### Graduate Academic Calendar 2020–2021

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<th><strong>Fall Semester</strong></th>
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| **May** 31 Sunday | Admission applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2020 (for new students applying for assistantship)  
First day of classes  
Late registration and add/drop period begin |
| **July** 30 Thursday | Admission applications deadline for master's degree programs for Fall Semester 2020 (for students not applying for assistantship)  
First day of classes  
Late registration and add/drop period begin |
| **August** 20 Thursday | Residential halls open  
Registration for new students begins  
Welcome session for new students |
| 24 Monday | Registration for new students begins |
| 26 Wednesday | Welcome session for new students |
| **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)  
First day of classes  
Late registration and add/drop period begin |
| 17 Tuesday | Advising and early registration for Spring Semester 2021 begins |
| **December** 1–3 Tuesday–Thursday | No classes (university closed): Commemoration Day and UAE National Day holiday |
| 12 Saturday | Last day of classes |
| 14–22 Monday–Tuesday | Examination period |
| 26 Saturday | Fall Semester 2020 Commencement* |

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| **December** 24 Thursday | Admissions applications deadline for master's degree programs for Spring Semester 2021 (for new students not applying for assistantship)  
Advising and early registration for Spring Semester 2021 begins |
| **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 |
| **February** 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. |
| **March** 18 Thursday | Applications for Spring Semester 2021 graduation due |
| 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 |

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<td><strong>June</strong> 2–3 Wednesday–Thursday</td>
<td>Registration for Summer Term 2021</td>
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| 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.