Office of the Registrar

جامعة الملك عبدالله
للعلوم والتقنية
King Abdullah University of
Science and Technology

2020 AUGUST

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

AUGUST
- 2-6 — Eid Al-Adha
- 16-22 — Student on-boarding and cultural orientation
- 23-27 — Academic orientation
- 30 — Fall semester starts

SEPTEMBER

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

SEPTEMBER
- 1 — Academic convocation
- 10 — Last day to add a class
  Last day to drop a class without a W grade
- 10 — Fall graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due
- 23-24 — Saudi National Day/University holiday

OCTOBER

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

OCTOBER
- 18-19 — Mid-semester break
- 29 — Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)

2020 NOVEMBER

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

NOVEMBER
- 12 — Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s
- 26 — Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking

DECEMBER

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

DECEMBER
- 3 — Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
- 10 — Last day of classes
- 13-15 — Examinations
- 15 — Fall semester ends
- 18 — Commencement

2021 JANUARY

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

JANUARY
- 10-21 — Winter Enrichment Program (WEP)
- 24 — Spring semester starts

Legend: Orientation · Semester · WEP · Deadlines · Exams · Mid-semester break · KAUST Observed holidays

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021
SPRING SEMESTER & SUMMER SESSION

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2021

JAUARY
10-21	Winter Enrichment Program
24	Spring semester starts

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

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

MAY
6	Last day of classes
9-11	Examinations *
11	Spring semester ends
16-20	Eid Al-Fitr
23	Summer Session starts
27	Last day to add and drop a class without a W grade

FEBRUARY
4	Last day to add a class. Last day to drop a class without a W grade
4	Spring graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due

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

JUNE
	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
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4	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
5	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
6	27	28	29	30			

June
10	Spring graduation date: The official graduation date for those students who have completed their degree requirements since the December commencement ceremony
24	Last day to drop a class with a W grade

MARCH
14-15	Mid-semester break
25	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)

MARCH
	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
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8	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10	28	29	30	31			

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

JULY
15	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
15	Summer session ends
18-22	Eid Al-Adha

APRIL
8	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s
22	Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
29	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing

APRIL
	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
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12	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
13	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
14	25	26	27	28	29	30	

AUGUST
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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

AUGUST
15-21	Student on-boarding and cultural orientation
22-26	Academic orientation
29	Fall semester starts

Legend: Summer session | Exams | WEP | Deadlines | Semester | Mid-semester break | KAUST Observed holidays

* The spring exam week is shorter that usual as Eid could start as early as 12th May

Should Eid Al-Fitr start on Thursday 13th May, then the holiday period will be Thursday 13th May - Thursday 20th May

Should Eid Al-Fitr start on Wednesday 12th May, then the holiday period will be Wednesday, 12th May - Thursday, 20th May

KAUST ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

	Thu, Jul 30, 2020	Eid Al-Adha break starts
	Thu, Aug 06, 2020	Eid Al-Adha break ends
	Sun, Aug 16, 2020	On-boarding of students and cultural orientation starts
	Sat, Aug 22, 2020	On-boarding of students and cultural orientation ends
	Sun, Aug 23, 2020	Academic orientation starts
	Thu, Aug 27, 2020	Academic orientation ends
FALL	Sun, Aug 30, 2020	Fall semester starts
	Tue, Sep 01, 2020	Academic convocation
	Thu, Sep 10, 2020	Last day to add a class
		Last day to drop a class without a W grade
		Fall graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due
	Wed, Sep 23, 2020	Saudi National Day
	Thu, Sep 24, 2020	University holiday
	Sun, Oct 18, 2020	Mid-semester break
	Mon, Oct 19, 2020	Mid-semester break
	Thu, Oct 29, 2020	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)
	Thu, Nov 12, 2020	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s
	Thu, Nov 26, 2020	Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
	Thu, Dec 03, 2020	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
	Thu, Dec 10, 2020	Last day of classes
	Sun, Dec 13, 2020	Exams start
	Tue, Dec 15, 2020	Exams end / semester ends
	Fri, Dec 18, 2020	Commencement
WEP	Sun, Jan 10, 2021	Winter Enrichment Program starts
	Thu, Jan 21, 2021	Winter Enrichment Program ends
SPRING	Sun, Jan 24, 2021	Spring semester starts
	Thu, Feb 04, 2021	Last day to add a class
		Last day to drop a class without a W grade
		Spring graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due
	Sun, Mar 14, 2021	Mid-semester break
	Mon, Mar 15, 2021	Mid-semester break
	Thu, Mar 25, 2021	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)
	Thu, Apr 08, 2021	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s
	Thu, Apr 22, 2021	Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
	Thu, Apr 29, 2021	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
	Thu, May 06, 2021	Last day of classes
	Sun, May 09, 2021	Exams start
	Tue, May 11, 2021	Exams end / Semester ends *
	Sun, May 16, 2021	Eid Al-Fitr break starts
	Thu, May 20, 2021	Eid Al-Fitr break ends
SUMMER	Sun, May 23, 2021	Summer starts
	Thu, May 27, 2021	Last day to add a class and/or drop a class without a W grade
	Thu, Jun 10, 2021	Spring graduation date **
	Thu, Jun 24, 2021	Last day to drop a class with a W grade
	Thu, Jul 15, 2021	Summer session ends
		Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
	Sun, Jul 18, 2021	Eid Al-Adha break starts
	Thu, Jul 22, 2021	Eid Al-Adha break ends

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** 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