

Academic Calendar 2023-2024

MBRSG Graduate Programmes*

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SEMESTER 1 – FALL 2023		
JULY 2023	Monday 2 nd - Monday 31 st	Admission and Registration Period
	Wednesday 19 th	Al Hijra – Islamic New Year Holiday***
AUGUST 2023	Monday 1 st to Friday 18 th	Admission and Registration Period continues.
	Saturday 19 th	Orientation for New Students: MPA & EMPA(Arabic): 8:30am – 12:30pm and 2pm - 5pm.
	Monday 21 st	Dissertation Induction Workshop – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Saturday 26 th – Sunday 27 th	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1501, 1504A & 1505B) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Monday 28 th	Fall Semester Commences for MPA, MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:00pm as per Academic Timetable
SEPTEMBER 2023	Saturday 2 nd and Sunday 3 rd	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) & MIM715 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
	Friday 8 th	Orientation for New Students: MIM: 8:30am – 12:30pm
	Saturday 9 th and Sunday 10 th	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1503, 1507 & 1508) and MIM711 and MIM716 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
	Monday 11 th	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Friday 15 th , Saturday 16 th – Sunday 17 th	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001): (Compulsory for all NEW MIM and MPA students). Timings: Friday 2:30pm-8:30pm. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm – 5:30pm.
	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Wednesday 27 th and Thursday 28 th	Fall Semester Commences: MIM712 students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day
	Friday 29 th	***Prophet Mohammad's Birthday (<i>Public Holiday</i>)
	Saturday 30 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A & 1505B) students. Timings: Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	OCTOBER 2023	Sunday 1 st
Wednesday 3 rd and Thursday 4 th		Fall Semester Commences: MIM713 students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day
Saturday 7 th and Sunday 8 th		Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A), MIM715 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
Saturday 14 th and Sunday 15 th		Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503 & 1508) and MIM 716 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
Monday 16 th		Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
Saturday 21 st and Sunday 22 nd		Fall Semester Continues: EMPA1507 & MIM 711 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
Saturday 28 th and Sunday 29 th - PBL Workshops		Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A & 1505B) and MIM716 students. Timings: Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) & MIM715 students. Timings: Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm. EMPA (1503, 1507 & 1508) students. Timings: Sunday 9:00am-12:00pm.
Monday 30 th		PBL 3 Hour Workshops for MPA and MPP classes (as per academic timetable 4:30pm – 7:30pm each day).
NOVEMBER 2023		Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd
	Monday 6 th – Thursday 9 th	International Field Trip (Optional) to London.
	Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th	Fall Semester Continues: MIM713 students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day
	Saturday 11 th and Sunday 12 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A & 1505B) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 18 th and Sunday 19 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) & MIM715 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
	Monday 20 th – Sunday 26 th	Module Evaluation Surveys - (Student Surveys).

NOVEMBER 2023 cont.	Thursday 23 rd	Last day of Classes for MPA and MPP Programs ∞
	Saturday 25 th and Sunday 26 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507 & 1508) and MIM711 and MIM 716 students.. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm – 5:30pm..
	Monday 27 th – Thursday 30 th	Independent Study Week (<i>All Programs</i>)
	Thursday 30 th	Commemoration (Martyr's) Day
DECEMBER 2023	Friday 1 st – Saturday 2 nd	UAE National Day Holiday(s)
	Friday 1 st – Sunday 3 rd	Independent Study Week (<i>All Programs</i>)
	Monday 4 th – Thursday 7 th	Final Assessment Period – MPA MIM and MPP Programs (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Saturday 9 th and Sunday 10 th	Fall Semester Continues: MIM712 students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.
	Sunday 10 th – Sunday 17 th	Final Assessment Period – EMPA Programs (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Thursday 14 th	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings - MPA and MPP Programs (<i>excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i>)
	Friday 15 th	Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions - MPA MIM and MPP Programs (<i>excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i>)
	Friday 15 th , Saturday 16 th and Sunday 17 th	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001) – Cohort 1: (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2024 semester). Timings <i>Friday 15th Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th December</i> from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.
	Saturday 16 th and Sunday 17 th	Fall Semester Continues: MIM713 students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.
	Monday 18 th	Commencement of Semester Break (MPA, MIM and MPP Students)
	Friday 22 nd , Saturday 23 rd and Sunday 24 th	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001) – Cohort 2: (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2024 semester). Timings <i>Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th December</i> from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.
	Monday 25 th	Commencement of Semester Break (EMPA –Students)
JANUARY 2024	Monday 1 st	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Thursday 4 th January	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings for EMPA and MIM programs (<i>Excluding EMPA901 and MIM901 students</i>).
	Friday 5 th January	Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions for EMPA and MIM students. (<i>Excluding EMPA901 and MIM901 students</i>).
	Sunday 14 th - Sunday 21 st	RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination & Coursework Submission Period (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP & EMPA students</i>)
	Thursday 25 th	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (Resits and Dissertations) (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students</i>).
	Friday 26 th	Declaration of Reassessment Grades, Progression & Award Decisions (Resits and Dissertations) (<i>MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students</i>)
		Fall Semester 2023 closed.
Independent Study Week	***	<i>Islamic Holidays are subject to confirmation</i>
	∞	<i>Coursework deadlines are set throughout the term. Students must refer to their module handbooks for deadlines for individual assessment tasks.</i>
		<i>Students undertake directed independent learning. No classes.</i>

