

Office of the Registrar

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021 FALL SEMESTER & WINTER ENRICHMENT



جامعة الملك عبد الله
للعلوم والتقنية
King Abdullah University of
Science and Technology

		2020 AUGUST							2020 NOVEMBER									
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	TEACHING WEEK		
2-6	Eid Al-Adha	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	12	
16-22	Student on-boarding and cultural orientation	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	11		
23-27	Academic orientation	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	26	
30	Fall semester starts	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	13		
		1	30	31					29	30						14		
		2020 SEPTEMBER							2020 DECEMBER									
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat			
1	Academic convocation	1		1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5	14	3	
10	Last day to add a class Last day to drop a class without a W grade	2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	15	
10	Fall graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due	3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Exams	
23-24	Saudi National Day/University holiday	4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		10
		5	27	28	29	30			27	28	29						13-15	
		2020 OCTOBER							2021 JANUARY									
		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat			
18-19	Mid-semester break	5				1	2	3						1	2			
29	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)	6	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
		7	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
		8	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
		9	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	WEP	
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Orientation
Semester
WEP
Deadlines
Exams
Mid-semester break
KAUST Observed holidays

2021

JANUARY		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
10-21	Winter Enrichment Program						1	2
24	Spring semester starts		3	4	5	6	7	8
			10	11	12	13	14	15
			17	18	19	20	21	22
			24	25	26	27	28	29
			31					

FEBRUARY		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
4	Last day to add a class.		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Last day to drop a class without a W grade		7	8	9	10	11	12
4	Spring graduating Ph.D./M.Sc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due		14	15	16	17	18	19
			21	22	23	24	25	26
			28					

MARCH		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
14-15	Mid-semester break		1	2	3	4	5	6
25	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)		7	8	9	10	11	12
			14	15	16	17	18	19
			21	22	23	24	25	26
			28	29	30	31		

APRIL		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
8	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s					1	2	3
			4	5	6	7	8	9
22	Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking		11	12	13	14	15	16
			18	19	20	21	22	23
			25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
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			16	17	18	19	20	21
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JUNE		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
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		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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JULY		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
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		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST		sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
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TEACHING WEEK

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Exams

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MAY

- 6 Last day of classes
- 9-11 Examinations *
- 11 Spring semester ends
- 16-20 Eid Al-Fitr
- 23 Summer Session starts
- 25 Last day to add and drop a class without a W grade

June

- 10 Spring graduation date: The official graduation date for those students who have completed their degree requirements since the December
- 24 Last day to drop a class with a W grade

JULY

- 15 Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
- 15 Summer session ends
- 18-22 Eid Al-Adha

AUGUST

- 15-21 Student on-boarding and cultural orientation
- 22-26 Academic orientation
- 29 Fall semester starts

 Summer session	 Exams	 W/EP	 Deadlines	 Semester	 Mid-semester break	 KAUST Observed holidays
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KAUST ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

	Sun, Aug 02, 2020	Eid Al-Adha break starts
	Thu, Aug 06, 2020	Eid Al-Adha break ends
	Sun, Aug 16, 2020	On-boarding of students and cultural orientation starts
	Sat, Aug 22, 2020	On-boarding of students and cultural orientation ends
	Sun, Aug 23, 2020	Academic orientation starts
	Thu, Aug 27, 2020	Academic orientation ends
FALL	Sun, Aug 30, 2020	Fall semester starts
	Tue, Sep 01, 2020	Academic convocation
	Thu, Sep 10, 2020	Last day to add a class
		Last day to drop a class without a W grade
		Fall graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due
	Wed, Sep 23, 2020	Saudi National Day
	Thu, Sep 24, 2020	University holiday
	Sun, Oct 18, 2020	Mid-semester break
	Mon, Oct 19, 2020	Mid-semester break
	Thu, Oct 29, 2020	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)
	Thu, Nov 12, 2020	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s
	Thu, Nov 26, 2020	Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
	Thu, Dec 03, 2020	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
	Thu, Dec 10, 2020	Last day of classes
	Sun, Dec 13, 2020	Exams start
	Tue, Dec 15, 2020	Exams end / semester ends
	Fri, Dec 18, 2020	Commencement
WEP	Sun, Jan 10, 2021	Winter Enrichment Program starts
	Thu, Jan 21, 2021	Winter Enrichment Program ends
SPRING	Sun, Jan 24, 2021	Spring semester starts
	Thu, Feb 04, 2021	Last day to add a class
		Last day to drop a class without a W grade
		Spring graduating Ph.D./MSc. dissertation/thesis defense dates due
	Sun, Mar 14, 2021	Mid-semester break
	Mon, Mar 15, 2021	Mid-semester break
	Thu, Mar 25, 2021	Last day to drop a class with a W grade (no drops permitted after this date)
	Thu, Apr 08, 2021	Ph.D. dissertation defense examination result forms due for graduating Ph.D.'s
	Thu, Apr 22, 2021	Last day to submit Ph.D. dissertations and M.Sc. theses to the Office of the Registrar for format checking
	Thu, Apr 29, 2021	Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
	Thu, May 06, 2021	Last day of classes
	Sun, May 09, 2021	Exams start
	Tue, May 11, 2021	Exams end / Semester ends
	Sun, May 16, 2021	Eid Al-Fitr break starts
	Thu, May 20, 2021	Eid Al-Fitr break ends
SUMMER	Sun, May 23, 2021	Summer starts
	Tue, May 25, 2021	Last day to add a class and/or drop a class without a W grade
	Thu, Jun 10, 2021	Spring graduation date *
	Thu, Jun 24, 2021	Last day to drop a class with a W grade
	Thu, Jul 15, 2021	Summer session ends
		Ph.D. dissertation and M.Sc. thesis library receipt forms due for graduation processing
	Sun, Jul 18, 2021	Eid Al-Adha break starts
	Thu, Jul 22, 2021	Eid Al-Adha break ends

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

This calendar may be subject to change without prior notice. Please consult the on-line version for the current academic calendar