

# Academic Calendar 2025-2026

MBRSG Graduate Programmes\*



SEMESTER 1 – FALL 2025		
JULY 2025	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Admission and Registration Period
AUGUST 2025	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Admission and Registration Period continues.
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Return to Learning (Orientation) for New Students: MPA, MIM &amp; EMPA(Arabic):</b> Timings: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00am – 12pm and 1pm – 5pm each day.
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Induction Workshop</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (MPA511 and MPA514) students.</b> Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (MPA512 and MPA515) students.</b> Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
SEPTEMBER 2025	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	***Mawlid an Nabi - Prophet Mohammad's Birthday ( <i>Public Holiday</i> )
	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) and MPA (MPA513 and MPA516) students.</b> Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Workshop 2</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001):</b> (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.
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Workshop 3</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MBRSG School Council Meeting to ratify student awards from previous Award Board Meeting (TBC)</b>
	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (MPA511 and MPA514) students.</b> Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm each day. Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.
OCTOBER 2025	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (MPA512 and MPA515) students.</b> Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm each day. Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.
	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) and MPA (MPA513 and MPA516) students.</b> Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm each day. Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>International Field Trip (Optional) – To Be Confirmed</b>
NOVEMBER 2025	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Project Based Learning (PBL) Workshops	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (MPA511 and MPA514) students.</b> Timings: Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm <b>EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (MPA512 and MPA515) students.</b> Timings: Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - PBL Workshops (cont.)	<b>EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) and MPA (MPA513 and MPA516) students.</b> Timings: 9am-12:00pm

NOVEMBER 2025 cont.	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (MPA511 and MPA514) students.</b> <b>Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: Saturday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm. Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm.</b> <b>Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.</b>
	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EMPA (1502, 1504B &amp; 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (MPA512 and MPA515) students</b> <b>Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: Saturday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm. Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm.</b> <b>Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.</b>
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Workshop 4 – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm</b>
	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) and MPA (MPA513 and MPA516) students</b> <b>Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: Saturday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm. Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm.</b> <b>Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.</b>
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Module Evaluation Surveys - (Student Surveys).
DECEMBER 2025	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Commemoration (Martyr's) Day
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	UAE National Day Holiday(s)
	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – EMPA, MPA, MIM and MPP Programs (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)</b>
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Workshop 5 – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm</b>
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings – MPA, MIM and MPP Programs (excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students)</b>
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions - MPA MIM and MPP Programs (excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students)</b>
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings – EMPA Program (excluding, EMPA901 students)</b>
	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions – EMPA Program (excluding, EMPA901 students)</b>
JANUARY 2026	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001A) – Cohort 1:</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2026 semester). Timings <i>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.</i>
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001B) – Cohort 2:</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2026 semester). Timings <i>Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.</i>
	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination &amp; Coursework Submission Period All Programs (MPA (continuing and New), MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA students).</b>
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (Resits and Dissertations) (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students).</b>
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Declaration of Reassessment Grades, Progression &amp; Award Decisions (Resits and Dissertations) (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)</b>
		<b>Fall Semester 2025 closed.</b>
Independent Study Week	***	<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>

\* For students undertaking study in the 2025/2026 Academic Year.

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SEMESTER 2 – SPRING 2026		
JANUARY 2026	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Registration Period (commences) New & Continuing Students
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Isra Wal Meraj ( <i>No longer a public holiday</i> )
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Return to Learning (Orientation) for New Students: MPA, MIM &amp; EMPA(Arabic): Timings: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday &amp; Sunday 9:00am – 12pm and 1pm – 5pm each day.</b>
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Induction Workshop</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm (On Campus)
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Registration Period continues
	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1504) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (MPA511 &amp; MPA514) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm</b>
FEBRUARY 2026	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1504) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (MPA511 &amp; MPA514) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm</b>
	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1501B, 1503A and 1505) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (MPA512 &amp; MPA515) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm</b>
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Workshop 2</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm (ONLINE)
	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1502A, 1503B and 1507 and 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 &amp; MIM716) and MPA (MPA513 &amp; MPA516) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm</b>
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Month of Ramadan expected to commence
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> , Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>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.</b>
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Dissertation Workshop 3</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 3:30pm-5:30pm (ONLINE)
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MBRSG School Council Meeting to ratify student awards as per Award Board Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 (TBC)</b>
MARCH 2026	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eid Al Fitr Holidays***
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). All MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>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.</b>
APRIL 2026	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (MPA511 and MPA514) students. Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm each day. Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.</b>
	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (MPA512 and MPA515) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm</b>
	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) and MPA (MPA513 and MPA516) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm</b>
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Workshop 4</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm.

MAY 2026	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1505) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA511 &amp; MPA514) students.</b> <b>Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: Saturday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm. Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm.</b> <b>Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.</b>
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501B, 1503A and 1504) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) and MPA (NEW) - (MPA512 &amp; MPA515) students.</b> <b>Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: Saturday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm. Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm.</b> <b>Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.</b>
	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1502A, 1503B and 1507) &amp; MIM713 &amp; MIM716 and MPA (NEW) - (MPA513 &amp; MPA516) students.</b> <b>Timings: EMPA(Arabic) and MPA programs: Saturday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm. Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm.</b> <b>Timings: MIM: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day</b>
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Workshop 5</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm.
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Module Review Evaluation Survey (ALL Programs) - (Student Survey)
	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – EMPA, MPA, MIM and MPP Programs (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)</b> Eid Al Adha Holidays***
JUNE 2026	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period continued – EMPA, MPA MIM and MPP Programs (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)</b>
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement of Semester Break ( <i>Excluding Dissertation students and ASM001 (EMPA) students</i> )
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings (MPA, MIM and MPP Modules, excluding MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 Dissertation students)</b>
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and students - (excluding MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 Dissertation students))</b>
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings (EMPA Modules, excluding EMPA901Dissertation students)</b>
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and students - (EMPA Modules, excluding EMPA901Dissertation students)</b>
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001):</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Fall 2026 semester). Timings 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> and 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm on Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2026.
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination &amp; Coursework Submission Period All Students (MPA, MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA students).</b>
JULY 2026	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination &amp; Coursework Submission Period All Students (MPA, MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA students).</b>
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (RESITS and DISSERTATION Students – All Programs)</b>
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of RESIT &amp; DISSERTATION Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (All Programs)</b>
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MBRSG School Council Meeting to ratify student awards as per Award Board Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (TBC)</b>
		<b>Spring Semester 2026 Closed</b>
	**	<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>	
<b>Independent Study Week</b>	<i>Period when formal classes cease. Students undertake directed independent learning</i>	

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