

Graduate Academic Calendar 2026–2027

| Fall Semester 2026 | | | |
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| May | 28 | Thursday | Admission applications and assistantship applications deadline for new students applying for master's degree programs or PhD programs and assistantships for Fall Semester 2026 |
| July | 23 | Thursday | Admission applications deadline for master's and PhD degree programs for Fall Semester 2026 for new students not applying for assistantships |
| August | 10 | Monday | Registration for continuing students opens |
| | 15 | Saturday | Residential halls open for graduate students |
| | 17–20 | Monday-Thursday | Registration for new students |
| | 19 | Wednesday | Welcome session for new students |
| | 24 | Monday | First day of classes |
| | | | Late registration and add/drop period begin |
| | 25 | Tuesday | No classes: Al Mawlid Al Nabawi holiday* |
| | 31 | Monday | Late registration and add/drop period end, 5:00 p.m. Deadline to pay Fall Semester 2026 tuition fees without late payment penalty, 5:00 p.m. |
| October | 8 | Thursday | Applications for Fall Semester 2026 graduation due |
| November | 2 | Monday | Advising for Spring Semester 2027 begins |
| | 9 | Monday | Online registration for Spring Semester 2027 begins |
| | 16 | Monday | Deadline to withdraw from a course, 5:00 p.m. |
| | 19 | Thursday | Admission applications and assistantship applications deadline for new students applying for master's or PhD degree programs and assistantships for Spring Semester 2027 |
| | 29 | Sunday | Last day of classes |
| | 30–10 December | Monday-Thursday | Study and examination period |
| December | 1 | Tuesday | No classes (Commemoration Day) |
| | 2–3 | Wednesday-Thursday | No classes: UAE National Day holiday |
| | 19 | Saturday | Fall Semester 2026 Commencement** |
| | 24 | Thursday | Admissions applications deadline for master's and PhD degree programs for Spring Semester 2027 for new students not applying for assistantships |
| Spring Semester 2027 | | | |
| January | 2 | Saturday | Residential halls open for graduate students |
| | 4–7 | Monday-Thursday | Registration for new students |
| | 6 | Wednesday | Welcome session for new students |
| | 11 | Monday | First day of classes |
| | | | Late registration and add/drop period begin |
| | 18 | Monday | Late registration and add and drop period end, 5:00 p.m. Deadline to pay Spring Semester 2027 tuition fees without late payment penalty, 5:00 p.m. |
| February | 25 | Thursday | Applications for Graduation for Spring Semester 2027 and Summer Term 2027 due |
| March | 8–11 | Monday-Thursday | No classes: Eid Al Fitr holiday* |
| | 29 | Monday | Advising for Summer Term 2027 and Fall Semester 2027 begins |
| April | 5–11 | Monday-Sunday | Spring Break (no classes) |
| | 12 | Monday | Online registration for Summer Term 2027 begins |
| | 18 | Sunday | Online registration for Summer Term 2027 ends |
| | 19 | Monday | Online registration for Fall Semester 2027 begins |
| | 22 | Thursday | Deadline to withdraw from a course, 5:00 p.m. Deadline to submit Summer Permission to Take Courses Outside AUS forms |
| | | | Online registration for Fall Semester 2027 ends |
| | 25 | Sunday | Online registration for Fall Semester 2027 ends |
| | 26–29 | Monday-Thursday | Registration for Summer Term 2027 and Fall Semester 2027 for all eligible students |
| May | 2 | Sunday | Last day of classes |
| | 3–12 | Monday-Wednesday | Study and examination period |
| | 17–20 | Monday-Thursday | No classes: Eid Al Adha holiday* |
| | 23 | Sunday | Spring Semester 2027 Commencement** |
| | 27 | Thursday | Admission applications and assistantship applications deadline for new students applying for master's or PhD degree programs and assistantships for Fall Semester 2027 |
| Summer Term 2027 | | | |
| May | 26–27 | Wednesday-Thursday | Registration for Summer Term 2027 |
| | 29 | Saturday | Residential halls open |
| | 31 | Monday | First day of classes |
| | | | Late registration and add/drop period begin |
| June | 1 | Tuesday | Late registration and add/drop period end, 5:00 p.m. |
| | 6 | Sunday | No classes: Al Hijri New Year* |
| | 7 | Monday | Deadline to pay Summer Term 2027 tuition fees without late payment penalty, 3:00 p.m. |
| July | 1 | Thursday | Deadline to withdraw from a course, 5:00 p.m. |
| | 8 | Thursday | Last day of classes |
| | 10–13 | Saturday-Tuesday | Examination period |
| | 22 | Thursday | Admission applications deadline for master's and PhD degree programs for Fall Semester 2027 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: Make-up classes will be arranged by instructors as follows:

Fall 2026 Semester:

- One Make-Up Class Required: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday classes.
- Two Make-Up Classes Required: Tuesday classes.

Spring 2027 Semester:

- All Courses: Every graduate course, regardless of the day it meets, must arrange for one make-up session.

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.