

# Academic Calendar 2024-2025

MBRSG Graduate Programmes\*

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SEMESTER 1 – FALL 2024		
JULY 2024	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Admission and Registration Period
	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Al Hijra – Islamic New Year Holiday***
AUGUST 2024	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Admission and Registration Period continues.
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Return to Learning (Orientation) for New Students: MPA, MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA(Arabic): Timings: Friday 2pm – 6pm, Saturday &amp; Sunday 9:00am – 12pm and 1pm – 5pm.</b>
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Induction Workshop</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b>
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences for MPA and MPP students.</b> Weekday Module class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:00pm.
	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b>
SEPTEMBER 2024	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b>
	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b>
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	***Prophet Mohammad's Birthday ( <i>Public Holiday</i> )
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>MPA continuing students – no classes</i> )
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001):</b> (Compulsory for all <b>NEW MIM, MPA and MPP</b> students). <b>Timings:</b> Friday 2:30pm-8:30pm. <b>Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm – 5:30pm.
	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b>
OCTOBER 2024	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.</b>
	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b>
	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>International Field Trip (Optional) – Place and Timings to be confirmed.</b> Independent Study Week (All Programs – <i>no classes</i> )
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> PBL Workshops	<b>PBL 3 Hour Workshops for MPA (continuing students) and MPP classes</b> (as per academic timetable 4:30pm – 7:30pm each day).
NOVEMBER 2024	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> PBL Workshops	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) students. Timings: Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm</b> <b>EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) students. Timings: Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm</b> <b>EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b> <b>Timings: Sunday 9:00am-12:00pm.</b>
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) &amp; MIM (MIM711 and MIM714) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b>
	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM (MIM712 and MIM715) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.</b>
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Module Evaluation Surveys - (Student Surveys).

NOVEMBER 2024 cont.	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) &amp; MIM (MIM713 and MIM716) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm Timings: Sunday 9:00am-12:00pm.</b>
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Classes for MPA (continuing) and MPP Programs ∞
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Commemoration (Martyr's) Day
DECEMBER 2024	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	UAE National Day Holiday(s)
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – EMPA and MIM Programs</b> (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – MPA and MPP Programs</b> (Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings – MPA, MIM and MPP Programs</b> ( <i>excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i> )
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions - MPA MIM and MPP Programs</b> ( <i>excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i> )
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement of Semester Break (MPA, MIM and MPP Students).
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001A) – Cohort 1:</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2025 semester). Timings <i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</i> from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings – EMPA Program</b> ( <i>excluding, EMPA901 students</i> )
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions – EMPA Program</b> ( <i>excluding, EMPA901 students</i> )
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29 <sup>h</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001B) – Cohort 2:</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2024 semester). Timings <i>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 29<sup>h</sup> December</i> from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement of Semester Break (EMPA – Students).
JANUARY 2025	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination &amp; Coursework Submission Period All Programs (MPA), MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA students).</b>
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (Resits and Dissertations) (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students).</b>
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Reassessment Grades, Progression &amp; Award Decisions (Resits and Dissertations) (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)</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>

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## SEMESTER 2 – SPRING 2025

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

MAY 2025 cont.	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – EMPA, MIM and MPA(New) Programs</b> (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – MPA and MPP Programs</b> (Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Classes for <b>MPA and MPP Programs</b> ∞
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
JUNE 2025	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – EMPA and MIM Programs</b> (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Commencement of Semester Break ( <i>Excluding Dissertation students and ASM001 (EMPA) students</i> )
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eid Al Adha Holidays***
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board and Progression Board Meetings (<i>excluding EMPA901, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i>)</b>
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades and Progression Decisions (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students - (excluding EMPA901, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students)</i>)</b>
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001):</b> (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 <sup>th</sup> and 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm on Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025.
	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination &amp; Coursework Submission Period All Students (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA students</i>).</b>
JULY 2025	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination &amp; Coursework Submission Period All Students (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA students</i>).</b>
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (<i>RESITS and DISSERTATION Students – All Programs</i>)</b>
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of RESIT &amp; DISSERTATION Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (<i>All Programs</i>)</b>
Independent Study Week		<b>Spring Semester 2025 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>
		<i>Period when formal classes cease. Students undertake directed independent learning</i>

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