أكاديمية ربدان
Rabdan Academy

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026 – 2027

Fall Semester 2026

Date Range	Instruction week	Days	Activity	Important date of this week
17 - 21 Aug 2026	0	-	Dean, program chairs, and faculty return from leave	17 August (Monday) 2026
			New student placement and registration. Orientation, Advising and Timetable Distribution	18 - 20 August (Tue - Thu) 2026
24 - 28 Aug 2026	1	5**	Classes Start for (RA students) and (ZMU students-All Cohorts)	24 August (Monday) 2026
			Foundation Program Cycle One Starts	24 August (Monday) 2026
			Add/Drop begins	24 August (Monday) 2026
			Prophet's Birthday**	25 August (Tuesday) 2026
			Last day to Add/Drop Courses	27 August (Thursday) 2026
			Add/Drop Exception Day	28 August (Friday) 2026
31 Aug - 04 Sep 2026	2	5	Student Ceremony	01 September (Tuesday) 2026
07 - 11 Sep 2026	3	5	Last day for withdrawal with **no financial penalty**	11 September (Friday) 2026
14 - 18 Sep 2026	4	5	Withdrawal from a course\program **result in financial penalty**	14 September (Monday) 2026
21 - 25 Sep 2026	5	5		
28 Sep - 02 Oct 2026	6	5	Deadline to withdraw from a course/program **with no penalty (WW)**	02 October (Friday) 2026
05 - 09 Oct 2026	7	5	Withdrawal from a course\program **result in penalty (WF)**	05 October (Monday) 2026
			Foundation Program Cycle One Ends (excluding exam week)	09 October (Friday) 2026
12 - 16 Oct 2026	8	5		
19 - 23 Oct 2026	9	5	Foundation Program Cycle Two Starts	19 October (Monday) 2026
26 - 30 Oct 2026	10	5	Start of intensive mode of delivery	26 October (Monday) 2026
02 - 06 Nov 2026	11	5		
09 - 13 Nov 2026	12	5	Last Day of classes for ZMU [3 & 4] Cohorts	13 November (Friday) 2026
16 - 20 Nov 2026	13	5	Pre-registration week	
			Final Exams start for ZMU [3 & 4] Cohorts	16 November (Monday) 2026
			Final Exams end for ZMU [3 & 4] Cohorts	20 November (Friday) 2026
23 - 27 Nov 2026	14	5	Deadline for faculty to submit the grades for ZMU [3 & 4] Cohorts	23 November (Monday) 2026
			Program chairs confirm grades for ZMU [3 & 4] Cohorts	24 November (Tuesday) 2026
			Examination Board Committee and Grades Release for ZMU [3 & 4] Cohort	26 November (Thursday) 2026
			Academic Board Committee: Graduation & Academic Standing Approval for ZMU [3 & 4] Cohorts	27 November (Friday) 2026
30 Nov - 04 Dec 2026	15	5**	Commemoration Day	30 November (Monday) 2026
			National Day**	02-03 December (Wed-Thu) 2026
			Foundation Program Cycle Two Ends (excluding exam week)	04 December (Friday) 2026
			Last day of classes for (RA students) and (ZMU [5 & 6] Cohorts)	04 December (Friday) 2026
07 - 11 Dec 2026	16	-	Final Exams Start for RA students	06 December (Sunday) 2026
			Final Exams Start for ZMU [5 & 6] Cohorts	07 December (Monday) 2026
14 - 18 Dec 2026	-	-	Final Exams End for (RA students) and (ZMU [5 & 6] Cohorts)	15 December (Tuesday) 2026
			Deadline for faculty to submit the grades	16 December (Wednesday) 2026
			Program chairs confirm grades	17 December (Thursday) 2026
			Start of Winter Break for Faculty	18 December (Friday) 2026
21 - 25 Dec 2026	-	-	Start of Winter Break for Students	21 December (Monday) 2026
			Examination Board Committee and Grades Release	22 December (Tuesday) 2026
			Academic Board Committee: Graduation & Academic Standing Approval	23 December (Wednesday) 2026
			Cont. Winter Break for Students and Faculty	
28 Dec 2026 - 01 Jan 2027	-	-	New Year 2027	1 January (Friday) 2027
	Total	**75**		

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*** In the case that an Islamic Holiday/Or Public Holiday falls within the instructional week, the classes that were not conducted as a result 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.*
**** In the case that the program started in Week 2, classes which were scheduled during Week 1, will have to be scheduled through make up sessions, and shall be completed during the semester and before the last day of classes.*
***** Fall 2027 is expected to start on: 23 August 2027 (Tentative)*

