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# 2010-2011 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## FALL 2010

### September

12-13	Su-M	Eid Al-Fitr ends. University closed
14	Tu	University Re-opens
22	Th	Last day Tuition and Fees due De-Registration process for non-payment of Tuition for Fall semester courses at close of business
26	Su	Fall semester and 1st Block courses begin.
30	Th	Fall semester and 1st Block Drop/Add deadline Last day to submit a Pass/Fail Option form Last day to submit a Permission to Audit form Last day to submit an Independent Study form Last day to submit an Internship form Last day to withdraw from the University with a 90% refund

### October

07	Th	Last day to withdraw from individual Fall semester and 1st Block courses with a 50% refund Last day to withdraw from the University with a 50% refund
28	Th	Last day to withdraw with a W from 1st Block courses
31	Su	First Tuition Installment due "Must Declare Major" holds placed on students

### November

04	Th	Disbursement of Fall semester refunds
11	Th	Last day of 1st Block courses
15	M	Waqfat Arafat. University Closed
16-18	Tu-Th	Eid Al-Adha starts. University closed
20	Sa	Midterm grades for Fall semester courses due via AUK Self Service by 11:59 PM
21	Su	University re-opens and classes resume Midterm grades for Fall semester courses available to students via AUK Self Service effective 9:00 PM 2nd Block courses begins 1st Block final grades due via AUK Self Service by 11:59 PM
22	M	1st Block final grades available to students via AUK Self Service effective 9 PM
25	Th	2nd Block Drop/Add deadline
30	Su	Second Tuition Installment due

### December

02	Th	Last day to withdraw from individual 2nd Block courses with a 50% refund
07	Tu	Islamic New Year. University closed
08	W	University reopens

12	Su	Academic Advising for Spring and Summer 2011 begins
15	Tu	Advance Registration for Spring 2011 and Summer 2011 begins
24-31	Su-F	Winter Break begins. No Classes

**January**

01-02	Sa-Su	Winter Break continues. No Classes
03	M	Classes resume Last day to withdraw with a W from Fall semester and 2nd Block courses Third Tuition Installment due
13	Th	Advising for Declared majors stops until February 8
18	Tu	Last Day of classes for Fall semester and 2nd Block courses
20	Th	Final Exams begin (see exam schedule on web)
30	Su	Final grades for Fall semester and 2nd Block courses due via AUK Self Service by 11:59 PM

**February**

01	Tu	Final grades for Fall semester and 2nd Block courses available to students via AUK Self Service effective 9 PM
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**SPRING 2011**

**February**

09	W	Tuition and Fees due for Spring 2011 semester De-Registration process for non-payment of Tuition for Spring semester courses at close of business
13	Su	Spring semester and 1st Block courses begin
16	W	Spring semester and 1st Block Drop/Add deadline Last day to submit Permission to Audit form Last day to submit a Pass/Fail Option form Last day to submit an Independent Study form Last day to submit an Internship form Last day to withdraw from the University with a 90% refund
17	Th	Prophet's Birthday observed. University closed
20	Su	University reopens. Classes resume
23	W	Last day to withdraw from individual Spring semester and 1st Block Courses with a 50% refund Last day to withdraw from the University with a 50% refund
27	Su	National Day observed. University closed
28	M	University re-opens. Classes resume

**March**

06	Su	"Must Declare Major Hold" placed on students
17	Th	Last day to withdraw with a W from 1st Block courses
20	Su	Disbursement of Spring semester refunds
31	M	Last day of 1st Block courses First Tuition Installment due

**April**

03	Su	2nd Block courses begin
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		1st Block final grades due via AUK Self Service by 11:59 PM Midterm grades for Spring semester courses due via AUK Self Service by 11:59 PM
04	M	1st Block final grades available to students via AUK Self Service effective 9:00 PM Midterm grades for Spring semester courses available to students via AUK Self Service effective 9:00 PM
07	Th	2nd Block Drop/Add deadline (90% refund on 2nd block courses)
10	Su	Spring Break begins. No Classes
17	Su	Classes resume Academic Advising for Fall 2011 begins for Undeclared majors Last day to withdraw from individual 2nd Block courses with 50% refund
18	M	Academic Advising for Fall 2011 begins for Declared majors
24	Su	Advance Registration for Fall 2011 begins

