

2015-2016 Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER (2151)

August 25-27	New Student Orientation
August 30 (Sunday)	Day, evening, and online classes begin. First day of 7-day Add/Drop period
September 6 (Sunday)	Last day of 7-day Add/Drop period
September 7 (Monday)	First day to drop from classes with a grade of "W"
September 17	Co-op registration deadline
September 22 – 26	Institute closed - No Classes – Eid Al-Adha*
October 10 Saturday	UTR classes
October 15	Institute closed - Hijri New Year's Day*
November 14 Saturday	MW classes
November 26 (Thursday)	Last day to drop from classes with a grade of "W"
December 1	Institute closed - No Classes – Martyrs Day
December 2-3	Institute closed - No Classes – UAE National Day
December 4	Day, evening, and online classes resume
December 17	Last day of classes
December 19-23	Final exams
December 28 (Monday)	Final grades due
Dec. 24 - Jan. 3	Break between Fall Semester and Intersession
December 24	Institute closed - Prophet Mohammed's Birthday*
December 25	Institute closed - Christmas
January 1	Institute closed - New Year

INTERSESSION (2153)

January 3 (Sunday)	Day, evening, and online classes begin. First day of 3-day Add/Drop period
January 6	Last day of 3-day Add/Drop period
January 7	First day to drop from classes with a grade of "W"
January 11	Last day to drop from classes with a grade of "W"
January 21	Last day of classes (Final exams held)
January 23/24	Break between Intersession and Spring Semester. Final Grades due

SPRING SEMESTER (2155)

January 24	Day, evening and online classes begin - First day of 7-day Add/Drop period
January 31 (Sunday)	Last day of 7-day Add/Drop period
February 1 (Monday)	First day to drop from classes with a grade of "W"
February 18	Co-op registration deadline
March 27 – March 31	No classes (Spring Break) – RIT Dubai offices open
April 3	Day, evening, and online classes resume
April 21 (Thursday)	Last day to drop from classes with a grade of "W"
May 6 (Friday)	Prophet Mohammed's Accession Day (Observed)*
May 12 (Thursday)	Last day, evening and online classes
May 15-19	Final exams
May 25 (Wednesday)	Final grades due
May 24 - 28	Spring/Summer break
May 30 (Monday)	Convocation and Commencement ceremonies

5-week SUMMER SESSION (2158) (1st five weeks)

May 29 (Sunday)	Day, evening, and online classes begin, First day of 7-day Add/Drop period
June 5 (Sunday)	Last day of 7-day Add/Drop period
June 6 (Monday)	First day to drop from classes with a grade of "W"
June 14	Co-op registration deadline
June 16	Last day to drop from classes with a grade of "W"
June 30 (Thursday)	Last day of classes (final exams held)
July 3 (Sunday)	Final Grades due

***Note:** Public holidays will be observed according to the official UAE announcements. Some holidays are subject to change depending on the sighting of the moon for Islamic holidays.