

Academic Calendar 2024-2025

MBRSG Graduate Programmes*

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SEMESTER 1 – FALL 2024		
JULY 2024	Monday 1 st - Wednesday 31 st	Admission and Registration Period
	Sunday 7 th	Al Hijra – Islamic New Year Holiday***
AUGUST 2024	Thursday 1 st to Friday 16 th	Admission and Registration Period continues.
	Friday 16 th & Saturday 17 th & Sunday 18 th	Return to Learning (Orientation) for New Students: MPA, MIM & EMPA(Arabic): Timings: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00am – 12pm and 1pm – 5pm.
	Monday 19 th	Dissertation Induction Workshop – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Saturday 24 th – Sunday 25 th	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1501, 1504A & 1505B) & MIM (MIM711) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Monday 26 th	Fall Semester Commences for MPA(Continuing) and MPP students. Weekday Module class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:00pm.
	Saturday 31 st	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) & MIM (MIM712) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA512) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
SEPTEMBER 2024	Sunday 1 st	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) & MIM (MIM712) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA512) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 7 th and Sunday 8 th	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1503, 1507 & 1508) & MIM (MIM713) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA511) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Monday 9 th	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Sunday 15 th	***Prophet Mohammad's Birthday (<i>Public Holiday</i>)
	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Independent Study Week (<i>MPA continuing students – no classes</i>)
	Friday 20 th , Saturday 21 st & Sunday 22 nd	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001): (Compulsory for all NEW MIM and MPA students). Timings: Friday 2:30pm-8:30pm. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm – 5:30pm.
Saturday 28 th & Sunday 29 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A & 1505B) & MIM (MIM712) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm	
OCTOBER 2024	Saturday 5 th and Sunday 6 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) & MIM (MIM713) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA512) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Saturday 12 th and Sunday 13 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507 & 1508) & MIM (MIM711) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA511) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Monday 14 th	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
	Sunday 20 th – Sunday 27 th	International Field Trip (Optional) – Geneva, Switzerland Independent Study Week (All Programs – <i>no classes</i>)
	Monday 28 th – Wednesday 30 th PBL Workshops	PBL 3 Hour Workshops for MPA (continuing students) and MPP classes (as per academic timetable 4:30pm – 7:30pm each day).
NOVEMBER 2024	Saturday 2 nd - PBL Workshops	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A & 1505B) & MIM (MIM711) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513) students. Timings: Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) & MIM (MIM712) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA512) students. Timings: Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Sunday 3 rd PBL Workshops (cont.)	EMPA (1503, 1507 & 1508) & MIM (MIM713) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513) students. Timings: 9am-12:00pm
	Saturday 9 th and Sunday 10 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A & 1505B) & MIM (MIM711) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA512) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 16 th and Sunday 17 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507, 1508) & MIM (MIM712) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.

NOVEMBER 2024 cont.	Monday 18 th – Sunday 24 th Saturday 23 rd and Sunday 24 th	Module Evaluation Surveys - (Student Surveys). Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B & 1505A) & MIM (MIM713) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA511) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm Timings: Sunday 9:00am-12:00pm.
	Wednesday 27 th	Last day of Classes for MPA (continuing) and MPP Programs ∞
	Monday 25 th – Thursday 28 th	Independent Study Week (<i>All Programs</i>)
	Saturday 30 th	Commemoration (Martyr's) Day
DECEMBER 2024	Sunday 1 st – Monday 2 nd	UAE National Day Holiday(s)
	Monday 2 nd – Saturday 7 th	Independent Study Week (<i>All Programs</i>)
	Sunday 8 th – Sunday 15 th	Final Assessment Period – EMPA, MIM and MPA(New) Programs (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 9 th – Wednesday 11 th	Final Assessment Period – MPA (continuing) and MPP Programs (Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Thursday 19 th	Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings – MPA, MIM and MPP Programs (<i>excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i>)
	Friday 20 th	Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions - MPA MIM and MPP Programs (<i>excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i>)
	Friday 20 th	Commencement of Semester Break (MPA, MIM and MPP Students)
	Friday 20 th , Saturday 21 st and Sunday 22 nd	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001A) – Cohort 1: (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2025 semester). Timings <i>Friday 20th Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd December from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.</i>
	Thursday 26 th	Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings – EMPA Program (<i>excluding, EMPA901 students</i>)
	Friday 27 th	Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions – EMPA Program (<i>excluding, EMPA901 students</i>)
	Friday 27 th Saturday 28 th and Sunday 29 th	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001B) – Cohort 2: (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2024 semester). Timings <i>Friday 27th Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th December from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.</i>
	Monday 30 th	Commencement of Semester Break (EMPA – Students)
JANUARY 2025	Monday 1 st	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Sunday 12 th - Sunday 19 th	RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination & Coursework Submission Period All Programs (MPA (continuing and New), MIM, MPP & EMPA students).
	Thursday 23 rd	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (Resits and Dissertations) (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students).
	Friday 24 th	Declaration of Reassessment Grades, Progression & Award Decisions (Resits and Dissertations) (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)
Independent Study Week		Fall Semester 2024 closed.
	***	<i>Islamic Holidays are subject to confirmation</i>
	∞	<i>Coursework deadlines are set throughout the term. Students must refer to their module handbooks for deadlines for individual assessment tasks.</i>
		<i>Students undertake directed independent learning. No classes.</i>

