

# Academic Calendar 2023-2024

MBRSG Graduate Programmes\*

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SEMESTER 1 – FALL 2023		
JULY 2023	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Admission and Registration Period
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Al Hijra – Islamic New Year Holiday***
AUGUST 2023	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Admission and Registration Period continues.
	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Orientation for New Students: MPA &amp; EMPA(Arabic): 8:30am – 12:30pm and 2pm - 5pm.</b>
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Dissertation Induction Workshop – MPA,MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm</b>
	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) students. Timings: 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm</b>
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences for MPA, MPP students.</b> Weekday class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:00pm as per Academic Timetable
SEPTEMBER 2023	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM715 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Orientation for New Students: MIM: 8:30am – 12:30pm</b>
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) and MIM711 and MIM716 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001):</b> (Compulsory for all NEW MIM and MPA students). <b>Timings:</b> Friday 2:30pm-8:30pm. <b>Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm – 5:30pm.
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Commences: MIM712 students. Timings:</b> 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	***Prophet Mohammad's Birthday ( <i>Public Holiday</i> )
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) students. Timings:</b> Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	OCTOBER 2023	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Fall Semester Commences: MIM713 students. Timings:</b> 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A), MIM715 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503 &amp; 1508) and MIM 716 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>		Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA,MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA1507 &amp; MIM 711 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> - PBL Workshops		<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) and MIM716 students. Timings:</b> Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm <b>EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM715 students. Timings:</b> Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm. <b>EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) students. Timings:</b> Sunday 9:00am-12:00pm.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>PBL 3 Hour Workshops for MPA and MPP classes</b> (as per academic timetable 4:30pm – 7:30pm each day).
NOVEMBER 2023		Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>International Field Trip (Optional) to London.</b>
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: MIM713 students. Timings:</b> 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day
	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1501, 1504A &amp; 1505B) students. Timings:</b> 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm
	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1502, 1504B, 1505A) &amp; MIM715 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Module Evaluation Surveys - (Student Surveys).

NOVEMBER 2023 cont.	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Classes for MPA and MPP Programs ∞
	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: EMPA (1503, 1507 &amp; 1508) and MIM711 and MIM 716 students.. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm – 5:30pm..
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Commemoration (Martyr's) Day
DECEMBER 2023	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	UAE National Day Holiday(s)
	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – MPA MIM and MPP Programs</b> (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: MIM712 students. Timings:</b> 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period – EMPA Programs</b> (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings - MPA and MPP Programs</b> ( <i>excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i> )
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions - MPA MIM and MPP Programs</b> ( <i>excluding, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students</i> )
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001) – Cohort 1:</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2024 semester). Timings <i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</i> from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.
	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Semester Continues: MIM713 students. Timings:</b> 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm each day.
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement of Semester Break (MPA, MIM and MPP Students)
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001) – Cohort 2:</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Spring 2024 semester). Timings <i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</i> from 8:30am-12:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm each day.
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement of Semester Break (EMPA –Students)
JANUARY 2024	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings for EMPA and MIM programs</b> ( <i>Excluding EMPA901 and MIM901 students</i> ).
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions for EMPA and MIM students.</b> ( <i>Excluding EMPA901 and MIM901 students</i> ).
	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination &amp; Coursework Submission Period</b> ( <i>MPA, MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA students</i> )
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (Resits and Dissertations)</b> ( <i>MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students</i> ).
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Reassessment Grades, Progression &amp; Award Decisions (Resits and Dissertations)</b> ( <i>MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students</i> )
		<b>Fall Semester 2023 closed.</b>
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 2024		
JANUARY 2024	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gregorian Calendar New Year's Holiday
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Registration Period (commences) New & Continuing Students
	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Orientation for New Students: MIM, MPP, MPA &amp; EMPA(Arabic):</b> 8:30am – 12:30pm and 2pm - 5pm.
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dissertation Induction Workshop</b> – MPA, MIM and MPP students 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Registration Period continues
FEBRUARY 2024	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Registration Period continues
	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1504) and MIM711 and MIM714 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences:</b> MPA & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:30pm as per Academic Timetable
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Isra Wal Meraj ( <i>No longer a public holiday</i> )
	Saturday 10 <sup>h</sup> & Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1501B, 1503A and 1505) and MIM712 &amp; MIM715 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: MIM713 and MIM716 students. Timings:</b> Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am -12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Saturday 17 <sup>h</sup> & Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1502A,1503B &amp; 1507) students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Add/Drop Modules for All Programs (NO financial penalty)
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: MIM711 and MIM714 students. Timings:</b> Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am -12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
MARCH 2024	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Program (Enrolment) Review Week (Survey) - New Students
	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001):</b> (Compulsory for all NEW MPA and MIM students). <b>Timings:</b> Friday 2:30pm-8:30pm. <b>Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm – 5:30pm.
	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1504) students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Month of Ramadan expected to commence
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ramadan Timings for MPA & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 3:00pm to 5:30pm during Ramadan (see Timetable)
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to withdraw from a Module without a Grade Penalty (4:30pm). MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students.
APRIL 2024	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Eid Al Fitr Holidays***
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>Spring Semester Continues:</b> MPA & MPP students. Weekday class timings are from 4:30pm to 8:30pm as per Academic Timetable
	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501B, 1503A and 1505) and MIM712 &amp; MIM715 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: MIM713 and MIM716 students. Timings:</b> Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am -12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Saturday 27 <sup>h</sup> & Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Commences: EMPA (1502A,1503B &amp; 1507) students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
MAY 2024	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> - PBL Workshops	<b>Spring Semester Continues: MIM712 and MIM 714 Timings:</b> Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm <b>MIM716 Timings:</b> Wednesday 1pm – 4pm.

