

KAUST ACADEMIC CALENDAR*

2026-2027																																					
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M
August 2026							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
Fall Semester registration deadline for returning students																																					
Academic Orientation																																					
Fall Semester classes begin																																					
Fall Semester drop/add period																																					
September 2026			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					
Fall Semester drop/add period							2							3							4						5										
Academic Convocation																																					
Saudi National Day (University Closed)																																					
October 2026					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		
Mid-Semester Break							6							7						8							9									10	
November 2026	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							
Last day to drop a course with a W grade							11							12						13							14										
December 2026			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				
Fall Semester classes end							15																														
Examination period													Ex am																								
Fall Commencement Ceremony																																					
January 2027						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	
Winter Enrichment Program (WEP)																																					
Spring Semester registration deadline for returning students																																					
Academic Orientation																																					
Spring Semester classes begin																																					
Spring Semester drop/add period																																					
February 2027		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								
Saudi Founding Day (University closed)							4							5						6							7										
March 2027		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					
Mid-Semester Break														8						9							10										
Eid Al-Fitr break (University Closed)																																					
April 2027					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			
Last day to drop a course with a W grade							11							12						13							14										
May 2027						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	
Spring Semester classes end							15						Ex am																						1		
Examination period																																					
Eid Al-Adha break begins. University closed. No classes in session.																																					
Summer Session registration deadline																																					
Summer Session classes begin																																					
Summer Session drop/add period																																					
June 2027			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					
Summer Session drop/add period							2							3						4							5										
July 2027					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		
Last day to drop a course with a W grade							6							7						8																	
Summer Session classes end																																					
Examination period																																					
August 2027	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						

** This academic calendar is tentative and subject to change*