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Spring Semester 2027

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04 - 08 Jan 2027	1	5**	Dean, program chairs, and faculty return from leave	04 January (Monday) 2027
			New student placement and registration Orientation, Advising and Timetable Distribution	04 January (Monday) 2027
			Classes Start for RA students	04 January (Monday) 2027
			Foundation Program Cycle One Starts	04 January (Monday) 2027
			Add/Drop begins	04 January (Monday) 2027
			Isra' and Mi'raj*	05 January (Tuesday) 2027
			Last day to Add/Drop Courses	07 January (Thursday) 2027
			Add/Drop Exception Day	08 January (Friday) 2027
11 - 15 Jan 2027	2	5***	Classes Start for ZMU students-All Cohorts	11 January (Monday) 2027
			Student Ceremony	12 January (Tuesday) 2027
18 - 22 Jan 2027	3	5	Last day for withdrawal with **no financial penalty**	22 January (Friday) 2027
25 - 29 Jan 2027	4	5	Withdrawal from a course\program **result in financial penalty**	25 January (Monday) 2027
01 - 05 Feb 2027	5	5		
08 – 12 Feb 2027	6	5	Deadline to withdraw from a course/program **with no penalty (WW)**	12 February (Friday) 2027
15 – 19 Feb 2027	7	5	Withdrawal from a course\program **result in penalty (WF)**	15 February (Monday) 2027
			Foundation Program Cycle One Ends (excluding exam week)	19 February (Friday) 2027
22 - 26 Feb 2027	8	5		
01 - 05 Mar 2027	9	5	Foundation Program Cycle Two Starts	01 March (Monday) 2027
08 - 12 Mar 2027	10	5**	Start of intensive mode of delivery	08 March (Monday) 2027
			Eid Al Fitr**	09 March (Tuesday) 2027
15 - 19 Mar 2027	11	5	Pre-registration week	
22 - 26 Mar 2027	12	5		
29 Mar - 02 Apr 2027	13	5		
05 - 09 Apr 2027	-	-	Spring Break for Students and Faculty	
12 - 16 Apr 2027	14	5	Resume classes	12 April (Monday) 2027
19 - 23 Apr 2027	15	5	Last day of classes for RA and ZMU students	23 April (Friday) 2027
			Foundation Program Cycle Two Ends (excluding exam week)	23 April (Friday) 2027
26 - 30 Apr 2027	-	-	Final Exams Start for (RA students) and (ZMU students -All Cohorts)	26 April (Monday) 2027
03 - 07 May 2027	-	-	Final Exams End for (RA students) and (ZMU students -All Cohorts)	07 May (Friday) 2027
10 - 14 May 2027	-	-	Deadline for Faculty to submit the grades	10 May (Monday) 2027
			Program chairs confirm grades	11 May (Tuesday) 2027
			Examination Board Committee and Grades Release	13 May (Thursday) 2027
			Academic Board Committee: Graduation & Academic Standing Approval	14 May (Friday) 2027
17 - 21 May 2027	-	-	Eid Al Adha	17 – 19 May (Mon-Wed) 2027
	Total	**75**		

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Summer 2027 Session (RA)

Date Range	Instruction week	Days	Activity	Important date of this week
24 - 28 May 2027	1	5	Classes Start	24 May (Monday) 2027
			Last day to add/ drop courses	25 May (Tuesday) 2027
			Add/Drop Exception Day	26 May (Wednesday) 2027
31 May - 04 Jun 2027	2	5	Last day for withdrawal with **no financial penalty**	04 June (Friday) 2027
07 - 11 Jun 2027	3	5	Withdrawal from a course\program **result in financial penalty**	07 June (Monday) 2027
			Deadline to withdraw from a course/program **with no penalty (WW)**	11 June (Friday) 2027
14 - 18 Jun 2027	4	5	Withdrawal from a course\program **result in penalty (WF)**	14 June (Monday) 2027
21 - 25 Jun 2027	5	5		
28 Jun - 02 Jul 2027	6	5*	Last day of classes	02 July (Friday) 2027
05 - 09 July 2027	7	-	Final Exams Start	05 July (Monday) 2027
			Final Exams End	06 July (Tuesday) 2027
			Deadline for Faculty to submit the grades	07 July (Wednesday) 2027
			Program chairs confirm grades	08 July (Thursday) 2027
12 - 16 July 2027	-	-	Examination Board Committee and Grades Release	13 July (Tuesday) 2027
			Academic Board Committee: Graduation & Academic Standing Approval	15 July (Thursday) 2027
	Total	**30**		

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Summer 2027 Quarter (ZMU)

Date Range	Instruction week	Days	Activity	Important date of this week
24 - 28 May 2027	1	5	Classes Start	24 May (Monday) 2027
			Last day to add/ drop courses	25 May (Tuesday) 2027
			Add/Drop Exception Day	26 May (Wednesday) 2027
31 May - 04 Jun 2027	2	5	Last day for withdrawal with **no financial penalty**	04 June (Friday) 2027
07 - 11 Jun 2027	3	5	Withdrawal from a course\program **result in financial penalty**	07 June (Monday) 2027
			Deadline to withdraw from a course/program **with no penalty (WW)**	11 June (Friday) 2027
14 - 18 Jun 2027	4	5	Withdrawal from a course\program **result in penalty (WF)**	14 June (Monday) 2027
21 - 25 Jun 2027	5	5		
28 Jun - 02 Jul 2027	6	5		
05 - 09 Jul 2027	7	5		
12 - 16 Jul 2027	8	5		
19 - 23 Jul 2027	9	3	Last day of classes	21 July (Wednesday) 2027
			Final Exams Start	22 July (Thursday) 2027
			Final Exams End	23 July (Friday) 2027
26 – 30 Jul 2027	-	-	Deadline for faculty to submit the grades	26 July (Monday) 2027
			Program chairs confirm grades	27 July (Tuesday) 2027
			Examination Board Committee and Grades Release	29 July (Thursday) 2027
			Academic Board Committee: Graduation & Academic Standing Approval	30 July (Friday) 2027
	Total	**43**		

