

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

NYU Abu Dhabi's AY 2025-2026 session dates can be found below. Please see NYU AD Academic Calendar (<https://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/academics/undergraduate/academic-calendar/2024-2025-academic-calendar.html>) for other operational dates and deadlines. Note that Islamic holidays are determined according to moon sighting and are subject to change. Last-minute changes to the holiday calendar may result in Legislative Days needing to be scheduled after the semester begins.

NYU Abu Dhabi 2025-2026 Academic Calendar Orientation

Date	Event
August 23-24	Graduate Student Orientation (final dates to be determined)

Fall Semester I

Date	Event
August 25	First day of classes
August 29	Add/drop deadline for 7-week courses
September 5* (or Sep 4)	No Classes: Observance of the Prophet Muhammad's Birthday
September 7	Legislative day: Classes meet on a Friday schedule (or Thursday schedule depending on PBUH final date)
September 8	Add/drop deadline for 14-week courses
September 26	Withdrawal deadline for 7-week course
October 3	Grading basis change (pass/fail) deadline for first 7-week courses
October 10	Last day of classes for 7-week course
October 11	Reading Day
October 12-16	No classes: Final exams for 7-week courses
October 17-19	No classes: Fall break

Fall Semester II

Date	Event
October 20	Classes resume
October 24	Add/drop deadline for 7-week courses
November 7	Withdrawal deadline for 14-week courses
November 21	Withdrawal deadline for 7-week courses
November 21	Grading basis change (pass/fail) deadline for 14-week courses
November 27	Grading basis change (pass/fail) deadline for second 7-week courses

December 2-3	No classes: Commemoration Day and National Day Holiday
December 9	Last day of classes
December 10	Reading day
December 11-18	Final exams
December 19	Departure day: Winter break begins
December 21	Final grades due
January 31*	Conferral for fall 2025 and January 2026 degree completers

Winter Break

Date	Event
December 22 - January 2	No classes: Winter break (final dates to be determined)

January Term in Abu Dhabi

Date	Event
January 5	Students Arrive at their study site
January 6	Classes begin
January 10	Legislative day / J-Term classes meet - see syllabus for class schedule
January 16	Last day of January Term courses at Global sites
January 17	Students depart

Spring Semester 1

Date	Event
January 14	Visiting student arrival
January 15-18	Visiting student Marhaba
January 18-19	Returning student arrivals
January 20	Classes begin
January 26	Add/drop deadline for 7-week courses
February 2	Add/drop deadline for 14-week courses
February 16-March 18	Ramadan*
February 23	Withdrawal deadline for first 7-week courses
March 2	Grading basis change (pass/fail) deadline for first 7-week courses
March 9	Last day of classes for first 7-week courses
March 10	Reading Day (No classes)
March 11-15	No 14-week classes. Final exams for first 7-week courses
March 17	Grades due for first 7-week courses

Spring Break

Date	Event
March 16-20	No classes: Eid Al-Fitr Holiday; Spring Break

Spring Semester 2

Date	Event
March 23	Classes begin for second 7-week courses
March 27	Add/drop deadline for second 7-week courses
April 3	Withdrawal deadline for 14-week courses
April 24	Withdrawal deadline for second 7-week courses
April 24	Grading basis change (pass/fail) deadline for 14-week courses
May 1	Grading basis change (pass/fail) deadline for second 7-week courses
May 8	Last day of classes
May 9	Reading Day (No classes or exams)
May 10-17	Final exams
May 18	Visiting students depart
May 18	Returning students depart
May 19	NYUAD Commencement
May 20	Final grades due (4:00pm)
May 20	NYUAD Seniors depart
June 1	Conferral date for spring 2026 degree completers

* Note: Islamic holidays are determined according to moon sighting and are subject to change. All deadlines are 4:00pm Abu Dhabi time on the date listed in the calendar.

Four-Week Summer Session in Abu Dhabi

Date	Event
May 20	First day of Summer 4-week classes / June-Term grad program schedule will be published in May 2026
May 21	End of course swap for enrolled students who did not complete prerequisites successfully/Last day to withdraw without a letter grade - "W" grade will appear on the transcript (4pm deadline). Classes are letter graded after this deadline. End of course Swap/Withdraw begins (Course enrollment ends in March)
May 22	Legislative day: Classes meet on a Monday schedule (class timings will be adjusted around Friday prayer timing)
May 26-29	No classes: Eid Al-Adha*
June 6	Legislative Day: Classes meet in a Monday schedule
June 18	Last day of classes for classes that do not have final exams
June 19	Final Exams
June 22	Final grades due