

Spring 2025

January 2	Thursday	Staff Resumes Work
January 13	Monday	Faculty Resume on Campus
January 17-19	Friday – Sunday	International Master Students Arrival
January 20 - 23	Monday - Thursday	Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration for Spring 2025
January 27	Monday	First day of Classes
January 27- 30	Monday – Thursday	Add/drop period
February 4	Tuesday	Welcome Ceremony
February 13	Thursday	Admissions Open for PhD (Fall 2025)
February 28	Friday	Holy Month of Ramadan* (Days may vary)
March 21-30	Friday - Sunday	Spring Break
March 31	Monday	Resume of Classes
April 1	Tuesday	Admission Deadline for MA (Spring 2026)
April 1- 3	Tuesday - Thursday	Eid Al Fitr Holiday*
May 1	Thursday	Admission Deadline for PhD (Fall 2025)
May 22	Thursday	Last day for Classes
May 26- 29	Monday – Thursday	Exams
June 3	Tuesday	Submission of Grades
June 6	Friday	Summer Break

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June 9	Monday	Release of Final Grades to Students
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Fall 2025

August 4	Monday	Admissions Open for PhD (Fall 2026)
August 15-17	Friday – Sunday	International PhD Students Arrival
August 18	Monday	Faulty Resume on Campus
August 18- 21	Monday - Thursday	Student Orientation, Registration and Advising for the Fall 2025
August 21	Thursday	Welcome Ceremony
August 25	Monday	First day of Classes
August 25- 28	Monday – Thursday	Add/drop period
October 10 -19	Friday - Sunday	Fall Break
November 3	Thursday	Admission Deadline for PhD (Fall 2026)
December 1-3	Monday - Wednesday	Commemoration Day and UAE National Day holiday (GSU Closed)
December 11	Thursday	Last day for Classes
December 15- 18	Thursday	Exams
December 19 -20	Friday – Sunday	Submission of Grades
December 21	Monday	Winter Break
December 22	Tuesday	Release of Final Grades to Students

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Spring 2026

January 5	Monday	Staff Resumes Work
January 9-11	Friday – Sunday	International Master Students Arrival
January 12	Monday	Faculty Resumes on Campus
January 12-15	Monday - Thursday	Student Orientation, Advising and Registration for Spring Semester 2026
January 19	Monday	First day of Classes
January 19- 22	Monday - Thursday	Add/drop period
February 16	Monday	Holy Month of Ramadan* (Days may vary)
March 17-19	Tuesday - Thursday	Eid Al Fitr Holiday
March 20-29	Friday - Sunday	Spring Break
March 30	Monday	Resume of Classes
May 14	Thursday	Last day for Classes
May 18- 21	Monday – Thursday	Exams
May 25 – 28	Monday	Eid Al Aldha Holiday
June 1 - 3	Monday – Wednesday	Submission of Grades
June 5	Friday	Summer Break
June 8	Monday	Release of Final Grades to Students

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