

King Abdullah University of
Science and Technology



KAUST

Student Handbook

Overview of KAUST

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) is an international, graduate-level research university dedicated to inspiring a new age of scientific achievement in the Kingdom. KAUST is the realization of a decades-long vision of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

KAUST is:

- supported by a multi-billion dollar endowment
- governed by an independent, self-perpetuating Board of Trustees
- merit-based and open to men and women from around the world

Unlike any other university, KAUST is designed to allow physical and human networks, operating largely without regard for organizational or national boundaries, to flourish, thereby creating a critical vehicle for the exchange of ideas and the development of new knowledge.

The University's academic structure organizes interdisciplinary teams around research themes that apply science and technology to problems of human need, social advancement, and economic development.

Students at KAUST pursue graduate degrees that span the fundamental and applied sciences. Blending the educational process with the pursuit of strategic research advances, KAUST students and researchers nurture the potential to transform existing industries and spawn new ones.

The University campus reflects this open academic philosophy and builds collegial relationships that encourage innovation and invention. Students and faculty work with, and have access to, partners from both the Academic Excellence Alliance and Global Research Partnership on special research projects at KAUST.

Vision

KAUST will be a globally renowned graduate research university that makes significant contributions to scientific and technological advancement, and will play a crucial role in the development of Saudi Arabia and the world.

By 2020, KAUST will be characterized by:

- a) Cutting-edge, basic and goal-oriented research in science and technology comparable to that of the world's top 10 science and technology universities, the success of which will be demonstrated by
 - publications in *Science*, *Nature*, and other prestigious professional journals;
 - a significant number of scientific discoveries and technological innovations;
 - a high average citation index (ISI) among KAUST faculty.
- b) A focus on research and academic activities in areas where KAUST can be exceptional by global standards. The focus will be on impact rather than quantity, and KAUST will have Research Centers that are recognized as world leaders in their fields.
- c) Graduates who are highly trained and skilled and will have the capabilities and drive to be leaders in education and business.
- d) Research and commercialization activities that demonstrably contribute to the diversification and strengthening of the Saudi economy, as measured by job creation, and new industry development and growth in GDP per capita.
- e) A diversified and sustainable revenue base that supports both its operating and capital requirements.

Mission

KAUST advances science and technology through bold and collaborative research. It educates scientific and technological leaders, catalyzes the diversification of the Saudi economy and addresses challenges of regional and global significance, thereby serving the Kingdom, the region and the world.

Research and education, as well as their transformative potential, are central to KAUST's mission. KAUST has a three-part mission:

- 1) Research at KAUST – both basic and goal-oriented – is dedicated to advancing science and technology of regional and global impact. Research excellence inspires teaching and the training of future leaders in science and technology.
- 2) Research and education at KAUST energize innovation and enterprise to support knowledge-based economic diversification.
- 3) Through the synergy of science and technology, and innovation and enterprise, KAUST is a catalyst for transforming people's lives.

Values

Members of the University community are committed to the values of **achievement, passion, inspiration, diversity, openness and integrity**. At all times, KAUST community members need to behave in ways that uphold these values, both as individuals and as representatives of the University.

Achievement: Determination to advance science and engineering for the welfare of all mankind.

Passion: Pursuit of the KAUST mission with enthusiasm and confidence and seeking individuals who share that passion.

Inspiration: Commitment to stimulate inspiration and celebrate those with the ability to inspire others.

Diversity: Collaboration among scientists, researchers, and students from different disciplines, nationalities, and cultural backgrounds.

Openness: **Openness which allows** students and faculty to think clearly, study freely, and examine complex problems through the clear light of reason.

Integrity: Commitment to uphold the highest standards of moral, ethical, and professional conduct.

A. Academic Calendar

For purposes of classroom instruction, the *Academic Calendar* consists of two semesters, a Winter Enrichment Period, and a Summer Session.

- I. Fall Semester extends from the first Saturday in September (unless it is an official university holiday) through the second or third week of December.
- II. The Winter Enrichment Period, extending from mid January to mid February, consists of special short courses offered by Visiting Faculty, symposia, and other scholarly activities.
- III. Spring Semester extends from mid February through the last week of May. Graduation exercises will take place during the first week of June.
- IV. Summer Sessions of different lengths consist of intensive courses and extends from mid June to the last week of July.

All dates are approximate and are adjusted annually to begin and end on appropriate weekdays. Each semester may include scheduled holidays.

