

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

Fall Semester 2025

Date Range	Instruction week	Days	Activity	Important date of this week
18 – 22 August 2025	-	-	Dean, program chairs, and faculty return from leave	18 August (Monday) 2025
			New student placement and registration, Orientation, Advising and Timetable Distribution	19 – 21 August (Tue - Thu) 2025
25 - 29 Aug 2025	1	5	Classes Start for RA and ZMU [2 & 3 & 4] Cohorts	25 August (Monday) 2025
			Foundation Program Cycle One Starts	25 August (Monday) 2025
			Add/Drop begins	25 August (Monday) 2025
			Last day to Add/Drop	29 August (Friday) 2025
1 - 5 Sep 2025	2	5**	Student Ceremony	2 September (Tuesday) 2025
			Prophet's Birthday	5 September (Friday) 2025
8 - 12 Sep 2025	3	5	Last day for withdrawal with no financial penalty	12 September (Friday) 2025
15 - 19 Sep 2025	4	5	Withdrawal from a course result in financial penalty	15 September (Monday) 2025
22 - 26 Sep 2025	5	5		
29 Sep - 3 Oct 2025	6	5	Deadline to withdraw from a course with no grade penalty (WW)	3 October (Friday) 2025
6 - 10 Oct 2025	7	5	Withdrawal from a course result in grade penalty (WF)	6 October (Monday) 2025
			Foundation Program Cycle One Ends (excluding final exams)	10 October (Friday) 2025
13 - 17 Oct 2025	8	5		
20 - 24 Oct 2025	9	5	Foundation Program Cycle Two Starts	20 October (Monday) 2025
27 - 31 Oct 2025	10	5	Start of intensive mode of delivery	27 October (Monday) 2025
3 - 7 Nov 2025	11	5	Pre-registration week	
			Last Day of classes for ZMU [2 & 3] Cohorts	7 November (Friday) 2025
10 - 14 Nov 2025	12	5	Final Exam starts for ZMU [2 & 3] Cohorts	10 November (Monday) 2025
			Final Exam ends for ZMU [2 & 3] Cohorts	14 November (Friday) 2025
17 - 21 Nov 2025	13	5	Deadline for Faculty to submit the grades for ZMU [2 & 3] Cohorts	17 November (Monday) 2025
			Program chairs confirm grades for ZMU [2 & 3] Cohorts	18 November (Tuesday) 2025
			Examination Board Committee and Grade Release for ZMU [2 & 3] Cohorts	20 November (Thursday) 2025
			Academic Board Committee for ZMU [2 & 3] Cohorts	21 November (Friday) 2025
24 - 28 Nov 2025	14	5		
1 - 5 Dec 2025	15	5**	Commemoration Day	30 November (Sunday) 2025
			National Day	2-3 December (Tue - Wed) 2025
			Foundation Program Cycle Two Ends (excluding final exams)	5 December (Friday) 2025
			Last day of classes for RA Students and ZMU [4] Cohort	5 December (Friday) 2025
8 - 12 Dec 2025	16	-	Final Exams Start for RA Students	6 December (Saturday) 2025
			Final Exams Start for ZMU [4] Cohort	8 December (Monday) 2025
			Final Exams End for ZMU [4] Cohort	12 December (Friday) 2025
			Final Exams End for RA Students	14 December (Sunday) 2025
15 - 19 Dec 2025	-	-	Starts of Winter Break for Students	15 December (Monday) 2025
			Deadline for Faculty to submit the grades	16 December (Tuesday) 2025
			Program chairs confirm grades	17 December (Wednesday) 2025
			Starts of Winter Break for Faculty	18 December (Thursday) 2025
			Examination Board Committee and Grade Release	19 December (Friday) 2025
22 – 26 Dec 2025	-	-	Academic Board Committee	22 December (Monday) 2025
	Total	75		

*The Registrar's Division, in consultation with the Dean's Office, reserves the right to schedule final exams during this week provided that instructional days are made up during the course of the semester, number of instructional days is maintained at 75 days, and number of contact hours per section is maintained at 45 hours.

** In the case that an Islamic Holiday/Or Public Holiday falls within the instructional week, the classes that were not conducted because of the holiday will be conducted through make-up classes prior to the end of the semester/session and ensure that 45 contact hours have been completed

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
2025 - 2026
Spring Semester
2026