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Master of Science in Systems Engineering Specializing in Defence

Master of Science in Systems Engineering Specializing in Defence			
Date Range	**Instruction Week#**	**Activity**	**Important date this week**
17 - 21 Aug 2026	0	Orientation	Induction Program
24 - 28 Aug 2026	1	MSE Module 1 - Start	Classes Begin Prophet's Birthday - 25 August (Tuesday) 2026
31 Aug – 04 Sep 2026	2		
7 - 11 Sep 2026	3	MSE Module 1 - End	
14 - 18 Sep 2026	4	MSE Module 2 - Start	
21 - 25 Sep 2026	5		
28 Sep - 02 Oct 2026	6	MSE Module 2 - End	
05 - 09 Oct 2026	7	MSE Module 3 - Start	
12 - 16 Oct 2026	8		
19 - 23 Oct 2026	9	MSE Module 3 - End	
26 - 30 Oct 2026	10	MSE Module 4 - Start	
02 - 06 Nov 2026	11		
09 - 13 Nov 2026	12	MSE Module 4 - End	
16 - 20 Nov 2026	13	MSE Module 5 - Start	
23 - 27 Nov 2026	14		
30 Nov - 04 Dec 2026	15	MSE Module 5 - End	Commemoration Day – 30 November (Monday) 2026 National Day - 2 December (Wednesday)2026
07 – 11 Dec 2026	16	MSE Module 6 - Start	
14 - 18 Dec 2026	17		
21 - 25 Dec 2026	18	-	Winter break for students New Year 2027 - 01 January (Friday) 2027
28 Dec 2026 - 01 Jan 2027	19		
04 - 08 Jan 2027	20	MSE Module 6 - End	Isra'a and Mi'raj – 05 January (Tuesday) 2027
11 - 15 Jan 2027	21	MSE Module 7 – Start	
18 - 22 Jan 2027	22		
25 - 29 Jan 2027	23	MSE Module 7 – End	
01 - 05 Feb 2027	24	Thesis Preparation	
08 - 12 Feb 2027	25	Thesis Preparation	
15 - 19 Feb 2027	26	Thesis Preparation	
22 - 26 Feb 2027	27	Thesis Preparation	
01 - 05 Mar 2027	28	MSE Module 8 – Start	
08 - 12 Mar 2027	29	-	Eid Al Fitr - 09 March (Tuesday) 2027
15 - 19 Mar 2027	30		
22 - 26 Mar 2027	31	MSE Module 8 – End	
29 Mar - 02 Apr 2027	32	MSE Module 9 – Start	
05 - 09 Apr 2027	33	-	Spring break for Students and Faculty
12 - 16 Apr 2027	34		
19 - 23 Apr 2027	35	MSE Module 9 – End	
26 - 30 Apr 2027	36	MSE Module 10 – Start	
03 - 07 May 2027	37		

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Master of Science in Systems Engineering Specializing in Defence

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Date Range	**Instruction Week#**	**Activity**	**Important date this week**
10 - 14 May 2027	38	MSE Module 10 – End	
17 - 21 May 2027	39	-	Eid Al Adha - 17 – 19 May (Mon-Wed)
24 - 28 May 2027	40	MSE Module 11 – Start	
31 May - 04 Jun 2027	41		Hijri New Year - 06 Jun (Sunday) 2027
07 - 11 Jun 2027	42	MSE Module 11 – End	
14 - 18 Jun 2027	43		
21 - 25 Jun 2027	44		
28 Jun - 02 Jul 2027	45		
05 - 09 Jul 2027	46	Thesis	
12 - 16 Jul 2027	47	Thesis	
19 - 23 Jul 2027	48	Thesis	
26 - 30 Jul 2027	49	Thesis	
02 - 06 Aug 2027	50	Thesis	
09 - 13 Aug 2027	51	Thesis	
16 - 20 Aug 2027	52	Thesis	
23 - 27 Aug 2027	53	Thesis	
30 Aug – 03 Sep 2027	54	Thesis	
06 - 10 Sep 2027	55	Thesis Submission	Submission of the Thesis – 06 September (Monday) 2027

ACADEMIC CALENDAR REVISION HISTORY:

This table provides a record of amendments made to the Academic Calendar following its initial publication. The latest approved version published on the Rabdan Academy website shall be considered the current version.

Version	Publication Date	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	17 June 2026	Academic Year 2026-2027	Initial publication Academic Calendar
1.1	13 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	Fall 2026 - Revised the Pre-Registration Week dates from Week 11 to Week 13