add/drop period end, 3:00 p.m. Deadline to pay Summer Term 2021 tuition fees without late payment penalty, 3:00 p.m.
July	5	Monday	Deadline to withdraw from a course without a grade penalty, 3:00 p.m. Last day to move from thesis to project and vice versa
	14	Wednesday	Last day of classes
	18-22	Sunday-Thursday	No classes (university closed): Eid Al Adha holiday
	25-26	Sunday-Monday	Examination period
	29	Thursday	Admission applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2021 (for students not applying for assistantship)
Summer Term		2021	
June	2-3	Wednesday-Thursday	Registration for Summer Term 2021
	6	Sunday	First day of classes Late registration and add/drop period begin
	8	Tuesday	Late registration and add/drop period end, 3:00 p.m. Deadline to pay Summer Term 2021 tuition fees without late payment penalty, 3:00 p.m.
July	5	Monday	Deadline to withdraw from a course without a grade penalty, 3:00 p.m. Last day to move from thesis to project and vice versa
	14	Wednesday	Last day of classes
	18-22	Sunday-Thursday	No classes (university closed): Eid Al Adha holiday
	25-26	Sunday-Monday	Examination period
	29	Thursday	Admission applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2021 (for students not applying for assistantship)

*Commencement dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Note: Islamic holidays are determined after sighting the moon and actual dates may not coincide with the dates in this calendar.

Note: Fall 2020 classes missed due to holidays will be compensated (one session for classes scheduled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; two sessions for classes scheduled on Thursdays). Spring 2021 classes will have one extra session for all days. Schedules will be announced by the concerned college/school graduate programs director.