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SEMESTER 2 – SPRING 2024		
JANUARY 2024	Monday 1 st	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 26 th	Registration Period (commences) New & Continuing Students
	Saturday 27 th	Orientation for New Students: MIM, MPP, MPA & EMPA(Arabic): 8:30am – 12:30pm and 2pm - 5pm.
	Monday 29 th	Dissertation Induction Workshop – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Monday 29 th – Wednesday 31 st	Registration Period continues
FEBRUARY 2024	Thursday 1 st	Registration Period continues
	Saturday 3 rd & Sunday 4 th	Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1504) and MIM714 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 5 th	Spring Semester Commences: MPA & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:30pm as per Academic Timetable
	Thursday 8 th	Isra Wal Meraj (<i>No longer a public holiday</i>)
	Saturday 10 ^h & Sunday 11 th	Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1501B, 1503A and 1505) and MIM715 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Saturday 17 ^h & Sunday 18 th	Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1502A,1503B & 1507) students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 19 th	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Wednesday 21 st & Thursday 22 nd	Spring Semester Continues: MIM714 students. Timings: Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am -12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Saturday 24 ^h & Sunday 25 th	Spring Semester Commences: MIM716 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am -12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Monday 26 th to Thursday 29 th	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
MARCH 2024	Friday 1 st to Sunday 3 rd	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Friday 1 st to Sunday 3 rd	Spring Semester Commences: Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001): (Compulsory for all NEW MPA and MIM students). Timings: Friday 2:30pm-8:30pm. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:30pm.
	Saturday 2 nd & Sunday 3 rd	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1504) students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 11 th	Holy Month of Ramadan expected to commence
	Monday 11 th	Independent Study Week (<i>All Programs</i>)
	Monday 18 th	Ramadan Timings for MPA & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 3:00pm to 5:30pm during Ramadan (see Timetable)
	Monday 25 th	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
APRIL 2024	Monday 8 th – Sunday 14 th	Independent Study Week (<i>All Programs</i>)
	Tuesday 9 th – Sunday 14 th	Eid Al Fitr Holidays***
	Monday 15 th April 2024	Spring Semester Continues: MPA & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:30pm as per Academic Timetable
	Saturday 20 th – Sunday 21 st	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501B, 1503A and 1505) and MIM715 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Sunday 21 st	Spring Semester Continues: MIM715 students. Timings: Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Wednesday 24 th & Thursday 25 th	Spring Semester Continues: MIM716 students. Timings: Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am -12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Saturday 27 ^h & Sunday 28 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1502A,1503B & 1507) students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Sunday 28 th	Spring Semester Continues: MIM715 students. Timings: Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.

MAY 2024	Wednesday 1 st - PBL Workshops	Spring Semester Continues: MIM 714 Timings: Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm MIM716 Timings: Wednesday 1pm – 4pm.
	Thursday 2 nd - PBL Workshops continue	Spring Semester Continues: MIM 715 Timings: Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm
	Saturday 11 th & Sunday 12 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1504) and MIM714 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Saturday 18 th & Sunday 19 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501B, 1503A and 1505) and MIM715 students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 20 th – Sunday 26 th	Module Review Evaluation Survey (ALL Programs) - (Student Survey)
	Wednesday 22 nd & Thursday 23 rd	Spring Semester Continues: MIM716 students. Timings: Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am -12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Thursday 23 rd	Last day of Classes for MPA and MPP Programs ∞
	Saturday 25 th & Sunday 26 th	Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1502A, 1503B & 1507) students. Timings: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Independent Study Week (<i>All Programs</i>)
JUNE 2024	Saturday 1 st	Independent Study Week (<i>All Programs</i>) continued
	Sunday 2 nd – Sunday 9 th	Final Assessment Period (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 10 th June	Commencement of Semester Break (<i>Excluding Dissertation students and ASM001 (EMPA) students</i>)
	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	Eid Al Adha Holidays***
	Tuesday 25 th	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (excluding EMPA901, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students)
	Wednesday 26 th	Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students - (excluding EMPA901, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students))
	Tuesday 25 th – Thursday 27 th	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Friday 28 th , Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 th	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001): (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Fall 2024 semester). Timings 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:30pm-5pm on Friday 28 th and 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm on Saturday 29 th and Sunday 30 th June 2024.
JULY 2024	Sunday 7 th to Sunday 14 th	RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination & Coursework Submission Period (MPA, MIM, MPP & EMPA students).
	Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts - continued)
	Thursday 18 th	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (RESITS and DISSERTATION Students)
	Friday 19 th	Declaration of RESIT & DISSERTATION Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)
		Spring Semester 2024 Closed
Independent Study Week	**	<i>Islamic Holidays are subject to confirmation</i>
	∞	<i>Coursework deadlines are set throughout the term. Students must refer to their module handbooks for deadlines for individual assessment tasks.</i>
		<i>Period when formal classes cease. Students undertake directed independent learning</i>

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