Date Range	Instruction week	Days	Activity	Important date of this week
5 - 9 Jan 2026	-	-	Dean, program chairs, and faculty return from leave New student placement and registration, Orientation, Advising and Timetable Distribution	5 January (Monday) 2026 5 - 8 January (Tue - Thu) 2026
12 - 16 Jan 2026	1	5**	Classes Start Foundation Program Cycle One Starts Add/Drop begins Last day to Add/Drop Isra'a and Mi'raj	12 January (Monday) 2026 12 January (Monday) 2026 12 January (Monday) 2026 16 January (Friday) 2026 16 January (Friday) 2026
19 - 23 Jan 2026	2	5	Student Ceremony	20 January (Tuesday) 2026
26 - 30 Jan 2026	3	5	Last day for withdrawal with no financial penalty	30 January (Friday) 2026
2 - 6 Feb 2026	4	5	Withdrawal from a course result in financial penalty	2 February (Monday) 2026
9 - 13 Feb 2026	5	5		
16 - 20 Feb 2026	6	5	Deadline to withdraw from a course with no grade penalty (WW)	20 February (Friday) 2026
23 - 27 Feb 2026	7	5	Withdrawal from a course result in grade penalty (WF) Foundation Program Cycle One Ends (excluding final exams)	23 February (Monday) 2026 27 February (Friday) 2026
2 - 6 Mar 2026	8	5		
9 - 13 Mar 2026	9	5	Foundation Program Cycle Two Starts	9 March (Monday) 2026
16 - 20 Mar 2026	-	-	Eid Al Fitr Spring Break for Students and Faculty	19 March (Thursday) 2026
23 - 27 Mar 2026	-	-	Spring Break for Students and Faculty	
30 Mar - 3 Apr 2026	10	5	Start of intensive mode of delivery Pre-registration week	30 March (Monday) 2026
6 - 10 Apr 2026	11	5		
13 - 17 Apr 2026	12	5		
20 - 24 Apr 2026	13	5		
27 Apr - 1 May 2026	14	5		
4 - 8 May 2026	15	5	Last day of classes Foundation Program Cycle Two Ends (excluding final exams)	8 May (Friday) 2026 8 May (Friday) 2026
11 - 15 May 2026	16	-	Final Exams start for RA Students Final Exams start for ZMU Students Final Exams end for ZMU Students Final Exams end for RA Students	9 May (Saturday) 2026 11 May (Monday) 2026 15 May (Friday) 2026 17 May (Sunday) 2026
18 - 22 May 2026	-	-	Deadline for Faculty to submit the grades Program chairs confirm grades Examination Board Committee and Grade Release	19 May (Tuesday) 2026 20 May (Wednesday) 2026 22 May (Friday) 2026
25 - 29 May 2026	-	-	Academic Board Committee	25 May (Monday) 2026
	Total	75		

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

Summer 2026 Session (RA)

Date Range	Instruction week	Days	Activity	Important date of this week
25 – 29 May 2026	1	5**	Classes Start	25 May (Monday) 2026
			Add/Drop begins	25 May (Monday) 2026
			Eid Al Adha	26 – 29 May (Tue-Fri) 2026
			Last day to Add/Drop	29 May (Tuesday) 2026
1 - 5 June 2026	2	5	Last day for withdrawal with no financial penalty	5 June (Friday) 2026
8 - 12 June 2026	3	5	Withdrawal from a course result in financial penalty	8 June (Monday) 2026
			Deadline to withdraw from a course with no grade penalty (WW)	12 June (Friday) 2026
15 - 19 June 2026	4	5**	Withdrawal from a course result in grade penalty (WF)	15 June (Monday) 2026
			Hijri New Year	16 June (Tuesday) 2026
22 - 26 June 2026	5	5		
29 Jun - 3 July 2026	6	5	Last day of classes	3 July (Friday) 2026
6 - 10 July 2026	7	-	Final Exams start	6 July (Monday) 2026
			Final Exams end	7 July (Tuesday) 2026
			Students start summer break	8 July (Wednesday) 2026
			Deadline for Faculty to submit the grades	9 July (Thursday) 2026
13 – 17 July 2026	-	-	Program chairs confirm grades	10 July (Friday) 2026
			Examination Board Committee and Grade Release	14 July (Tuesday) 2026
			Academic Board Committee	16 July (Thursday) 2026
	Total	30		

*The Registrar's Division, in consultation with the Dean's Office, reserves the right to schedule final exams during this week provided that instructional days are made up during the session, the number of instructional days is maintained at 30 days, and the number of contact hours per section is maintained at 45 hours.

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** Fall 2026: 24 August 2026 [Classes Begin]

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
2025 - 2026
Summer 2026
Quarter (ZMU)

Date Range	Instruction week	Days	Activity	Important date of this week
25 – 29 May 2026	1	5**	Classes Start	25 May (Monday) 2026
			Eid Al Adha	26 – 29 May (Tue-Fri) 2026
1 - 5 June 2026	2	5		
8 - 12 June 2026	3	5	Deadline to withdraw from a course with no grade penalty (WW)	12 June (Friday) 2026
15 - 19 June 2026	4	5**	Withdrawal from a course result in grade penalty (WF)	15 June (Monday) 2026
			Hijri New Year	16 June (Tuesday) 2026
22 - 26 June 2026	5	5		
29 Jun - 3 July 2026	6	5		
6 - 10 July 2026	7	5		
13 – 17 July 2026	8	5		
20 – 24 July 2026	9	3*	Last day of classes	22 July (Wednesday) 2026
			Final Exams start	23 July (Thursday) 2026
			Final Exams end	24 July (Friday) 2026
27 – 31 July 2026	-	-	Deadline for Faculty to submit the grades	28 July (Tuesday) 2026
			Program chairs confirm grades	29 July (Wednesday) 2026
			Examination Board Committee and Grade Release	31 July (Friday) 2026
1 – 5 Aug 2026	-	-	Academic Board Committee	3 August (Monday) 2026
	Total	43		