**May**

01	Su	Second Tuition Installment due
16	M	Last day to withdraw with a W from Spring semester courses and 2nd Block courses
30	M	Last day of classes for Spring semester and 2nd Block Courses
31	Tu	Third Tuition Installment due

**June**

01	W	Final Exams begin (see exam schedule)
11	Sa	Final grades for Spring semester and 2nd Block courses due via AUK Self Service by 11:59 PM
13	M	Final grades for Spring semester and 2nd Block courses available to students via AUK Self Service effective 9 PM
16	Th	Graduation

**SUMMER 2011 Undergraduate – Summer Full Semester****June**

15	W	Tuition and Fees due for Summer 2011 semester De-Registration process for non-payment of Tuition for Summer semester courses at close of business
19	Su	Summer Full semester courses begin
23	Th	Summer Full semester Drop/Add deadline Last day to submit Permission to Audit form Last day to submit a Pass/Fail Option form Last day to submit an Independent Study form Last day to submit an Internship form Last day to withdraw from Summer and IEP with a 90% refund if all courses are Full semester
29	W	Last day to withdraw from individual Summer Full semester courses with a 50% refund Last day to withdraw from Full Summer the University with a 50% Refund

30 Th Prophet Ascension (Isra' Wa Maraj). University closed

**July**

03 Su University re-opens  
 13 W Disbursement of Summer Full semester refunds  
 First Tuition Installment due  
 17 Su Midterm grades for Summer Full semester courses due via  
 AUK Self Service by 11:59 PM  
 19 M Midterm grades for Summer Full semester courses available  
 to students via AUK Self Service effective 9:00 PM  
 28 Th Last day to withdraw with a W from Summer Full Semester  
 courses

**August**

01 M Holy Month of Ramadan begins  
 07 Su Second Tuition Installment due  
 09 Tu Last day of classes for Summer Full semester courses  
 10 W Final Exams for Summer Full semester courses begin  
 11 Th Final Exams for Summer Full end  
 14 Su Final grades for Summer Full courses due via AUK  
 Self Service by 11.59 PM  
 16 Tu Final grades for Summer Full courses available to  
 Students via AUK Self Service effective 9 PM

**SUMMER 2011 Undergraduate – Summer 1st Block**

**June**

15 Th Tuition and Fees due for 1st Block Summer 2010 semester  
 De-Registration process for non-payment of Tuition for  
 Summer 1st Block semester courses  
 19 Su Summer 1st Block semester courses begin  
 20 M Last day to withdraw from University with a 90% refund if  
 all courses are 1st Block  
 Summer 1st Block semester Drop/Add deadline  
 Last day to submit Permission to Audit form  
 Last day to submit a Pass/Fail Option form  
 Last day to submit an Independent Study form  
 Last day to submit an Internship form  
 Last day to withdraw from the University with a 90% refund if  
 all courses are 1st Block  
 26 Su Last day to withdraw from individual Summer 1st Block  
 Semester courses with a 50% refund  
 Last day to withdraw from the University with a 50% refund if  
 all courses are 1st Block  
 30 Th Prophet Ascension (Isra' Wa Maraj). University closed

**July**

03 Su University re-opens  
 13 W Last day of classes for Summer 1st Block semester Courses  
 Disbursement of Summer 1st Block refunds  
 First Tuition Installment due

14	Th	Final exams for Summer 1st Block semester courses
17	Su	Final grades for Summer 1st Block semester due via AUK Self Service by 11.59 PM
18	M	Final grades for Summer 1st Block semester courses available to students via AUK Self Service effective 9 PM

**SUMMER 2011****Undergraduate – Summer 2nd Block****July**

13	W	Tuition and Fees due for 2nd Block Summer 2010 semester De-Registration process for non-payment of Tuition for Summer 2nd Block semester courses
17	Su	Summer 2nd Block semester courses begin
18	M	Summer 2nd Block semester Drop/Add deadline Last day to submit Permission to Audit form Last day to submit a Pass/Fail Option form Last day to submit an Independent Study form Last day to submit an Internship form Last day to withdraw from the University with a 90% refund if all courses are 2nd Block
24	Su	Last day to withdraw from individual Summer 2nd Block semester courses with a 50% refund Last day to withdraw from the University with a 50% refund if all courses are 2nd Block

