

Graduate Academic Calendar 2026–2027

Fall Semester 2026			
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
	29	Thursday	Online registration for Fall Semester 2027 ends
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.