*The Registrar's Division, in consultation with the Dean's Office, reserves the right to schedule final exams during this week provided that instructional days are made up during the session, number of instructional days is maintained at 43 days, and the number of contact hours per section is maintained at 45 hours.

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** Fall 2026: 24 August 2026 [Classes Begin]



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

Master of Science in Systems Engineering Specializing in Defence			
Date Range	Instruction Week#	Activity	Important date this week
11 - 15 Aug 2025	0		
18 - 22 Aug 2025	1	Orientation	
25 - 29 Aug 2025	2	MSE Module 1 - Start	Classes Begin
1 - 5 Sep 2025	3		Prophet's Birthday - 4 September (Thursday) 2025
8 - 12 Sep 2025	4	MSE Module 1 - End	
15 - 19 Sep 2025	5	MSE Module 2 - Start	
22 - 26 Sep 2025	6		
29 Sep - 3 Oct 2025	7	MSE Module 2 - End	
6 - 10 Oct 2025	8	MSE Module 3 - Start	
13 - 17 Oct 2025	9		
20 - 24 Oct 2025	10	MSE Module 3 - End	
27 - 31 Oct 2025	11	MSE Module 4 - Start	
3 - 7 Nov 2025	12		
10 - 14 Nov 2025	13	MSE Module 4 - End	
17 - 21 Nov 2025	14	MSE Module 5 - Start	
24 - 28 Nov 2025	15		
1 - 5 Dec 2025	16	MSE Module 5 - End	Commemoration Day - 1 December (Thursday) 2025 National Day - 2 December (Friday) 2025
8 - 12 Dec 2025	17	MSE Module 6 - Start	
15 - 19 Dec 2025	-		Winter break for students
22 - 26 Dec 2025	-		
29 Dec 2025 - 02 Jan 2026	18		New Year 2026 - 01 January (Thursday) 2026
5 - 9 Jan 2026	19	MSE Module 6 - End	
12 - 16 Jan 2026	20	MSE Module 7 - Start	Isra'a and Mi'raj - 16 January (Friday) 2026
19 - 23 Jan 2026	21		
26 - 30 Jan 2026	22	MSE Module 7 - End	
2 - 6 Feb 2026	23	MSE Module 8 - Start	
9 - 13 Feb 2026	24		
16 - 20 Feb 2026	25	MSE Module 8 - End	
23 - 27 Feb 2026	26	Thesis Preparation	
2 - 6 Mar 2026	27	Thesis Preparation	
9 - 13 Mar 2026	28	Thesis Preparation	
16 - 20 Mar 2026	29	MSE Module 9 - Start	Eid Al Fitr - 19 March (Thursday) 2026
23 - 27 Mar 2026	-		Spring break for Students and Faculty
30 Mar - 3 Apr 2026	30		
6 - 10 Apr 2026	31	MSE Module 9 - End	
13 - 17 Apr 2026	32	MSE Module 10 - Start	
20 - 24 Apr 2026	33		
27 Apr - 1 May 2026	34	MSE Module 10 - End	
4 - 8 May 2026	35	MSE Module 11 - Start	
11 - 15 May 2026	36		
18 - 22 May 2026	37		



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Master of Science in Systems Engineering Specializing in Defence			
Date Range	Instruction Week#	Activity	Important date this week
25 - 29 May 2026	38		Eid Al Adha - 26 – 29 May (Tue-Fri) 2026
1 - 5 Jun 2026	39		
8 - 12 Jun 2026	40	MSE Module 11 – End	
15 - 19 Jun 2026	41	Thesis	Hijri New Year - 16 Jun (Tuesday) 2026
22 - 26 Jun 2026	42	Thesis	
29 Jun - 3 Jul 2026	43	Thesis	
6 - 10 Jul 2026	44	Thesis	
13 - 17 Jul 2026	45	Thesis	
20 - 24 Jul 2026	46	Thesis	
27 - 31 Jul 2026	47	Thesis	
3 - 7 Aug 2026	48	Thesis	
10 - 14 Aug 2026	49	Thesis	
17 - 21 Aug 2026	50	Thesis	
24 - 28 Aug 2026	51	Thesis	
31 Aug - 4 Sep 2026	52	Thesis	
7 - 11 Sep 2026	53	Thesis Submission	Submission of the Thesis – 7 September (Monday) 2026

