

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							
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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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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											
Spring Semester drop/add period																																							
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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Office of
the Registrar

	Start Date	End Date
		Thursday, August 14, 2025
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
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)	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
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)	Sunday, February 22, 2026	
Mid-Semester Break (No Calssess)	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Wednesday, March 18, 2026
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
Last Day to Archive Thesis		Thursday, May 21, 2026
Eid Al-Adha Break (University Closed)	Sunday, May 24, 2026	Thursday, May 28, 2026
Summer Session Registration Deadline		Thursday, May 21, 2026
Summer Session Classes Begin	Monday, June 1, 2026	
Summer Session Drop/Add Period	Monday, June 1, 2026	Thursday, June 4, 2026
Last Day to Submit M.Sc. Thesis Application/Withdrawal		Thursday, June 4, 2026
Last Day for the Defense Defense Petition		Thursday, June 4, 2026
Last Day to Drop Course with "W"		Thursday, July 2, 2026
Last Day to Submit Defense Result Forms		Thursday, July 16, 2026
Summer Session Classes End		Thursday, July 23, 2026
Summer Exam Period	Sunday, July 26, 2026	Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Last Day to Submit Ph.D. Research Proposal Result		Tuesday, Aug 04, 2026
Last Day to Archive Thesis		Thursday, Aug 27, 2026