

HBKU Academic Calendar

Graduate Key Dates (2026 - 2027)

Fall Semester 2026

Date	Action
Sunday, August 16, 2026	New students registration
Sunday, August 16, 2026	Start of advising week for new students
Tuesday, August 18, 2026	New graduate students orientation (Tentative)
Sunday, August 23, 2026	Fall classes begin
Sunday, August 23, 2026	Open add/drop week
Thursday, August 27, 2026	Last day to submit approved "Transfer Credit Requests" to the Registrar's office - Fall
Thursday, August 27, 2026	Last day to receive Audit requests for non-HBKU students for Fall semester
Thursday, September 03, 2026	Last day to add a course online for graduate students
Thursday, September 03, 2026	Last day to drop a course without it appearing on record and with no financial penalty for graduate students
Thursday, September 10, 2026	Last day to apply for Leave of Absence
Thursday, September 10, 2026	Last day to add a course with Instructor, Program Coordinator and Dean's approval for graduate students
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 25% tuition penalty
Sunday, September 20, 2026	Fall graduation application opens online
Thursday, October 01, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 50% tuition penalty
Sunday, October 11, 2026	Fall break – no classes
Sunday, October 18, 2026	Fall classes resume
Monday, October 26, 2026	Open information sessions for graduates
Thursday, November 05, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 75% tuition penalty
Thursday, November 05, 2026	Last day to complete graduation application for Fall graduates
Friday, November 06, 2026	Start of 100% financial penalty for withdrawn courses
Sunday, November 15, 2026	Financial holds to be placed on student records for outstanding payments
Thursday, November 19, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of (W)
Thursday, November 19, 2026	Last day to defend thesis for Fall graduates
Thursday, November 19, 2026	Official Spring 2027 Classes schedule is available online
Sunday, November 22, 2026	Course evaluations live for Fall semester
Sunday, November 22, 2026	Registration for Spring semester opens
Sunday, November 22, 2026	Last day to submit change of major forms to the Registrar's Office (to be applicable the following semester)
Thursday, December 03, 2026	Last day to complete Pro-Quest and Similarity Index for Fall graduates
Thursday, December 03, 2026	Last day to complete Fall course evaluations
Thursday, December 03, 2026	Last day of classes
Sunday, December 06, 2026	Final exams week
Sunday, December 06, 2026	Last day to receive qualifying & candidacy exams results
Sunday, December 06, 2026	Last day to complete university clearance for Fall graduates
Thursday, December 10, 2026	Last day for pending incomplete grades to become failing grades (Grades for courses taken in previous Spring semester)

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Thursday, December 17, 2026	Final grades for Fall semester are available online
Friday, December 18, 2026	Qatar National Day
Sunday, January 03, 2027	Fall diplomas and graduation statements are available

Spring Semester 2027

Date	Action
Sunday, January 10, 2027	Spring classes begin
Sunday, January 10, 2027	Open add/drop week
Thursday, January 14, 2027	Last day to submit approved "Transfer Credit Requests" to the Registrar's office - Spring
Thursday, January 14, 2027	Last day to receive Audit requests for non-HBKU students for Spring semester
Thursday, January 21, 2027	Last day to add a course online for graduate students
Thursday, January 21, 2027	Last day to drop a course without it appearing on record and with no financial penalty for graduate students
Thursday, January 28, 2027	Last day to apply for Leave of Absence
Thursday, January 28, 2027	Last day to add a course with Instructor, Program Coordinator and Dean's approval for graduate students
Thursday, February 04, 2027	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 25% tuition penalty
Sunday, February 07, 2027	Ramadan 1st (Tentative)
Tuesday, February 09, 2027	Qatar National Sports Day – no classes
Thursday, February 18, 2027	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 50% tuition penalty
Sunday, March 07, 2027	Eid Al Fitr/ Spring break - No classes
Sunday, March 14, 2027	Spring classes resume post Spring/Eid break
Tuesday, March 16, 2027	Open information sessions for graduates
Sunday, March 21, 2027	Last day to complete graduation applications for Spring graduates
Thursday, March 25, 2027	Last day to withdraw from a course with a 75% tuition penalty
Friday, March 26, 2027	Start of 100% financial penalty for withdrawn courses
Sunday, April 04, 2027	Financial holds to be placed on student records for outstanding payments
Thursday, April 08, 2027	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of (W)
Sunday, April 11, 2027	Course evaluations live for Spring semester
Thursday, April 15, 2027	Official Fall 2027 Classes schedule is available online
Sunday, April 18, 2027	Registration for upcoming Fall & Summer starts
Sunday, April 18, 2027	Last day to defend thesis for Spring graduates
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	Last day to submit change of major forms to the Registrar's office (to be applicable the following semester)
Thursday, April 22, 2027	Last day to complete Pro-Quest and Similarity Index for Spring graduates
Thursday, April 22, 2027	Last day to complete Spring course evaluations
Thursday, April 22, 2027	Last day of classes
Sunday, April 25, 2027	Final exams week
Sunday, April 25, 2027	Last day to complete university clearance for Spring graduates

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Sunday, April 25, 2027	Last day to receive qualifying & candidacy exams results
Thursday, April 29, 2027	Last day For pending incomplete grades to become failing grades (Grades for courses taken in previous Fall semester)
Sunday, May 02, 2027	Last day for faculty to submit final grades online
Tuesday, May 04, 2027	Qatar Foundation Convocation (Tentative)
Thursday, May 06, 2027	Final grades for Spring semester available online
Sunday, May 09, 2027	HBKU Graduation (Tentative)
Sunday, May 16, 2027	Eid Al-Adha break (Tentative)
Tuesday, June 01, 2027	Spring diplomas and graduation statements available

Summer Semester 2027

Date	Action
Sunday, May 23, 2027	Summer classes begin
Sunday, May 23, 2027	Add/drop period for students starts
Thursday, May 27, 2027	Last day to add a course online
Thursday, May 27, 2027	Last day to drop a course without it appearing on record and with no financial penalty
Thursday, July 01, 2027	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of (W)
Monday, July 05, 2027	Course evaluations live for summer semester
Thursday, July 08, 2027	Deadline to complete Summer course evaluations
Thursday, July 08, 2027	Last day of classes
Sunday, July 11, 2027	Start of final exams
Monday, July 12, 2027	End of final exams
Wednesday, July 14, 2027	Deadline for faculty to submit final grades online
Thursday, July 15, 2027	Final grades for Summer semester available online