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NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Academic year 2026-2027

Events	FALL 2026	SPRING 2027	SUMMER 2027
Dormitory check-in for new students	August 7 (F)	January 4 (M)	-
Start of Orientation for new students	August 10 (M)	January 6 (W)	-
Dormitory check-in for continuing students	August 14 (F)	January 8 (F)	May 28 (F)
First day of classes	**August 17 (M)**	**January 11 (M)**	**May 31 (M)**
COURSE DROP deadline	August 26 (W)	January 20 (W)	June 2 (W)
Course Withdrawal Period	August 26 (W) - October 14 (W)	January 20 (W) - March 10 (W)	June 2 (W) - July 2 (F)
COURSE ADD deadline	August 28 (F)	January 22 (F)	June 4 (F)
Break	October 5-11 (M-Su)	March 1 - 8 (M-M)	-
Classes resume after the Break	October 12 (M)	March 9 (Tu)	-
COURSE WITHDRAWAL deadline	October 14 (W)	March 10 (W)	July 2 (F)
Last day of classes	**November 27 (F)**	**April 23 (F)**	**July 21 (W)**
Final exam period	November 30 (M) - December 10 (Th)	April 26 (M) - May 6 (Th)	July 22 (Th) - July 23 (F)
Registration for courses of the next academic period	December (TBA)	May (TBA)	July-August (TBA)
Official completion date for end of program for graduating students	December 12 (Sa)	May 8 (Sa) but MPA - January 31 (Su)	July 25 (Su)
Dormitory check-out	December 12 (Sa)	May 8 (Sa) but graduating students - 2nd day after Graduation Ceremony	July 25 (Su)
Grades posted on transcripts	December 18 (F)	May 17 (M)	July 30 (F)
Degree conferral upon the end of academic period	January 2027	June 2027	September 2027
Graduation Ceremony	-	June 2027 (TBA)	-
National and State Holidays			
On University holidays: - normally, no class instructions are conducted - day-off and extensions are subject to confirmation and modification per the eGov calendar (state-level) -1st day of Kurban Ait and Jan 7 Orthodox Christmasare days-off without extensions	Republic Day October 25 (Su) extended to October 26 (M) Independence Day December 16 (W)	*New Year* January 1-2 (F-Sa) 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 (Su-T) extended to March 24 (W) *Kazakhstan People Unity Day* May 1 (Sa) *Defender's Day* May 7 (F) *Victory Day* May 9 (Su) extended to May 10 (M)	*Kurban Ait* May *Capital Day* July 6 (T)
Administrative dates: Submission and Reporting Deadlines			
School adm. deadline for submitting Final exam information to OR	August - September (TBA)	January - February (TBA)	-
Faculty deadline for submitting Midterm Reports to OR	October 3 (Sa)	Februaru 27 (Sa)	-
School adm. deadline for submitting class schedules for the next academic period to OR	October - November (TBA)	February - March (TBA)	May - June (TBA)
Faculty final grade submission period	November 27 (F) - December 15 (T)	April 23 (F) - May 13 (Th)	July 21 (W) - July 28 (W)
Change of grade deadline for graduating students	December 21 (M)	May 20 (Th)	August 2 (M)
OR deadline for submitting End of Term Reports to Schools	December 25 (F)	May 26 (W)	August 9 (M)
OR deadline for submitting Graduation Reports to Schools	December 25 (F)	May 26 (W)	August 9 (M)
School adm. deadline for submitting End of Term Reports Decisions to OR	January 5 (Tu)	June 2 (W)	August 16 (M)
School adm. deadline for submitting Graduation Verification Reports to OR	January 5 (Tu)	June 2 (W)	August 16 (M)