B. Degree Programs

KAUST degree programs and course offerings are competitive internationally to ensure that its programs are accepted by, and its credits interchangeable with, the degree programs at other universities around the world.

KAUST offers masters and doctoral courses in each of the University's nine fields of study:

1. Applied Mathematics and Computational Science (AMCS)
2. Bioscience (B)
3. Chemical and Biological Engineering (CBE)
4. Computer Science (CS)
5. Earth Science and Engineering (ErSE)
6. Electrical Engineering (EE)
7. Environmental Science and Engineering (EnSE)
8. Materials Science and Engineering (MSE)
9. Mechanical Engineering (ME)

Each program is administered by a Graduate Committee and a Graduate Chair. Courses for each program will be listed at the 100, 200, 300 or 400 level and designated as follows:

- 100 level: Remedial courses
- 200 level: M.S. program courses
- 300 level: Ph.D. program courses
- 400 level: Advanced seminars

All courses at KAUST will be taught in English. KAUST will maintain flexibility in its fields of study and curricular design in order to attract highly qualified students with diverse agendas and backgrounds.

Changing Degree Program

Students who wish to change their degree program must fill out a Change of Degree Program Form and obtain appropriate approvals as described in the Approval for Special Circumstances section.

Dual Degree Enrollment

In most cases, dual degree enrollment is not allowed. Exceptions may be made for students who require dual enrollment in order to further their research skills or complete their PhD program.

Registration

Registrar's Office

The Registrar's Office is the custodian of the official students' information and records. It registers students, creates and maintains their records, provides certified documents, issues transcripts, and processes grades.

Responsibilities

The Registrar's Office is responsible for

- course enrollment management,
- classroom assignment,
- final exam scheduling,
- academic and administrative policy monitoring,
- information dissemination.

The office publishes the course schedule, available before registration for each semester and summer session. The course schedule includes information about registration procedures, time and location of the courses, faculty, course prerequisites and requirements, and advising locations.

Registration Procedure

Students at KAUST register for classes online. Complete information about the registration process and instructions are given in the course schedule. The course schedule is published by the Registrar's Office twice a year: on the first of April for the courses offered in the fall semester and summer session and on the first of November for courses offered in the spring semester.

Students will not receive credit for courses unless they are properly registered. It is the student's responsibility to assure that they are officially registered and all grades they earned have been recorded.

All students are required to register for each semester or session, whether they are attending a regular course of study, carrying on research, doing independent reading, writing a thesis, or utilizing any other academic service or campus facility. The standard course load for a full time student is twelve (12) credit hours. A minimum course load of nine (9) credit hours or a maximum course load of fifteen (15) credit hours may be taken with the approval of the Registrar.

In registering for research, students should indicate the name of the faculty, and should consult with the academic adviser to determine the number of the credit hours granted for the research project.

Students must enroll by the end of the first week of each semester until graduation.

Registration for Continuing Students

To continue in KAUST beyond the first semester, the student must make satisfactory progress in fulfilling any admission conditions that were imposed, meet program requirements determined in consultation with his or her advisor, and maintain a satisfactory graduate grade point average. Any student whose work is not satisfactory and who is not anticipated to make substantial progress, may be refused registration at the beginning of any semester by the appropriate academic division and the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs and will have his/her program terminated.

Late Registration

The late registration periods are identified in the course schedule each semester and summer session. During this period, a student may register with the consent of the academic adviser. Beyond the late registration period, registration is permitted only under exceptional circumstances and requires the recommendation of the academic adviser, and the consent of the Registrar.

Approval for Special Circumstances

Approval is required for changes of degree programs or courses, dual enrollment, under or over registration, and late registration. The student must fill out the appropriate form and obtain approval from the student's advisor, the department chair, and the Registrar.

Student Identification Cards

Every student is required to have a KAUST photo identification card. The photo ID card is needed for using KAUST facilities such as the libraries, health services, residence, etc. The identification card is intended to be used throughout the student's enrollment at the University. Lost or stolen cards should be reported to the ID Center.

Students are expected to maintain control and possession of their photo ID cards and to have the card available at all times on University grounds. The ID card cannot be used by others or for purposes not intended by the University. Misuse of the ID cards could result in disciplinary action.

Adding a Course

A student may add courses during the first week of the semester. After the first week of a full semester, students need the instructor's permission to add a class

Dropping a Course

Courses dropped during the first two weeks will not appear on the student's transcript. Classes dropped between the second and eighth week of the semester will appear with the grade of 'W' on the student's transcript. The student's grade point average (GPA) will not be affected.

