

HBKU Academic Calendar

Graduate Key Dates (2025 - 2026)

Date	Action
Sunday, August 17, 2025	New student registration
Sunday, August 17, 2025	Start of advising week for new students
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	New graduate student orientation (Tentative)
Sunday, August 24, 2025	Fall classes begin
Sunday, August 24, 2025	Open add/drop week
Thursday, August 28, 2025	Last day to submit approved "Transfer Credit Requests" to the Registrar's Office - Fall
Thursday, August 28, 2025	Last day to receive Audit requests for non-HBKU students for Fall semester
Thursday, September 04, 2025	Last day to add a course online for graduate students
Thursday, September 04, 2025	Last day to drop a course without it appearing on record and with no financial penalty for graduate students
Thursday, September 11, 2025	Last day to add a course with Instructor, Program Coordinator and Dean's approval for graduate students
Thursday, September 11, 2025	Last day to apply for Leave of Absence
Thursday, September 18, 2025	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 25% tuition penalty
Sunday, September 21, 2025	Fall graduation application open online
Thursday, October 02, 2025	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 50% tuition penalty
Sunday, October 12, 2025	Fall break – No classes
Sunday, October 19, 2025	Fall classes resume
Monday, October 27, 2025	Open information sessions for graduates
Thursday, November 06, 2025	Last day to complete graduation application for Fall graduates
Thursday, November 06, 2025	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 75% tuition penalty
Friday, November 07, 2025	Start of 100% financial penalty for withdrawn courses
Sunday, November 16, 2025	Financial holds to be placed on student records for outstanding payments
Thursday, November 20, 2025	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of (W)
Thursday, November 20, 2025	Official Spring 2026 class schedule available online
Sunday, November 23, 2025	Course evaluations live for Fall semester
Sunday, November 23, 2025	Registration for Spring opens
Sunday, November 23, 2025	Last day to submit change of major forms to the Registrar's Office (to be applicable the following semester)
Thursday, December 04, 2025	Last day to complete Pro-Quest and Similarity Index for Fall graduates
Thursday, December 04, 2025	Last day to complete Fall course evaluations
Thursday, December 04, 2025	Last day of classes
Sunday, December 07, 2025	Final exam week

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Sunday, December 07, 2025	Last day to receive Qualifying & Candidacy exams results
Sunday, December 07, 2025	Last day to complete university clearance for Fall graduates
Thursday, December 11, 2025	Last day for pending incomplete grades to become failing grades (Grades for courses taken in previous Spring)
Monday, December 15, 2025	Last day for faculty to submit final grades online by 12:00
Wednesday, December 17, 2025	Final grades for Fall semester available online
Thursday, December 18, 2025	Qatar National Day
Thursday, January 01, 2026	Fall diplomas and graduation statements available
Sunday, January 04, 2026	Spring classes begin
Thursday, January 08, 2026	Last day to submit approved "Transfer Credit Requests" to the Registrar's Office - Spring
Thursday, January 08, 2026	Last day to receive Audit requests for non-HBKU students for Spring semester
Thursday, January 15, 2026	Last day to add a course online for graduate students
Thursday, January 15, 2026	Last day to drop a course without it appearing on record and with no financial penalty for graduate students
Thursday, January 22, 2026	Last day to apply for Leave of Absence
Thursday, January 22, 2026	Last day to add a course with Instructor, Program Coordinator and Dean's approval for graduate students
Thursday, January 29, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 25% tuition penalty
Sunday, February 01, 2026	Spring graduation application open online
Tuesday, February 10, 2026	Qatar National Sports Day – No classes
Thursday, February 12, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 50% tuition penalty
Sunday, February 22, 2026	Spring break - No classes
Sunday, March 01, 2026	Spring classes resume post spring break
Tuesday, March 03, 2026	Open information sessions for graduates
Sunday, March 15, 2026	Last day to complete graduation applications for Spring graduates
Thursday, March 19, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 75% tuition penalty
Friday, March 20, 2026	Start of 100% financial penalty for withdrawn courses
Friday, March 20, 2026	Eid Al Fitr holiday (Tentative)
Sunday, March 29, 2026	Spring classes resume after Eid Alfitr
Sunday, April 05, 2026	Financial holds to be placed on student records for outstanding payments
Thursday, April 09, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of (W)
Thursday, April 09, 2026	Official Fall 2026 class schedule available online
Sunday, April 12, 2026	Course evaluations live for Spring semester

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Sunday, April 12, 2026	Registration for upcoming Fall and Summer starts
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	Last day to submit change of major forms to the Registrar's Office (to be applicable the following semester)
Thursday, April 23, 2026	Last day to complete Pro-Quest and Similarity Index for Spring graduates
Thursday, April 23, 2026	Last day to complete Spring course evaluations
Thursday, April 23, 2026	Last day of classes
Sunday, April 26, 2026	Final exam week
Sunday, April 26, 2026	Last day to complete university clearance for Spring graduates
Sunday, April 26, 2026	Last day to receive Qualifying & Candidacy exams results
Thursday, April 30, 2026	Last day for pending incomplete grades to become failing grades (Grades for courses taken in previous Fall)
Sunday, May 03, 2026	Last day for faculty to submit final grades online
Tuesday, May 05, 2026	Qatar Foundation Convocation (Tentative)
Thursday, May 07, 2026	Final grades for Spring semester available online
Sunday, May 10, 2026	HBKU Graduation (Tentative)
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	Eid Al Adha break (Tentative)
Monday, June 01, 2026	Spring diplomas and graduation statements available