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NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC CALENDAR
MSF 2026-2027

FALL 2026

Description	Dates	Course withdrawal deadline	Exam Dates	Faculty final grade submission period
Dormitory check-in	August 15 (Sat), 2026			
Start of Orientation week for new students	August 17-21 (M-F), 2026			
CORE 1	August 24- October 9, 2026 (M-F)	September 16, 2026 (W)	October 12, 2026 (M)	October 26, 2026 (M)
CORE 2	August 24- October 9, 2026 (M-F)	September 16, 2026 (W)	October 14, 2026 (W)	October 28, 2026 (W)
CORE 3	August 24- October 9, 2026 (M-F)	September 16, 2026 (W)	October 16, 2026 (F)	October 30, 2026 (F)
Fall Break	October 5-11, 2026 (M-Sun)			
CORE 4	October 19 - December 4, 2026 (M-F)	November 11, 2026 (W)	December 7, 2026 (M)	December 21 (M), 2026
CORE 5	October 19 - December 4, 2026 (M-F)	November 11, 2026 (W)	December 9, 2026 (W)	December 23 (W), 2026
CORE 6	October 19 - December 4, 2026 (M-F)	November 11, 2026 (W)	December 11, 2026 (F)	December 25 (F), 2026
Dormitory check-out	December 13 (Sun), 2026			
University holidays	Republic Day - October 25, 2026 (Sun), extended to October 26, 2026 (M) Independence Day - December 16, 2026 (W)			
School adm. deadline for submitting class schedules for the next academic period to OR	October - November, 2026 (TBA)			

SPRING 2027

Description	Dates	Course withdrawal deadline	Exam Dates	Faculty final grade submission period
Dormitory check-in	January 8, 2027 (F)			
CORE 7	January 11 - February 19, 2027 (M-F)	February 2, 2027 (Tu)	February 22, 2027 (M)	March 20, 2027 (Sat)
CORE 8	January 11 - February 19, 2027 (M-F)	February 2, 2027 (Tu)	February 24, 2027 (W)	March 20, 2027 (Sat)
CORE 9	January 11 - February 19, 2027 (M-F)	February 2, 2027 (Tu)	February 26, 2027 (F)	March 20, 2027 (Sat)
Industry Insights Initiative workshop (Core 13)	January 11 - April 28, 2027 (M-W)			May 14, 2027 (F)
Spring Break	March 1 - 8, 2027 (M-M)			
CORE 10	March 9 - April 28, 2027 (Tu-W)	April 2, 2027 (F)	April 30, 2027 (F)	May 14, 2027 (F)
CORE 11	March 9 - April 28, 2027 (Tu-W)	April 2, 2027 (F)	May 4, 2027 (Tu)	May 18, 2027 (Tu)
CORE 12	March 9 - April 28, 2027 (Tu-W)	April 2, 2027 (F)	May 6, 2027 (Th)	May 20, 2027 (Th)
University holidays	New Year - January 1-2 (F-Sat) extended to January 4 (M) Orthodox Christmas - January 7 (Th) International Women's Day - March 8 (M) Constitution Day - March 15 (M) Nauryz Holiday - March 21-23 (Sun-Tu) extended to March 24 (W) Kazakhstan People Unity Day - May 1 (Sat) Defender's Day - May 7 (F) Victory Day - May 9 (Sun) extended to May 10 (M)			
School adm. deadline for submitting class schedules for the next academic period to OR	February - March, 2027 (TBA)			

SUMMER 2027

Description	Event/Course Dates	Course withdrawal deadline	Exam Dates	Faculty final grade submission period
National Bank Residency	May 2027 (TBA)			July 2, 2027 (W)
Industry Insights Initiative workshop (Core 13)	May 11 - July 21, 2027 (Tu-W)			July 28, 2027 (M)
Internship/Thesis Period	May 17 - June 18, 2027 (M-F)			July 28, 2027 (M)
Residency at Financial Center Abroad)	June 21 - July 9, 2027 (M-F)			July 28, 2027 (M)
Internship/Thesis Period	July 12 - August 13, 2027 (M-F)			August 20, 2027 (F)
University holidays	Kurban Ait - May, 2027 TBC Capital Day - July 6, 2027 (Tu)			
School adm. deadline for submitting class schedules for the next academic period to OR	July, 2027 (TBA)			

FALL 2027

Description	Event/Course Dates	Course withdrawal deadline	Exam Dates	Faculty final grade submission period
Elective 1: TBA	August 16 - October 1, 2027 (M-F)	September 8, 2027 (W)	October 6, 2027 (W)	October 20, 2027 (W)
Elective 2: TBA	August 16 - October 1, 2027 (M-F)	September 8, 2027 (W)	October 8, 2027 (F)	October 22, 2027 (F)
Industry Insights Initiative workshop (Core 13)	August 16 - November 26, 2027 (M-F)			December 3, 2027 (F)
Fall Break	October 4-10, 2027 (M-Sun)			
Thesis Period	October 11 - December 3, 2027 (M-F)			
Thesis Submission Deadline	December 6, 2027 (M)			
Thesis Defense Week	December 7-10, 2027 (Tu-F)			December 18, 2027 (Sat)
NU Library Repository and Program Completion	December 13-17, 2027 (M-F)			
Dormitory check-out	December 17, 2027 (F)			
Grades Posted on transcript	December 20, 2027 (M)			
Official completion date of the end of program for the graduating students	December 22, 2027 (W)			
Degree Conferral	January, 2028 TBA			
University holidays	Republic Day - October 25, 2027 (M) Independence Day - December 16, 2027 (Th)			