

Office of the Registrar

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019-2020

FALL SEMESTER & WINTER ENRICHMENT



جامعة الملك عبد الله
للعلوم والتقنية
King Abdullah University of
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		2019 AUGUST							2019 NOVEMBER								
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	TEACHING WEEK	
4-10	Student on-boarding and cultural orientation					1	2	3						1	2	10	7
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	
11-15	Eid Al-Adha	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	12	21
18-22	Academic orientation	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	13	
25	Fall semester starts	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	14	28
27	Academic convocation																
31	Last day to add a class																
		2019 SEPTEMBER							2019 DECEMBER								
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat		
5	Last day to drop a class without a W grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	15	5
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Exams	8-10
5	Last day for graduating Ph.D.'s to declare a fall dissertation defense date	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		10
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		13
22-23	University holiday/Saudi National Day	29	30						29	30	31						
		2019 OCTOBER							2020 JANUARY								
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat		
24	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)			1	2	3	4	5				1	2	3	4		12-25
									5	6	7	8	9	10	11		26
27-28	Mid-semester break	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	WEP	
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	WEP	
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	26	27	28	29	30	31	1		
		27	28	29	30	31											

Orientation
 Semester
 WEP
 KAUST Observed holidays
 Mid-semester break
 Examinations



2020

JANUARY

	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
12-25 Winter Enrichment Program				1	2	3	4
26 Spring semester starts	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TEACHING WEEK	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WEP	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
WEP	26	27	28	29	30	31	

MAY

sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

TEACHING WEEK
15
Exams

MAY

7 Last day of classes

10-13 Examinations

13 Spring semester ends

24-28 Eid Al-Fitr

31 Summer Session starts

FEBRUARY

	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
1 Last day to add a class							1
6 Last day to drop a class without a W grade	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
6 Last day for graduating Ph.D.'s to declare a spring dissertation defense date	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

JUNE

sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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June

2 Last day to add and drop a class without a W grade

11 Spring graduation date: The official graduation date for those students who have completed their degree requirements since the December

MARCH

	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
22-23 Mid-semester break							
26 Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

JULY

sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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JULY

2 Last day to add/drop a class with a W grade

23 Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing

23 Summer session ends

APRIL

	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
9 Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s				1	2	3	4
23 Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
30 Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing	26	27	28	29	30		

AUGUST

sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

AUGUST

2-6 Eid Al-Adha

Semester
 Summer session
 WEP
 KAUST Observed holidays
 Mid-semester break
 Examinations

KAUST ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019-2020

	Sun Aug 4, 2019	On-boarding of students and cultural orientation starts
	Sat Aug 10, 2019	On-boarding of students and cultural orientation ends
	Sun Aug 11, 2019	Eid Al-Adha break starts
	Thu Aug 15, 2019	Eid Al-Adha break ends
	Sun Aug 18, 2019	Academic orientation starts
	Thu Aug 22, 2019	Academic orientation ends
FALL	Sun Aug 25, 2019	First day of classes
	Tue Aug 27, 2019	Academic convocation
	Sat Aug 31, 2019	Last day to add a class
	Thu Sep 5, 2019	Last day to drop a class without a W grade
		Last day for graduating Ph.D.'s to declare a fall dissertation defense date
	Sun Sep 22, 2019	University holiday
	Mon Sep 23, 2019	Saudi National Day
	Thu Oct 24, 2019	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)
	Sun Oct 27, 2019	Mid-semester break
	Mon Oct 28, 2019	Mid-semester break
	Thu Nov 7, 2019	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s
	Thu Nov 21, 2019	Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
	Thu Nov 28, 2019	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due to the Office of the Registrar
	Thu Dec 5, 2019	Last day of classes
	Sun Dec 8, 2019	Exams start
	Tue Dec 10, 2019	Exams end / semester ends
	Fri Dec 13, 2019	Commencement
WEP	Sun Jan 12, 2020	Winter Enrichment Program starts
	Sat Jan 25, 2020	Winter Enrichment Program ends
SPRING	Sun Jan 26, 2020	First day of classes
	Sat Feb 1, 2020	Last day to add a class
	Thu Feb 6, 2020	Last day to drop a class without a W grade
		Last day for graduating Ph.D.'s to declare a spring dissertation defense date
	Fri Mar 22, 2019	Mid-semester break
	Sat Mar 23, 2019	Mid-semester break
	Thu Mar 26, 2020	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)
	Thu Apr 9, 2020	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s
	Thu Apr 23, 2020	Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
	Thu Apr 30, 2020	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due to the Office of the Registrar
	Thu May 7, 2020	Last day of classes
	Sun May 10, 2020	Exams start
	Wed May 13, 2020	Exams end / semester ends
	Sun May 24, 2020	Eid Al-Fitr break starts
	Thu May 28, 2020	Eid Al-Fitr break ends
SUMMER	Sun May 31, 2020	First day of classes
	Tue Jun 2, 2020	Last day to add a class and/or drop a class without a W grade
	Thu Jun 11, 2020	Spring graduation date *
	Thu Jul 2, 2020	Last day to drop a class with a W grade
	Thu Jul 23, 2020	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due to the Office of the Registrar
	Thu Jul 23, 2020	Last day of classes / Summer session ends
	Sun Aug 2, 2020	Eid Al-Adha break starts
	Thu Aug 6, 2020	Eid Al-Adha break ends

* Reflects the official graduation date for those students who have completed their degree requirements since the December Commencement Ceremony

This calendar may be subject to change without prior notice. Please consult the on-line version for the current academic calendar at <https://academicaffairs.kaust.edu.sa/registrar/Pages/home.aspx>

Changes from first version

Fall and Spring Enrichment will no longer take place

Changed last day of spring semester to drop a course with no W grade, to 6 Feb

Changed Summer semester dates: * Now one week earlier

First day of Summer semester now 31st May *

Last day to drop with no W grade now 2nd June 2020 *

Last day to drop with W grade now 2nd July 2020 *

Last day of classes to 23 July 2020 *

Summer dissertation and thesis deadlines added