

School of Arts & Design Academic Calendar 2026-2027

Color Coding	
Exams	
Official Holidays/ Breaks	

Study Week	Day	From	To	Event
Week 0	Wednesday & Thursday	16 Sep.	17 Sep.	New Student Orientation
	Sunday-Thursday	13 Sep.	17 Sep.	SOAD - Advising & Online registration for fall 2026
	Tuesday	15 Sep.		1 st Installment Deadline
Week 1	Sunday	20 Sep.		Start of the academic year
	Sunday-Thursday	20 Sep.	24 Sep.	SOAD- First day of classes
Week 2	Sunday - Thursday	27 Sep.	01 Oct.	SOAD - Add & Drop week
Week 3	Sunday - Thursday	04 Oct.	08 Oct.	
	Thursday	08 Oct.		Armed Forces Day (Official Holiday)
Week 4	Sunday - Thursday	11 Oct.	15 Oct.	
	Thursday	15 Oct.		University withdrawal deadline (50% deduction of semester tuition)
Week 5	Sunday - Thursday	18 Oct.	22 Oct.	
	Thursday	22 Oct.		University withdrawal deadline (100% deduction of semester tuition)
Week 6	Sunday - Thursday	25 Oct.	29 Oct.	
Week 7	Sunday - Thursday	01 Nov.	05 Nov.	Deadline to Withdraw ('W') Absence Warnings Issued
Week 8	Sunday - Thursday	08 Nov.	12 Nov.	
Week 9	Sunday - Thursday	15 Nov.	19 Nov.	
Week 10	Sunday - Thursday	22 Nov.	26 Nov.	

Week 11	Sunday - Thursday	29 Nov.	03 Dec.	
Week 12	Sunday - Thursday	06 Dec.	10 Dec.	
Week 13	Sunday - Thursday	13 Dec.	17 Dec.	
	Tuesday	15 Dec.		2nd Installment Deadline
Week 14	Sunday - Thursday	20 Dec.	24 Dec.	SOAD - Last week of classes
	Thursday & Friday	24 Dec.	25 Dec.	Western Christmas (Official Holiday)
Week 15	Sunday - Thursday	27 Dec.	31 Dec.	
Week 16	Sunday - Thursday	03 Jan.	07 Jan.	
	Thursday	07 Jan.		Eastern Christmas (Official Holiday)
Week 17	Sunday - Thursday	10 Jan.	14 Jan.	SOAD - Final exams
Week 18	Sunday - Thursday	17 Jan.	21 Jan.	SOAD - Final exams
Week 19	Sunday - Thursday	24 Jan.	28 Jan.	MID Year Break
	Thursday	28 Jan.		Revolution Day (National Holiday)
Week 20	Sunday - Thursday	31 Jan.	04 Feb.	MID Year Break
Spring Academic Calendar 2026-2027				
Study Week	Days	From	To	Event
	Sunday - Thursday	31 Jan.	04 Feb.	SOAD - Advising & Online registration for Spring 2026
	Monday	01 Feb.		3rd Installment Deadline
Week 1	Sunday - Thursday	07 Feb.	11 Feb.	SOAD - First day of classes
	Tuesday	09 Feb.		Start of Ramadan
Week 2	Sunday - Thursday	14 Feb.	18 Feb.	SOAD - Add & Drop week

Week 3	Sunday - Thursday	21 Feb.	25 Feb.	
Week 4	Sunday - Thursday	28 Feb.	04 Mar.	
	Thursday	04 Mar.		University withdrawal deadline (50% deduction of semester tuition)
Week 5	Sunday - Thursday	07 Mar.	11 Mar.	
	Tuesday	09 Mar.		University withdrawal deadline (100% deduction of semester tuition)
	Wednesday-Thursday-Friday	10 Mar. to 12 Mar.		Eid El-Fitr (Official Holiday)
Week 6	Sunday - Thursday	14 Mar.	18 Mar.	
Week 7	Sunday - Thursday	21 Mar.	25 Mar.	Deadline to Withdraw from Courses (Grade 'W') Absence Warning Issued
Week 8	Sunday - Thursday	28 Mar.	01 Apr.	
	Thursday	01 Apr.		4th Installment Deadline
Week 9	Sunday - Thursday	04 Apr.	08 Apr.	
Week 10	Sunday - Thursday	11 Apr.	15 Apr.	
Week 11	Tuesday - Thursday	18 Apr.	22 Apr.	
Week 12	Sunday	25 Apr.		Sinai liberation day (Official Holiday)
	Thursday	29 Apr.		Maundy Thursday (Christians only)
	Sunday - Thursday	25 Apr.	29 Apr.	
Week 13	Saturday	01 May.		Labor Day (Official Holiday)
	Sunday	02 May.		Palm Sunday (Christians only)
	Monday	03 May.		Spring Festival (Official Holiday)
	Sunday - Thursday	02 May.	06 May.	
Week 14	Sunday - Thursday	9 May.	13 May.	SOAD Last week of classes
Week 15	Sunday - Thursday	16 May.	20 May.	Arafat Day + Eid Al Adha (Official Holiday)
Week 16	Sunday - Monday	23 May.	27 May.	SOAD - Final exams
Week 17	Sunday - Thursday	30 May.	03 Jun.	SOAD - Final exams

Week 18	Sunday - Thursday	06 Jun.	10 Jun.	SOAD - Final exams
Week 19	Sunday - Thursday	13 Jun.	17 Jun.	
	Thursday	17 Jun.		Islamic New Year (Official Holiday)
Week 20	Sunday - Thursday	20 Jun.	24 Jun.	
Summer 2027 Academic Calendar for Credit Hour Schools 2025-2026				
Week 0	Sunday - Thursday	27 Jun.	01Jul.	SOAD Advising & Online registration for Summer 2026-2027
	Thursday	01 Jul.		June 30 revolution (Official Holiday)
Week 1	Sunday - Thursday	04 Jul.	08Jul.	SOAD First week of classes for Summer 2025 - SOAD ADD & Drop week
Week 2	Sunday - Thursday	11 Jul.	15 Jul.	
Week 3	Sunday - Thursday	18 Jul.	22 Jul.	
Week 4	Sunday - Thursday	25 Jul.	29 Jul.	
Week 5	Sunday - Thursday	01 Aug.	05 Aug.	
Week 6	Sunday - Thursday	08 Aug.	12 Aug.	Deadline to Withdraw (Grade 'W')
Week 7	Thursday	19 Aug.		Prophet Mohamed's Birthday (El Mawled El Nabawi) (Official Holiday)
	Sunday - Thursday	15 Aug.	19 Aug.	SOAD Last week of classes
Week 8	Sunday - Thursday	22 Aug.	26 Aug.	SOAD Final exams for Summer 2025

End of SOAD Academic Calendar.

Note	
1	Semesters start and end times, and exams dates could be subject to changes
2	Exact dates will be confirmed by official notice and are subject to change
3	Note that the calendar remains editable, and public holidays will be confirmed based on government announcements and are subject to change.