2026 University Academic Calendar

JANUARY – APRIL 2026 TRIMESTER	
Start of January 2026 Trimester	January 2,2026
Reporting and Registration by New Students	January 5, 2026
Orientation for New Students	January 6, 2026
Continuing Students Report for New Trimester	January 7, 2026
Classes Begin- Day, Evening and Distance Learning programmes Classes Begin- Weekend programmes	January 8,2026 January 10,2026
New Faculty Orientation (Pedagogical)	January 12, 2026
Administration of Assignment One	January 12 - 18, 2026
Publishing of Undergraduate Final Exam Grades	January 19 -23,2026
Deadline to Add/Drop Units	January 23,2026
Publishing of Final Exam Grades for the Previous Trimester	January 26,2026
Deadline to Apply for Academic Leave for the Current Trimester	January 26,2026

Administration of Assignment Two	January 30,2026
Confirmation of the Nominal Roll - ERP Nominal Register	January 30,2026
Close of Trimester 1, 2026 intake	January 30,2026
Matriculation Ceremony for new students	January 30, 2026
Deadline for Late Registration of Units with Penalty (Continuing Students)	February 6,2026
Administration of Assignment Three	February 9 -15,2026
Supplementary and Special Examinations	February 16 - 20,2026
Administration of CAT One	February 23 – March 1,2026
Pre-registration of Units for May 2026 Classes	March 2 - April 30, 2026
Training workshop on Development of AI resilient open book Assessment	March 2 - 17, 2026
2nd KCA University Tech Expo	March 6, 2026
Administration of CAT Two	March 9, 2026
Sensitization on Partnership and Collaborations among Schools and Campuses	March 13, 2026
Publishing of Coursework Marks for the Current Trimester	March 16,2026
IP Bootcamp/Workshop	March 17 -19 2026
Final Trimester Examinations Begin	March 23,2026
Public Holiday - Good Friday - University Closed	April 3, 2026
Public Holiday - Easter Monday - University Closed	April 6, 2026
Online Registration of Units for the Next Trimester	April 7 - 24,2026

Academic Writing and Research Workshop – Western Campus	April 7 -9, 2026
Public Lecture I	April 10, 2026
Project Defense for Undergraduate Students	April 7, 2026
Postgraduate Defense - Concept/Proposal Presentation and Dissertation	April 7 - 17,2026
Final Trimester Examinations End	April 17, 2026
MAY – AUGUST 2026 TRIMESTER	
Public Holiday – Labour Day - University Closed	May 1,2026
Start of May 2026 Trimester	May 4,2026
Reporting and Registration by New Students	May 5, 2026
Orientation for New Students	May 6, 2026
Continuing Students Report for New Trimester	May 7, 2026
Research Ethics Training for Undergraduate Students	May 8, 2026
Classes Begin- Day, Evening and Distance Learning programmes Classes Begin- Weekend programmes	May 8,2026 May 9,2026
Training of Adjunct Lecturers on Pedagogy	May 11- 15, 2026
Academic Writing and Research Workshop – Main Campus	May 13-15, 2026
Publishing of Undergraduate Final Exam Grades for the previous trimester	May 18 -24,2026
Publishing of Postgraduate Final Exam Grades for the previous trimester	May 22,2026

Administration of Assignment One	May 18 - 24,2026
Taxnovation Summit	May 20-22, 2026
Deadline to Add/Drop Units	May 22,2026
Research Ethics training for Academic Staff and supervisors	May 18 - 22, 2026
Close of Trimester 2, 2026 intake	May 29,2026
Matriculation Ceremony for New Students	May 29,2026
Postgraduate Research Dissemination Seminars	June 2- 5, 2026
Administration of Assignment Two	June 2 – 5, 2026
Deadline for Late Registration of Units with Penalty (Continuing Students)	June 5,2026
Deadline to Apply for Academic Leave for the Current Trimester	June 5,2026
Public Holiday – Madaraka Day - University Closed	June 1, 2026
Confirmation of the Nominal Roll - ERP Nominal Register	June 4,2026
Final Date to Apply for 20th Graduation	June 5,2026
Administration of Assignment Three	June 8 - 14,2026
Supplementary and Special Examinations	June 15 – 19,2026
Administration of CAT One	June 15 – 21,2026
Pre-registration of Units for September 2026 Classes	July 3- August 31, 2026
20th Graduation Day	July 3, 2026
Publishing of Coursework Marks for the Current Trimester	July 10,2026

