

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.

2025–26

Orientation

Date	Event
August 18-19	First-Year student arrival window
August 20	Visiting student arrival window
August 20-24	Marhaba (student orientation)
August 21-24	Faculty Orientation
August 21-24	Visiting student Marhaba
August 23-24	Returning student arrival window

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 4	Students arrive
January 5	Classes begin (tentative)
January 16	Last day of January Term courses
January 17	Students depart (if needed)

January Term at Global Sites

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

Four-Week Summer Session in Abu Dhabi

Date	Event
May 20	First day of Summer classes (start date subject to change)
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 March 3, 2026)
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

May-June Term Abu Dhabi, Global Sites, and New York, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C.

Academic calendar for May-June Term online (<https://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/about/administration-and-governance/undergraduate-academic-calendar/2025-2026-academic-calendar.html>).

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