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		Start Date	End Date					
	Semester registration deadline for returning students		Thursday, August 14, 2025					
	New Students Onboarding	Sunday, August 17, 2025	Thursday, August 21, 2025					
	Academic Orientation	Sunday, August 24, 2025	Thursday, August 28, 2025					
	Fall Semester Classes Begin	Sunday, August 31, 2025						
	Fall Semester Drop/Add Period	Sunday, August 31, 2025	Thursday, September 11, 2025					
9	Last Day to Submit M.Sc. Thesis Application/Withdrawal		Thursday, September 11, 2025					
5/2	Last Day for the Defense Defense Petition		Thursday, September 11, 2025					
Fall 2025/26	Academic Convocation	Tuesday, September 2, 2025						
<u></u>	Saudi National Day (University Closed)	Tuesday, September 23, 2025						
	Mid-Semester Break (Fall)	Wednesday, October 22, 2025	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	Sunday, December 14, 2025	Wednesday, December 17, 2025					
	Last Day to Submit Ph.D. Research Proposal Result		Thursday, December 18, 2025					
	Last Day to Archive Thesis		Thursday, December 18, 2025					
	Commencement Ceremony (<i>updated*</i>)	Wednesday, Nov 26, 2025						
Winter	Winter Enrichment Program (WEP)	Tuesday, January 13, 2026	Thursday, January 22, 2026					
	Semester registration deadline for returning students		Thursday, January 15, 2026					
	Academic Orientation	Sunday, January 18, 2026	Thursday, January 22, 2026					
	Semester Classes Begin	Sunday, January 25, 2026						
	Spring Semester Drop/Add Period	Sunday, January 25, 2026	Thursday, February 5, 2026					
Spring 2025/26	Last Day to Submit M.Sc. Thesis Application/Withdrawal		Thursday, February 5, 2026					
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prin	Mid-Semester Break (No Calssess)	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Wednesday, March 18, 2026					
S	Eid Al-Fitr Break (University Closed)	Thursday, March 19, 2026	Thursday, March 26, 2026					
	Last Day to Drop Course with "W"		Thursday, April 9, 2026					
	Last Day to Submit Defense Result Forms		Thursday, May 7, 2026					
	Semester Classes End		Thursday, May 14, 2026					
	Spring Exam Period	Sunday, May 17, 2026	Wednesday, May 20, 2026					
	Last Day to Submit Ph.D. Research Proposal Result		Thursday, May 21, 2026					
Summer 2025/26	Last Day to Archive Thesis	5 . I. M. 24 2025	Thursday, May 21, 2026					
	Eid Al-Adha Break (University Closed)	Sunday, May 24, 2026	Thursday, May 28, 2026					
	Summer Session Registration Deadline	March 1 2006	Thursday, May 21, 2026					
	Summer Session Classes Begin	Monday, June 1, 2026	Thomas days Issue a 4, 2026					
	Summer Session Drop/Add Period	Monday, June 1, 2026	Thursday, June 4, 2026					
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	Last Day for the Defense Defense Petition		Thursday, June 4, 2026					
шe	Last Day to Drop Course with "W"		Thursday, July 2, 2026					
Sun	Last Day to Submit Defense Result Forms		Thursday, July 16, 2026					
	Summer Session Classes End	Sunday July 26, 2026	Thursday, July 23, 2026					
	Summer Exam Period	Sunday, July 26, 2026	Tuesday, July 28, 2026					
	Last Day to Submit Ph.D. Research Proposal Result		Thursday, July 30, 2026					
	Last Day to Archive Thesis		Thursday, July 30, 2026					