Postgraduate Research Training Workshops – (Session 1-4	July 6 -24, 2026
Administration of CAT Two	July 6 -10, 2026
Public Lecture II	July 10, 2026
Postgraduate students training on Research Ethics	July 13, 2026
Creative Arts Expo	July 16-17, 2026
Research Colloquium	July 24, 2026
Final Trimester Examinations Begin	July 27,2026
Workshop for Deans, CoDs and Directors	July 28 - 31, 2026
Online Registration of Units for the Next Trimester	August 3 - 28,2026
Project Defense for Undergraduate Students	August 3, 2026
Postgraduate Defense - Concept/Proposal Presentation and Dissertation	August 3 - 28,2026
Final Trimester Examinations End	August 21,2026
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2026 TRIMESTER	
Start of September 2026 Trimester	September 1,2026
Reporting and Registration by New Students	September 7, 2026
New Faculty Orientation (Pedagogical)	September 7, 2026
Orientation for New Students	September 8, 2026
Continuing Students Report for New Trimester	September 9, 2026

Classes Begin- Day and Evening programmes Classes Begin- Weekend programmes	September 10,2026 September 12,2026
Academic Writing and Research Workshop – Town Campus	September 11, 2026
Administration of Assignment One	September 14 - 20,2026
University Library Week	September 14 - 18, 2026
Publishing of Undergraduate Final Exam Grades for the previous trimester	September 21 – 27,2026
Deadline to Add/Drop Units	September 25,2026
Postgraduate Students' Training on Research Ethics	September 16, 2026
Publishing of Postgraduate Final Exam Grades for the previous trimester	September 25,2026
Public Lecture III	September 25, 2026
Administration of Assignment Two	September 21 – 25, 2026
Matriculation Ceremony for New Students	September 25,2026
Close of Trimester 3, 2026 intake	September 30,2026
Deadline for Late Registration of Units with Penalty (Continuing Students)	October 2,2026
Deadline to Apply for Academic Leave for the Current Trimester	October 2,2026
Confirmation of the Nominal Roll - ERP Nominal Register	October 2,2026
Supplementary and Special Examinations	October 12– 16,2026
Administration of Assignment Three	October 17 - 23,2026
Research Capacity Building Workshop – Western Campus	October 21 -23, 2026

Final Date to Apply for 21st Graduation	October 23,2026
Public Holiday – Mashujaa Day- University Closed	October 20,2026
Administration of CAT One	October 19 – 23,2026
Postgraduate Research Dissemination Seminars	October 26 -30, 2026
5th KCA University Innovation and Industry Summit	October 28 -30, 2026
Postgraduate Research Training Workshops – (Session 5-8)	November 3 -20, 2026
Pre-registration of Units for January 2026 Classes	November 3 - 13,2026
Administration of CAT Two	November 2- 6, 2026
MOU Sensitization and Updates with Schools	November 6, 2026
Publishing of Coursework Marks for the Current Trimester	November 13,2026
Public Lecture IV	November 13, 2026
Project Defense for Undergraduate Students	November 19, 2026
Final Trimester Examinations Begin	November 23,2026
21st Graduation Ceremony	November 27, 2026
Online Registration of Units for the Next Trimester	December 1 - 31,2026
Postgraduate Defense - Concept/Proposal Presentation and Dissertation	December 1 - 11,2026
Final Trimester Examinations End	December 18,2026