

KAUST ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021-2022

	Sun Jul 18, 2021 Thu Jul 22	Eid Al-Adha break starts Eid Al-Adha break ends
	Sun Aug 15 Sat Aug 21 Sun Aug 22 Thu Aug 26	On-boarding of students and cultural orientation starts On-boarding of students and cultural orientation ends Academic orientation starts Academic orientation ends
FALL	Sun Aug 29, 2021 Tue Aug 31 Thu Sep 9	First day of classes Academic convocation Last day to add a class and drop a class without a W grade Last day to submit application to graduate for fall graduation Fall graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due
	Thu Sep 23 Sun Oct 17 Mon Oct 18 Thu Oct 28 Thu Nov 11 Thu Nov 25	Saudi National Day Mid-semester break starts Mid-semester break ends Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date) Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
	Thu Dec 2 Thu Dec 9 Sun Dec 12 Tue Dec 14 Fri Dec 17	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis final approval forms due to the Office of the Registrar Last day of classes Exams start Exams end / semester ends Commencement
WEP	Sun Jan 9, 2022 Thu Jan 20	Winter Enrichment Program starts Winter Enrichment Program ends
SPRING	Sun Jan 23, 2022 Thu Feb 3	First day of classes Last day to add a class and drop a class without a W grade Last day to submit application to graduate for spring graduation Fall graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due
	Tue Feb 22 Sun Mar 6 Mon Mar 7 Mon Mar 21 Thu Mar 24 Mon Apr 4 Thu Apr 7 Thu Apr 21 Thu Apr 28 Sun May 1 Thu May 5 Thu May 12 Sun May 15 Wed May 18	Founding Day Mid-semester break starts Mid-semester break ends University Curriculum Committee 1st meeting Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date) University Curriculum Committee 2nd meeting Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis final approval forms due to the Office of the Registrar Eid Al-Fitr break starts Eid Al-Fitr break ends Last day of classes Exams start Exams end / semester ends
SUMMER	Sun May 29, 2022 Tue May 31 Thu Jun 2 Thu Jun 23 Thu Jun 30 Thu Jul 7	First day of classes Last day to submit application to graduate for summer Last day to add or drop a class without a W grade Spring graduation date * Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date) Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
	Sun Jul 10 Thu Jul 14 Thu Jul 21 Thu Jul 28	Eid Al-Adha break starts Eid Al-Adha break ends Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis final approval forms due to the Office of the Registrar Last day of classes / semester ends

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

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