

Academic Calendar 2020-2021

MBRSG Graduate Programmes*

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SEMESTER 1 – FALL 2020		
AUGUST 2020	Sunday 2 nd	Eid Al Adha Holidays***
	Monday 3 rd – Wednesday 26 th	Registration Period
	Thursday 20 th	Al Hijra – Islamic New Year Holiday*** (May no longer be a holiday)
	Friday 21 st – Sunday 23 rd	Returning to Learning Program (Orientation for New Students) (MIM, MPP & MPA: 9am – 4pm 21 st – 23 rd August) (EMPA 8am-5pm 22 nd August).
	Thursday 27 th – Saturday 29 th	Fall Semester starts: EMPA1501 (Batch 1), EMPA1503 (Batch 2) & 1504 (Batch 2), 1505 (Batch 1), MIM (711 & 714) & MPP704 students.
	Sunday 30 th	Fall Semester Commences for MPA, MPP & All Dissertation students
SEPTEMBER 2020	Thursday 3 rd – Saturday 5 th	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1501 (Batch 2), EMPA1502 (Batch 1) & 1504 (Batch 1), 1507 (Batch 2) and MIM712 & MIM715 students
	Thursday 10 th – Saturday 12 th	Fall Semester Commences: EMPA1503 (Batch 1), EMPA1502 (Batch 2) & 1505 (Batch 2), 1507 (Batch 1) and MIM713 & MIM716 students
	Sunday September 13 th	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Thursday 17 th – Saturday 19 th	Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy: (Compulsory for all NEW MIM, MPP & MPA students)
	Friday 25 th September - Saturday 3 rd October	International Field Trip (Geneva)- (Dates To be Confirmed)
	Sunday 27 th - Wednesday 30 th	Independent Study Week (All Programs)
OCTOBER 2020	Thursday 1 st October	Independent Study Week (All Programs) continued
	Thursday 1 st – Saturday 3 rd	International Field Trip (Geneva)- (Dates To be Confirmed)
	Sunday 4 th – Thursday 8 th	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Thursday 8 th	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students
	Friday 9 th – Saturday 10 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA1501 (Batch 1), EMPA1503 (Batch 2) & 1504 (Batch 2), 1505 (Batch 1), MIM (711 & 714) & MPP704 students.
	Friday 16 th – Saturday 17 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA1501 (Batch 2), EMPA1502 (Batch 1) & 1504 (Batch 1), 1507 (Batch 2) and MIM712 & MIM715 students
	Friday 23 rd – Saturday 24 th	Fall Semester Continues: EMPA1503 (Batch 1), EMPA1502 (Batch 2) & 1505 (Batch 2), 1507 (Batch 1) and MIM713 & MIM716 students
	Thursday 29 th	***Prophet Mohammad's Birthday (May no longer be a holiday)
NOVEMBER 2020	Monday 2 nd – Tuesday 3 rd	OECD NSG conference. **MPA and MPP Classes to be rescheduled
	Thursday 5 th	MPP & MPP Make-Up classes postponed from Monday 2 nd November
	Sunday 8 th – Thursday 12 th	Independent Study Week (All Programs)
	Thursday 19 th	MPP & MPP Make-Up classes postponed from Tuesday 3 rd November
	Sunday 29 th – Monday 30 th	Independent Study Week (All Programs)
DECEMBER 2020	Tuesday 1 st - Thursday 3 rd	Independent Study Week (All Programs)
	Tuesday 1 st - Thursday 3 rd	Commemoration (Martyr's) Day Holiday and UAE National Day Holiday
	Sunday 6 th – Saturday 19 th	Module Review Evaluation Survey - (Student Survey) continued
	Thursday 10 th	Last day of Classes for MPA and MPP Programs ∞
	Friday 11 th – Saturday 19 th	Final Assessment Period (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc) if required.
	TBC	EMPA901 Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Sunday 20 th	Commencement of Semester Break (All Students)
	JANUARY 2021	Friday 1 st
Sunday 10 th		Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings
Monday 11 th - Tuesday 12 th		Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)
TBC		Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy: (Compulsory for EMPA students commencing Dissertation in Spring)
Friday 22 nd – Saturday 23 rd		RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination Period (MPA, MIM, MPP & EMPA students)

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

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