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SEMESTER 2 – SPRING 2025		
JANUARY 2025	Wednesday 1 st	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Thursday 2 nd – Friday 24 th	Registration Period (commences) New & Continuing Students
	Friday 24 th & Saturday 25 th & Sunday 26 th	Return to Learning (Orientation) for New Students: MPA, MPP, MIM & EMPA(Arabic): Timings: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00am – 12pm and 1pm – 5pm.
	Monday 27 th	Isra Wal Meraj (No longer a public holiday)
	Tuesday 28 th	Dissertation Induction Workshop – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Registration Period continues
FEBRUARY 2025	Saturday 1 st & Sunday 2 nd	Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1501 and 1504) & MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA511 & MPA514) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm
	Monday 3 rd	Spring Semester Commences: MPA (old program) & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:30pm as per Academic Timetable
	Saturday 8 th & Sunday 9 th	Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1502 and 1505) & MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA512 & MPA515) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 15 th & Sunday 16 th	Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1503, 1507 and 1508) & MIM713 & MIM716 and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513 & MPA516) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm
	Monday 17 th	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Friday 21 st Saturday 22 nd and Sunday 23 rd	Spring Semester Commences: Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001): (Compulsory for all NEW MPA and MIM students). Timings: Friday 2:30pm-8:30pm. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm – 5:30pm.
	Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Thursday 27 th February	Holy Month of Ramadan expected to commence
MARCH 2025	Saturday 1 st to Sunday 2 nd	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Monday 3 rd – Sunday 9 th	Independent Study Week (All Programs)
	Monday 10 th	Ramadan Timings for MPA (Old Program) & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 3:00pm to 5:30pm during Ramadan (see Timetable)
	Monday 24 th	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). All MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
	Friday 29 th – Monday 31 st	Eid Al Fitr Holidays***
APRIL 2025	Tuesday 1 st – Friday 4 th	Independent Study Week (All Programs)
	Saturday 5 th and Sunday 6 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501 and 1504) & MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA511 & MPA514) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm
	Monday 7 th - PBL Workshops	Spring Semester Continues: MPA (Old Program) & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:30pm as per Academic Timetable.
	Saturday 12 th – Sunday 13 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1502 and 1505) & MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (NEW PROGRAM) - (MPA512 & MPA515) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 19 th & Sunday 20 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507 and 1508) & MIM713 & MIM716 and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513 & MPA516) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm
	Monday 28 th – Wednesday 30 th	Independent Study Week (All Programs)
MAY 2025	Thursday 1 st – Friday 2 nd	Independent Study Week (All Programs)
	Saturday 3 rd & Sunday 4 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501 and 1504) & MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA511 & MPA514) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 10 th & Sunday 11 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1502 and 1505) & MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (NEW PROGRAM) - (MPA512 & MPA515) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 17 th & Sunday 18 th	EMPA (1503, 1507 and 1508) & MIM713 & MIM716 and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513 & MPA516) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm

MAY 2025 continued	Monday 19 th – Sunday 25 th Sunday 25 th – Saturday 31 st	Module Review Evaluation Survey (ALL Programs) - (Student Survey) Final Assessment Period – EMPA, MIM and MPA(New) Programs (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 26 th – Wednesday 28 th	Final Assessment Period – MPA (continuing) and MPP Programs (Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Wednesday 28 th	Last day of Classes for MPA (Old Program) and MPP Programs ∞
	Monday 26 th – Thursday 29 th	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
JUNE 2025	Sunday 1 st	Final Assessment Period – EMPA, MIM and MPA(New) Programs (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 2 nd	Commencement of Semester Break (<i>Excluding Dissertation students and ASM001 (EMPA) students</i>)
	Friday 6 th – Tuesday 10 th	Eid Al Adha Holidays***
	Thursday 19 th	Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings (<i>excluding EMPA901, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i>)
	Friday 20 th	Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students - (excluding EMPA901, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students)</i>)
	Friday 20 th , Saturday 21 st and Sunday 22 nd	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001): (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Fall 2025 semester). Timings 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm on Friday 20 th and 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm on Saturday 21 st and Sunday 22 nd June 2025.
	Sunday 29 th – Monday 30 th	RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination & Coursework Submission Period All Students (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP & EMPA students</i>).
JULY 2025	Tuesday 1 st - Sunday 6 th	RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination & Coursework Submission Period All Students (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP & EMPA students</i>).
	Thursday 10 th	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (<i>RESITS and DISSERTATION Students – All Programs</i>)
	Friday 11 th	Declaration of RESIT & DISSERTATION Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (<i>All Programs</i>)
Independent Study Week		Spring Semester 2025 Closed
	**	<i>Islamic Holidays are subject to confirmation</i>
	∞	<i>Coursework deadlines are set throughout the term. Students must refer to their module handbooks for deadlines for individual assessment tasks.</i>
		<i>Period when formal classes cease. Students undertake directed independent learning</i>

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