



University Calendar for Students of Years Above the First

Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Pursuant to the letter of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research / Department of Studies, Planning and Follow-up

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Academic-year dates	Day	Date	Duration	Notes
First semester – start and end	Sunday	20/9/2026 - 31/12/2026	15 weeks	–
Start of examinations Mid-year examinations for colleges and institutes following the annual system Final examinations of the first semester for colleges and institutes following the semester system, the course system and the Bologna Process	Sunday	3/1/2027	–	–
Spring break – start and end	Sunday	17/1/2027 - 30/1/2027	2 weeks	–
Second semester – start and end	Sunday	31/1/2027 - 13/5/2027	15 weeks	–
Start of final examinations First-round examinations for colleges and institutes following the annual system Final examinations of the second semester for colleges and institutes following the semester system, the course system and the Bologna Process	Sunday	16/5/2027	–	–
Start of second-round examinations	Wednesday	1/9/2027	–	Universities retain flexibility as to the start date should it coincide with the preparatory-school examinations
Summer vacation – start and end	Thursday	1/7/2027 - 31/8/2027	2 months	–
Summer training For students of the colleges and institutes covered by it, according to the periods set in the summer-training instructions	Thursday	1/7/2027 - 31/8/2027	–	–
Summer semester – start and end For universities and colleges following the course system / the optional summer course of the Bologna Process	Thursday	1/7/2027 - 31/8/2027	8 weeks	–

General notes

- ◆ Department councils may recommend advancing or delaying examination dates, wherever they occur, by one week, subject to the approval of the College/Institute Council.
- ◆ The Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha holidays and other official holidays and occasions shall be observed if they fall on examination days.
- ◆ Student registration for courses shall take place within the period stated in the guides specific to each system, in addition to the circulars issued by the Department in this regard.

This table is a re-typeset English rendering of the ministerial calendar for display and publication; the ministerial letter referred to above is the officially approved version.