



Academic calendar 2024-2025

	Day	Date	Event
Fall semester (2024)	Monday – Friday	August 12 to 16	Student’s Onboarding and Orientation Program
	Monday	August 19	First day of classes
	Friday	August 23	Last day to add/drop courses
	Friday	August 30	Last day to apply for Course Withdrawal/Leave of Absence without penalty
	Tuesday	October 1 at 8 AM (UAE time)	Fall 2025 MSc PhD admission cycle opens (MSc students 2023 cohort can also apply at this time)
	Thursday	October 24	Spring 2021 cohort–Ph.D. students/final deadline for thesis submission
	Thursday	November 7	Spring 2023 cohort–Ph.D. students/deadline to sit for the Candidacy (Oral) Exam
	Monday	November 11	Publish the Spring 2025 Class Schedule
	Monday – Friday	November 18 to 22	Early Registration for Spring 2025 Semester
	Friday	November 29	Last day of classes
	Wednesday – Friday	December 4 to 6	Final exams preparation period
	Sunday – Wednesday	December 8 to 11	Final exams period
	Monday	December 16	Student 360 – Central Committee meeting
	Wednesday	December 18	Faculty to submit grades
	Tuesday	December 24	Grades announcement
Friday	December 27	Students’ deadline to submit grade appeals	

Winter break	Day	Date	Event
	Thursday – Friday	December 12 2024 to January 3 2025	Winter break for students

The official holidays observed by the University during the Fall 2024 Semester:

Occasion	Date	Holiday duration
Prophet Mohammed’s Birthday	September 15	One day
Commemoration Day	December 1	One day
UAE National Day	December 2 and December 3	Two days



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Spring semester (2025)	Day	Date	Event
	Monday	January 6	First day of classes
	Friday	January 10	Last day to add/drop courses
	Wednesday	January 15 at 5 PM (UAE Time)	Regular deadline for Fall 2025 MSc and PhD applications
	Friday	January 17	Last day to apply for Course Withdrawal/Leave of Absence without penalty
	Tuesday	February 11	Graduate Opportunities and Internships Fair
	Wednesday	April 2	Fall 2021 Cohort-Ph.D. students/final deadline for thesis submission
Wednesday	April 2	Fall 2023 cohort-M.Sc. students/final deadline for thesis submission	

Spring break	Day	Date	Event
	Monday - Friday	March 24 to 28	Spring break for students

Spring semester continues (2025)	Day	Date	Event
	Tuesday	April 8	Fall 2023 Cohort-Ph.D. students/deadline to sit for the Candidacy (Oral) Exam
	Monday	April 14	Publish the Fall 2025 Class Schedule
	Monday - Friday	April 21 to 25	Early Registration for Fall 2025 Semester
	Wednesday	April 30	Last day of classes
	Thursday - Friday	May 1 to 2	Final exams preparation period
	Monday - Thursday	May 5 to 8	Final exams period
	Friday	May 9	Student 360 - Central Committee meeting
	Tuesday	May 13	Faculty to submit grades
	Friday	May 16	Grades announcement
	Wednesday	May 21	Students' deadline to submit grade appeals
	Thursday	May 22	Qualifying Exam for Ph.D. students - 1st attempt
Saturday	May 31 at 5 PM (UAE Time)	Late deadline for Fall 2025 MSc and PhD applications. Late applications submitted after the 'regular deadline' may not be given full consideration.	
Thursday	June 5	Qualifying Exam for Ph.D. students - 2nd attempt	

Summer break	Day	Date	Event
	Friday	May 9	Start of Summer vacation for students

The official holidays observed by the University during the Spring 2025 semester:

Occasion	Date	Holiday duration
New Year's Holiday	January 1	One day
Eid Al Fitr Holiday	March 29 to April 1	Four days