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NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Master of Business Administration (MBA) 2026-2028

Fall 2026				
Description	**Event/Course Dates**	**Course withdrawal deadline**	**Exam Dates**	**Faculty final grade submission period**
Dormitory check-in for new students	August 7, 2026 (F)			
Start of Orientation week for new students	August 14-17 (F-M), 2026			
CORE 1	August 22-September 27, 2026 (Sat-Sun)	September 7, 2026 (M)	October 3, 2026 (Sat)	October 19, 2026 (M)
CORE 2	August 22-September 27, 2026 (Sat-Sun)	September 7, 2026 (M)	October 4, 2026 (Sun)	October 20, 2026 (Tu)
Fall Break	October 5-11, 2026 (M-Su)			
CORE 3	October 24 - November 29, 2026 (Sat-Sun)	November 9, 2026 (M)	December 5, 2026 (Sat)	December 21, 2026 (M)
CORE 4	October 24 - November 29, 2026 (Sat-Sun)	November 9, 2026 (M)	December 6, 2026 (Sun)	December 22, 2026 (Tu)
Dormitory check-out	December 12, 2026 (Sat)			
University holidays	Republic Day - October 25, 2026 (Sun), extended to October 26 (M) Independance Day - December 16, 2026 (W)			
School adm. deadline for submitting class schedules for the next academic period to OR	October - November (TBA)			
Spring 2027				
Description	**Event/Course Dates**	**Course withdrawal deadline**	**Exam Dates**	**Faculty final grade submission period**
Dormitory check-in	January 4, 2027 (M)			
CORE 5	January 9- February 14, 2027(Sat-Sun)	January 25, 2027 (M)	February 20, 2027 (Sat)	March 9, 2027 (Tu)
CORE 6	January 9- February 14, 2027(Sat-Sun)	January 25, 2027 (M)	February 21, 2027 (Sun)	March 10, 2027 (W)
Spring Break	March 1-8, 2027 (M-M)			
CORE 7	March 6- April 18, 2027 (Sat-Sun)	March 25, 2027 (Th)	April 24, 2027 (Sat)	May 11, 2027 (Tu)
CORE 8	March 6- April 18, 2027 (Sat-Sun)	March 25, 2027 (Th)	April 25, 2027 (Sun)	May 12, 2027 (W)
University holidays	New Year - January 1-2, 2027 (F-Sat), extended to January 4 (M) Orthodox Christmas - January 7, 2027 (Th) International Women's Day - March 8, 2027 (M) Constitution Day - March 15, 2027 (M) Nauryz Holiday - March 21-23, 2027 (Sun-Tu), extended to March 24 (W) Kazakhstan People Unity Day - May 1, 2027 (Sat) Defender's Day - May 7, 2027 (F) Victory Day - May 9, 2027 (Sun), extended to May 10 (M)			
School adm. deadline for submitting class schedules for the next academic period to OR	February - March (TBA)			
Summer 2027				
Description	**Event/Course Dates**	**Course withdrawal deadline**	**Exam Dates**	**Faculty final grade submission period**
CORE 9	May 8- June 13, 2027 (Sat-Sun)	May 24, 2027 (M)	June 19, 2027 (Sat)	July 5, 2027 (M)
CORE 10	May 8-June 13, 2027 (Sat-Sun)	May 24, 2027 (M)	June 20, 2027 (Sun)	July 7, 2027 (W)
CORE 11	July 10 - August 15, 2027 (Sat-Sun)	July 27, 2027 (Tu)	August 21, 2027 (Sat)	September 6, 2027 (M)
Elective 1	July 10 - August 15, 2027 (Sat-Sun)	July 27, 2027 (Tu)	August 22, 2027 (Sun)	September 7, 2027 (Tu)
University holidays	Kurban Ait - May 2027 (TBA) Capital Day - July 6, 2027 (Tu)			
School adm. deadline for submitting class schedules for the next academic period to OR	May - June (TBA)			
Fall 2027				
Description	**Event/Course Dates**	**Course withdrawal deadline**	**Exam Dates**	**Faculty final grade submission period**
Elective 2	September 4 - October 10, 2027 (Sat-Sun)	September 20, 2027 (M)	October 16, 2027 (Sat)	November 1, 2027 (M)
Elective 3	September 4 - October 10, 2027 (Sat-Sun)	September 20, 2027 (M)	October 17, 2027 (Sun)	November 2, 2027 (Tu)
Spring 2028				
Description	**Event/Course Dates**	**Course withdrawal deadline**	**Exam Dates**	**Faculty final grade submission period**
Practicum preparation period	November 3, 2027 -February 19, 2028 (W-Sat)			
Practicum defense	February 19, 2028 (Sat)			March 4, 2028 (Sat)
Official completion date of the end of program for the graduating students	February 19, 2028 (Sat)			
Dormitory check-out	February 22, 2028 (Tu)			
Grades Posted on transcript	March 6, 2028 (M)			
Degree Conferral	June 2028 (TBA)			
Graduation Ceremony	June 2028 (TBA)			