

KAUST ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2025-2026																																						
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August 2025						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 2025		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																																						
Academic Convocation																																						
Saudi National Day (University Closed)																																						
October 2025				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																																						
November 2025						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																																						
Fall Commencement Ceremony (Update*)																																						
December 2025		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																																						
Examination period																																						
January 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				
Winter Enrichment Program (WEP)																																						
Spring Semester registration deadline for returning students																																						
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Spring Semester classes begin																																						
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February 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										
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Saudi Founding Day (University closed)																																						
March 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																																						
Eid Al-Fitr break (University Closed)																																						
April 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					
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May 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			
Spring Semester classes end																																						
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 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							
Summer Session drop/add period																																						
July 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				
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* commencement date updated on 6 Oct 2025

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the Registrar

	Start Date	End Date
Fall 2025/26	Semester registration deadline for returning students	Thursday, August 14, 2025
	New Students Onboarding	Thursday, August 21, 2025
	Academic Orientation	Thursday, August 28, 2025
	Fall Semester Classes Begin	
	Fall Semester Drop/Add Period	Thursday, September 11, 2025
	Last Day to Submit M.Sc. Thesis Application/Withdrawal	Thursday, September 11, 2025
	Last Day for the Defense Defense Petition	Thursday, September 11, 2025
	Academic Convocation	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
	Saudi National Day (University Closed)	Tuesday, September 23, 2025
	Mid-Semester Break (Fall)	Thursday, October 23, 2025
	Last Day to Drop Course with "W"	Thursday, November 6, 2025
	Last Day to Submit Defense Result Forms	Thursday, November 27, 2025
	Semester Classes End	Thursday, December 11, 2025
	Fall Examination Period	Wednesday, December 17, 2025
	Last Day to Submit Ph.D. Research Proposal Result	Thursday, December 18, 2025
Winter	Last Day to Archive Thesis	Thursday, December 18, 2025
	Commencement Ceremony (<i>updated*</i>)	Wednesday, Nov 26, 2025
	Winter Enrichment Program (WEP)	Tuesday, January 13, 2026
	Semester registration deadline for returning students	Thursday, January 22, 2026
	Academic Orientation	Thursday, January 15, 2026
	Semester Classes Begin	Thursday, January 22, 2026
	Semester Drop/Add Period	
	Spring Semester Drop/Add Period	Thursday, February 5, 2026
	Last Day to Submit M.Sc. Thesis Application/Withdrawal	Thursday, February 5, 2026
	Last Day for the Defense Defense Petition	Thursday, February 5, 2026
	Saudi Founding Day (University Closed)	
	Mid-Semester Break (No Calsess)	Sunday, February 22, 2026
	Eid Al-Fitr Break (University Closed)	Tuesday, March 17, 2026
	Last Day to Drop Course with "W"	Thursday, March 19, 2026
	Last Day to Submit Defense Result Forms	Thursday, March 26, 2026
Spring 2025/26	Semester Classes End	Thursday, April 9, 2026
	Spring Exam Period	Thursday, May 7, 2026
	Last Day to Submit Defense Result Forms	Thursday, May 14, 2026
	Semester Classes End	Thursday, May 14, 2026
	Spring Exam Period	Wednesday, May 20, 2026
	Last Day to Submit Ph.D. Research Proposal Result	Thursday, May 21, 2026
	Last Day to Archive Thesis	Thursday, May 21, 2026
	Eid Al-Adha Break (University Closed)	Thursday, May 28, 2026
	Summer Session Registration Deadline	Thursday, May 21, 2026
	Summer Session Classes Begin	
	Summer Session Drop/Add Period	Monday, June 1, 2026
	Last Day to Submit M.Sc. Thesis Application/Withdrawal	Monday, June 1, 2026
	Last Day for the Defense Defense Petition	Thursday, June 4, 2026
	Last Day to Drop Course with "W"	Thursday, June 4, 2026
	Last Day to Submit Defense Result Forms	Thursday, July 2, 2026
Summer 2025/26	Summer Session Classes End	Thursday, July 16, 2026
	Summer Exam Period	Thursday, July 23, 2026
	Last Day to Submit Ph.D. Research Proposal Result	Thursday, July 23, 2026
	Last Day to Archive Thesis	Tuesday, July 28, 2026
		Thursday, July 30, 2026