

# Academic Calendar 2020-2021

MBRSG Graduate Programmes\*

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SEMESTER 1 – FALL 2020		
AUGUST 2020	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eid Al Adha Holidays***
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Registration Period
	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Al Hijra – Islamic New Year Holiday***
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Induction Workshop – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4pm-5:30pm (online)
SEPTEMBER 2020	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Returning to Learning Program (Orientation for New Students - online) (MIM, MPP & MPA: 4pm – 8pm on Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September and from 8am – 4pm on 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> September) (EMPA 8am-5pm Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September - online).
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1501 & EMPA1504 (Batch 1), EMPA1507 (Batch 2), MIM (711 & 714) & MPP704 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences for MPA, MPP students
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1502 & EMPA1505 (Batch 2), EMPA1507 (Batch 1) and MIM712 & MIM715 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1503 & EMPA1504 (Batch 2), EMPA1505 (Batch 1) and MIM713 & MIM716 and MPP711 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Sunday September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy: (Compulsory for all NEW MIM, MPP & MPA students) Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
OCTOBER 2020	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1501 & EMPA1504 (Batch 1), EMPA1507 (Batch 2), MIM (711 & 714) & MPP704 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1502 & EMPA1505 (Batch 2), EMPA1507 (Batch 1) and MIM712 & MIM715 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1503 & EMPA1504 (Batch 2), EMPA1505 (Batch 1) and MIM713 & MIM716 and MPP711 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	***Prophet Mohammad's Birthday ( <i>May no longer be a holiday</i> )
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	OECD NSG conference. **MPA and MPP Classes to be rescheduled
NOVEMBER 2020	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	MPP & MPP Make-Up classes postponed from Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1501 & EMPA1504 (Batch 1), EMPA1507 (Batch 2), MIM (711 & 714) & MPP704 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	MPP & MPP Make-Up classes postponed from Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1502 & EMPA1505 (Batch 2), EMPA1507 (Batch 1) and MIM712 & MIM715 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1503 & EMPA1504 (Batch 2), EMPA1505 (Batch 1) and MIM713 & MIM716 and MPP711 students. Online Timings 9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm each day
	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
DECEMBER 2020	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Commemoration (Martyr's) Day Holiday and UAE National Day Holiday
	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Module Review Evaluation Survey - (Student Survey) continued
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Classes for MPA and MPP Programs ∞
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Final Assessment Period (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.) <i>if required.</i>
	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	EMPA901 Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement of Semester Break (All Students)

JANUARY 2021	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> -Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy:</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Batch 1) students commencing Dissertation in Spring 2021)
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> -Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy:</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Batch 2) students commencing Dissertation in Spring)
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination Period (MPA, MIM, MPP & EMPA students)
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	RESIT/DEFERRAL – Coursework Submission Due – Fall Semester (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)
FEBRUARY 2021	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (Resits) (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students).
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Declaration of Reassessment Grades, Awards & Progression Decisions (Resits) (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)
<i>Independent Study Week</i>	***	<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 2021		
JANUARY 2021	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Registration Period (commences) New & Continuing Students
FEBRUARY 2021	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Returning to Learning Program (Orientation for New Students) (MIM, MPP & MPA: 9am – 4pm 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb) (EMPA 8am-5pm on 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb)
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences</b> - EMPA (1501 & 1505) and MIM (711 & 714) and MPP704 students.
	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences</b> for MPA and MPP students and ALL Dissertation Students
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Classes Commences</b> for EMPA (1502 & 1504) and MIM (712 & 715) students.
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Classes Commences</b> for EMPA (1503 & 1507) and MIM (713) & 716) students.
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	MARCH 2021	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Isra Wal Meraj ( <i>No longer a public holiday</i> )
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>International Field Trip (Geneva) – (To Be Confirmed)</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>International Field Trip (To Be Confirmed)</b>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> ) - ( <b>To Be Confirmed</b> )
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>		Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm)
APRIL 2021	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues</b> - EMPA (1501 & 1505) and MIM (711 & 714) and MPP704 students.
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Classes Continues</b> for EMPA (1502 & 1504) and MIM (712 & 715) students.
MAY 2021	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Classes Commences</b> for EMPA (1503 & 1507) and MIM (713) & 716) students.
	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Module Review Evaluation Survey (ALL Programs) - (Student Survey)
	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Eid Al Fitr Holidays***
	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	EMPA901 Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Classes for MPA and MPP Programs ∞
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Final Assessment Period (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc) <i>if required</i> .
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement of Semester Break (All Students)	
JUNE 2021	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy:</b> (Compulsory for all EMPA students commencing Dissertation in Fall 2021).
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)
	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination Period ( <i>All Programs</i> )
JULY 2021	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	RESIT/DEFERRAL – Coursework Submission Due – Spring Semester
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (RESITS)
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Declaration of RESIT Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)
Independent Study Week		<b>Spring Semester 2020 Closed</b>
	**	<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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