	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - PBL Workshops continue	<b>Spring Semester Continues: MIM711 and MIM 715 Timings:</b> Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm <b>MIM713 Timings:</b> Wednesday 1pm – 4pm.
	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501A, 1502B and 1504) and MIM711 and MIM714 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1501B, 1503A and 1505) and MIM712 &amp; MIM715 students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Module Review Evaluation Survey (ALL Programs) - (Student Survey)
	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: MIM713 and MIM716 students. Timings:</b> Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am -12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm.
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Classes for MPA and MPP Programs ∞
	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Semester Continues: EMPA (1502A, 1503B &amp; 1507) and students. Timings:</b> Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-5:30pm.
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> )
<b>JUNE 2024</b>	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Independent Study Week ( <i>All Programs</i> ) continued
	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Assessment Period (Exams, Projects, Presentations etc.)</b>
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Commencement of Semester Break ( <i>Excluding Dissertation students and ASM001 (EMPA) students</i> )
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eid Al Adha Holidays***
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (excluding EMPA901, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students)</b>
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students - (excluding EMPA901, MPA901, MIM901 and MPP901 students))</b>
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts)
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Foundation Course in Research Methods for Public Policy (ASM001):</b> (Compulsory for EMPA (Arabic) students entering EMPA901 Dissertation in Fall 2024 semester). Timings 8:30am-12:30pm and 2:30pm-5pm on Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> and 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:30pm on Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024.
<b>JULY 2024</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RESIT/DEFERRAL Examination &amp; Coursework Submission Period (MPA, MIM, MPP &amp; EMPA students).</b>
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Viva Voce (Oral Defense Presentations for MPA901, MPP901, MIM901 & EMPA901 Cohorts - continued)
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam Board, Progression Board and Award Board Meetings (RESITS and DISSERTATION Students)</b>
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Declaration of RESIT &amp; DISSERTATION Grades, Progression and Awards Decisions (MPA, MIM, MPP and EMPA students)</b>
		<b>Spring Semester 2024 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>
<b>Independent Study Week</b>		<i>Period when formal classes cease. Students undertake directed independent learning</i>

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