**August**

01	M	Holy Month of Ramadan begins Disbursement of Summer 2nd Block semester refunds
03	W	Last day to withdraw with a W from Summer 2nd Block semester courses
07	Su	Second Tuition Installment due
10	W	Last day of classes for Summer 2nd Block semester Courses
11	Th	Final exams for Summer 2nd Block semester courses
14	Su	Final grades for Summer 2nd Block semester courses due via AUK Self-Service by 11.59 PM
16	Tu	Final grades for Summer 2nd Block semester courses available to students via AUK Self-Service effective 9 PM

**SUMMER 2011****Intensive English Program****June**

15	Th	Tuition and Fees due for Summer 2011 semester De-Registration process for non-payment of Tuition for Intensive English Summer semester courses
19	Su	Summer semester courses begin
23	Th	Summer semester Drop/Add deadline Last day to withdraw from the University with a 90% refund
29	W	Last day to withdraw from the University with a 50% refund
30	Th	Prophet Ascension (Isra' Wa Maraj). University closed

## July

03	Su	University re-opens
13	W	Disbursement of Summer semester refunds First Tuition Installment due
24	Su	Midterm grades for Summer semester courses due via AUK Self Service by 11.59 PM
25	M	Midterm grades for Summer semester courses available to Students via AUK Self Service effective 9:00 PM

## August

01	M	Holy Month of Ramadan begins
14	Su	Second Tuition Installment due
16	T	Last day to withdraw with a W from Summer semester courses
30-31	Tu-W	Eid El-Fitr begins. University closed

## September

01	Th	Eid El-Fitr continues. University closed
04	Su	University reopens. IEP classes continue Last day of IEP classes for Summer semester
05	M	IEP Final Exams
06	Tu	Final grades for Summer semester due via AUK Self Service by 11.59 PM
08	Th	Final grades for Summer semester available to students via AUK Self Service effective 9 PM

*\* Islamic holidays are determined after sighting the moon. Thus, actual dates may not coincide with the dates in this calendar. In the event of loss of teaching days due to unscheduled closings, AUK reserves the right to extend the Academic Calendar as necessary.*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Students,



The American University of Kuwait welcomes you and offers you a diverse university curriculum patterned after the universally recognized American model of a liberal-arts college. Pursuing higher education in the classical tradition of broad Arts and Sciences is one of the most important and beneficial investments of time, energy, and resources you will ever make. Helping each individual student become a competent professional and an aware and ethical citizen is what liberal education (that is, education for free citizens) is all about. At AUK we encourage the fullest development of every student, intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Student activities at AUK offer numerous opportunities for the development of leadership skills, creativity, responsible risk-taking, personal development, and service. Inside and outside the classroom, AUK cultivates intellectual competence and

ethical judgment, preparing students for life, not just for a job, as it prepares its graduates to become leaders in all sectors of human society.

Our students' academic success has brought them and AUK national and international recognition. But education is not only about subjects and disciplines; it is also about ideas. We ask our undergraduates to conduct research, embrace knowledge, and develop critical thinking and communication skills.

This catalog is designed to help students understand the range of programs and courses we offer. We have responded to students' needs by identifying General Education graduation requirements and identifying the appropriate courses; also please consult the Glossary of academic terms. Each academic program section lists the requirements and pre-requisites, and contains a section on the learning outcomes and a four-year degree plan. The Bachelor of Engineering degree has been added to the already well-established undergraduate programs (please look under College of Arts & Sciences for the various programs leading to the Bachelor's degree). You should also know that our Intensive English Program, which prepares students for university life, has achieved international accreditation from the U.S.-based Commission on English-Language Program Accreditation, the first program to achieve this distinction in Kuwait.

On behalf of the entire AUK community I welcome you to the American University of Kuwait and encourage you to become involved in all of the activities that AUK offers. We wish you a successful, productive, and most enjoyable time of learning and growth as a member of the American University of Kuwait family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Tim Sullivan**  
*President*

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