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KAFU Academic Council
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Chair of the Academic Council

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Academic Calendar of the Kazakh-American Free University for the 2026-2027 Academic Year (doctoral studies, scientific and pedagogical direction, winter intake, Years 1, 2 and 3)

Fall Semester, 2026–2027 Academic Year (Year 1, Semester 2)		
September	September 1 – December 12	Coursework
	September 1 – December 12	Doctoral Student Research Work (DSRW)
October	October 12 – October 17	Midterm Assessment 1
December	December 7 – December 12	Midterm Assessment 2
	December 14 – January 2	Examination Session (including retaking courses graded FX)
	December 28 – January 2	Academic Assessment of the Doctoral Student
January	January 4 – January 16	Winter Break

Fall Semester, 2026-2027 Academic Year (Year 2, Semester 4)		
September	September 1 – December 12	Doctoral Student Research Work (DSRW)
October	October 5 – December 12	Research Internship
December	December 14 – December 19	Academic Assessment of the Doctoral Student
	December 21 – January 16	Winter Break

Public holidays: October 25, December 16, January 1-2 and January 7

Spring Semester, 2026-2027 Academic Year (Year 2, Semester 3)		
January	January 18 – May 1	Doctoral Student Research Work (DSRW)
February	February 22 – May 1	Teaching Internship
May	May 3 – May 8	Report Defense
May–Aug.	May 10 – August 31	Summer Break
June	June 14 – July 24	Summer Semester

Spring Semester, 2026-2027 Academic Year (Year 2, Semester 5)		
January	January 18 – May 1	Doctoral Student Research Work (DSRW)
May	May 3 – May 8	Report Defense
	May 10 – August 31	Summer Break

Public holidays: March 8, March 15, March 21-23, May 1, 7 and 9, and June 6

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