

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION
& SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH



الإمارات العربية المتحدة
وزارة التعليم العالي
والبحوث العلمي

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR

2026-2027

| 2027-2028

| 2028-2029



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027

● Start of academic year **31 August 2026**

● Start and end of winter break for students
21 December 2026 to 01 January 2027 (2 weeks)

● Fall Semester End **18 December 2026**

● Spring Semester Start **04 January 2027**

● Start and end of spring break for students
05 April 2027 to 09 April 2027 (1 week)

● Spring Semester End **14 May 2027**

● Summer Semester Start **24 May 2027**

● Summer Semester & Academic Year End **02 July 2027**

Taking into consideration the following:

- There is flexibility in the start and end dates of the academic year for branches of international institutions that follow the academic calendar approved by their mother campus.
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- There is flexibility in the end date of the academic year, depending on the number and schedule(s) of your summer semester(s).
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- Official holidays are governed by the decisions issued by the relevant authorities in the Country.

08 ²⁰²⁶ **AUGUST**

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09 ²⁰²⁶ **SEPTEMBER**

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10 ²⁰²⁶ **OCTOBER**

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11 ²⁰²⁶ **NOVEMBER**

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12 ²⁰²⁶ **DECEMBER**

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01 ²⁰²⁷ **JANUARY**

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02 ²⁰²⁷ **FEBRUARY**

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03 ²⁰²⁷ **MARCH**

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06 ²⁰²⁷ **JUNE**

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07 ²⁰²⁷ **JULY**

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2027-2028

● Start of academic year **30 August 2027**

● Start and end of winter break for students
20 December 2027 to 31 December 2027 (2 weeks)

● Fall Semester End **17 December 2027**

● Spring Semester Start **03 January 2028**

● Start and end of spring break for students
27 March 2028 to 31 March 2028 (1 week)

● Spring Semester End **12 May 2028**

● Summer Semester Start **22 May 2028**

● Summer Semester & Academic Year End **30 June 2028**

Taking into consideration the following:

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02 ²⁰²⁸ **FEBRUARY**

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2028-2029

● Start of academic year **28 August 2028**

● Start and end of winter break for students
18 December 2028 to 29 December 2028 (2 weeks)

● Fall Semester End **15 December 2028**

● Spring Semester Start **02 January 2029**

● Start and end of spring break for students
26 March 2029 to 30 March 2029 (1 week)

● Spring Semester End **11 May 2029**

● Summer Semester Start **21 May 2029**

● Summer Semester & Academic Year End **29 June 2029**

Taking into consideration the following:

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03 ²⁰²⁹ MARCH

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