

Graduate Academic Calendar 2025 – 2026

Fall Semester 2025			
May	29	Thursday	Admission applications and assistantship applications deadline for new students applying for master's degree programs or PhD programs and assistantships for Fall Semester 2025
July	24	Thursday	Admission applications deadline for master's and PhD degree programs for Fall Semester 2025 for new students not applying for assistantships
August	16	Saturday	Residential halls open for graduate students
	18	Monday	Registration for new students begins
	20	Wednesday	Welcome session for new students
	25	Monday	First day of classes
			Registration and add/drop period begin
September	1	Monday	Registration and add/drop period end, 5:00 p.m.
			Deadline to pay Fall Semester 2025 tuition fees without late payment penalty, 5:00 p.m.
	4	Thursday	No classes (university closed): Al Mawlid Al Nabawi holiday*
	14	Sunday	Tuesday Make up Class
	18	Thursday	Applications for Fall Semester 2025 graduation due
October	28	Sunday	Monday Make up Class
	12	Sunday	Thursday Make up Class
	26	Sunday	Wednesday Make up Class
November	5	Wednesday	Advising and registration for Spring Semester 2026 begin
	20	Thursday	Deadline to withdraw from a course, 5:00 p.m.
	20	Thursday	Admission applications and assistantship applications deadline for new students applying for master's or PhD degree programs and assistantships for Spring Semester 2026
December	1-2	Monday - Tuesday	No classes (university closed): UAE National Day holiday
	3	Wednesday	No classes
	4	Thursday	Last day of classes
	6-11	Saturday-Thursday	Study and examination period
	21	Sunday	Fall Semester 2025 Commencement**
	25	Thursday	Admissions applications deadline for master's and PhD degree programs for Spring Semester 2026 for new students not applying for assistantship
Spring Semester 2026			
January	3	Saturday	Residential halls open for graduate students
	5	Monday	Registration for new students begins
	7	Wednesday	Welcome session for new students
	12	Monday	First day of classes
			Registration and add/drop period begin
	19	Monday	Registration and add and drop period end, 5:00 p.m.
February	12	Thursday	Applications for Spring Semester 2026 graduation due
March	12	Thursday	Application for Summer Term 2026 graduation due
	9-12	Monday-Thursday	Spring Break
	16-22	Monday-Sunday	No classes: Eid Al Fitr holiday*
April	13	Monday	Advising and registration for Summer Term 2026 and Fall Semester 2026 begin
	23	Thursday	Deadline to withdraw from a course, 5:00 p.m.
	30	Thursday	Deadline to submit Summer Permission to Take Courses Outside AUS forms
May	7	Thursday	Last day of classes
	9-16	Saturday-Saturday	Study and examination period
	25-28	Monday-Thursday	No classes (university closed): Eid Al Adha holiday*
	28	Thursday	Admission applications and assistantship applications deadline for new students applying for master's or PhD degree programs and assistantships for Fall Semester 2026
June	6	Saturday	Spring Semester 2026 Commencement**
Summer Term 2026			
June	3-4	Wednesday-Thursday	Registration for Summer Term 2026
	6	Saturday	Residential halls open
	8	Monday	First day of classes
			Registration and add/drop period begin
	9	Tuesday	Registration and add/drop period end, 5:00 p.m.
	16	Tuesday	No classes (university closed): Al Hijri New Year*
			Deadline to pay Summer Term 2026 tuition fees for new and returning students without late payment penalty, 5:00 p.m.
	20	Saturday	Make up class day
July	9	Thursday	Deadline to withdraw from a course, 5:00 p.m.
	16	Thursday	Last day of classes
	18-19	Saturday-Sunday	Examination period
	20	Monday	Make-up examination day
	23	Thursday	Admission applications deadline for master's and PhD degree programs for Fall Semester 2026 for new students not applying for assistantship

* Islamic holidays are determined after sighting the moon and actual dates may not coincide with the dates in this calendar. Any make-up day needed due to an Islamic holiday occurring on a weekday will follow the same working day that was missed.

** Commencement dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Note 1: Loss of teaching days may result in make-up days.

Note 2: The approved calendar will be followed if there are no unforeseen circumstances that require a review or change.

Note 3: The calendar published on the AUS website is the final calendar.