

Office of the Registrar

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

FALL SEMESTER & WINTER ENRICHMENT



جامعة الملك عبد الله
للعلوم والتقنية
King Abdullah University of
Science and Technology

		2020 AUGUST						
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
2-6	Eid Al-Adha	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16-22	Student on-boarding and cultural orientation	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
23-27	Academic orientation	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
30	Fall semester starts	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		1	30	31				

		2020 NOVEMBER						
		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					

TEACHING WEEK

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- 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

		SEPTEMBER						
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
1	Academic convocation	1		1	2	3	4	5
10	Last day to add a class	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Last day to drop a class without a W grade	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10	Fall graduating Ph.D./M.Sc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
23-24	Saudi National Day/University holiday	27	28	29	30			

		DECEMBER						
		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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Exams

- 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

		OCTOBER						
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
18-19	Mid-semester break	5				1	2	3
29	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)	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

		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
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		31						

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

Orientation	Semester	WEP	Deadlines	Exams	Mid-semester break	KAUST Observed holidays
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SPRING SEMESTER & SUMMER SESSION



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2021

		JANUARY							MAY										
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	TEACHING WEEK	MAY		
10-21	Winter Enrichment Program						1	2							1		6	Last day of classes	
24	Spring semester starts		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	15	9-11	Examinations *
										9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Exams	11	Spring semester ends
										16	17	18	19	20	21	22	1	13-20	Eid Al-Fitr
										23	24	25	26	27	28	29	2	23	Summer Session starts
										30	31							27	Last day to add and drop a class without a W grade
		FEBRUARY							JUNE										
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat		June		
											1	2	3	4	5	2			
4	Last day to add a class. Last day to drop a class without a W grade		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	10	Spring graduation date: The official graduation date for those students who have completed their degree requirements since the December commencement ceremony
4	Spring graduating Ph.D./M.Sc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	4		
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	5		
			28							27	28	29	30				6	24	Last day to drop a class with a W grade
		MARCH							JULY										
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat		JULY		
14-15	Mid-semester break													1	2	3	6	15	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
25	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7		
			14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	15	Summer session ends
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		18-22	Eid Al-Adha
			28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
		APRIL							AUGUST										
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat		AUGUST		
8	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s						1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
22	Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		15-21	Student on-boarding and cultural orientation
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
			18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		22-26	Academic orientation
			25	26	27	28	29	30		29	30	31						29	Fall semester starts
29	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing																		

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

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)
		Last day to submit an application to graduate in fall
	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)
		Last day to submit an application to graduate in spring
	Thu, Apr 08, 2021	
	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 *
	Wed, May 12, 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
		Last day to submit an application to graduate in fall
	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

* The spring exam week is shorter than 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

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

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