Students will only be allowed to withdraw from a class after the first eight weeks under exceptional circumstances. Withdrawing from a class after the eighth week will require a written explanation for withdrawing, as well as the standard approval process.

Special Courses

New graduate courses are often offered initially under a generic course number. If a student wishes to use one of these courses to satisfy a track requirement, he/she must obtain written approval from the faculty and the academic advisor in the track area of the course. Doctoral students must submit his approval to the Registrar before presenting the Ph.D. Plan of Study for the qualification exam or for candidacy, and it will be placed in the student's file.

Leave of Absence

Students are required to maintain their admission status until all requirements for a degree are fulfilled, whether by continuity of registration or on the basis of an approved leave of absence. A leave of absence for medical or other reasons may be approved for up to one year. If the student has not yet been admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree, this request must be approved in advance of the leave by the principal (academic) advisor. If the student has been admitted to candidacy, the application must be approved in advance by the academic advisor and the Registrar.

An approved leave of absence indicates that the student will return to KAUST at the end of the leave of absence period. However, a student on approved leave must apply for readmission in order to return to KAUST. A leave of absence for medical reasons requires a petition to the Registrar, supported by a physician, prior to reinstatement. A student on leave may not use any University facilities; a leave of absence does not alter the time limits for degrees or coursework.

The Assistant Provost for Student Affairs may place a student on involuntary leave of absence if persuaded by the evidence that such an action is necessary for the protection of the KAUST community or for the personal safety or welfare of the student involved. Such a decision by the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs is subject to automatic review within seven days by the Associate Provost for Student Affairs and Provost.

Grade Appeals

Students have the right to appeal their final grade in a course by using the following **Grade Appeal Procedure**:

1. The student should first discuss the issue informally with the relevant faculty member.
2. If the matter cannot be resolved this way, the student may initiate an appeal to the academic advisor outlining the reasons in writing.
3. Copies are to be forwarded to the Dean. The Dean will assign a faculty member in the same subject matter to review the grade.
4. The final recommendation has to be made by the Dean and conveyed to the student in a timely manner.
5. If a change of the final grade is approved the new grade will be recorded on the student's record and the disputed grade will be deleted.

Graduation

Upon recommendation to the Graduate Committee, degrees are awarded two times each year, at the conclusion of Fall and Spring semester. All diplomas, however, are prepared and awarded at the end of the Spring semester.

Students must apply for conferral of a graduate degree by filing an Application to Graduate form by the deadline for each semester. A separate application must be filed for each degree program and for each conferral semester.

Requests for conferral are reviewed by the Registrar's Office to verify completion of degree requirements. Students are typically expected to apply to graduate the semester prior to the semester in which they expect to be awarded a degree. The University, however, reserves the right to confer a degree on a student who has completed all of the requirements for a degree even though the student has not applied to graduate; such an individual would then be subject to the University's usual rules and restrictions regarding future enrollment or registration.

Students who wish to withdraw a request for conferral or make changes to the Application to Graduate should notify the Registrar's Office in writing. Students who withdraw their graduation applications or fail to meet degree requirements must reapply to graduate in a subsequent semester.

Applying for Graduation

Students must be registered for the semester in which they graduate and must apply for graduation by the deadline published in the academic calendar. A student who misses the deadline for acceptance of the thesis or dissertation must register the following semester or session in order to receive the degree. The thesis or dissertation must be accepted by the deadline, which falls before the end of the semester or session.

Commencement Ceremonies

Commencement ceremonies are held the week after the end of summer classes for students who have received degrees at the end of the previous Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters. Information on Commencement activities and the distribution of diplomas is mailed in mid-April to all those eligible to receive a diploma at the ceremonies.

Withdrawal from the University

A student who wishes to withdraw from the academic program for a semester or leave the University must indicate this intent by filling out the Withdrawal form and submitting it to the Registrar's Office. If the student wishes to have a transcript showing the academic courses completed up to the date of withdrawal, he or she must fill out a Transcript Request form and pay the applicable fee. Transcripts, grade reports or other official documents will be released to the student only after all financial obligations have been met.

If the student does not enroll for classes for two consecutive semesters, without the written permission of the Registrar, he or she will be withdrawn from his or her selected program of study. To continue in the program, the student will have to reapply for admission to KAUST.

Student Advising

The Academic and Research Advisors

The academic advisor is determined by the major track of the student, and is particularly important for assistance in course planning at the beginning of a student's Ph.D. program. Each major track has at least one faculty member advisor, who will have extra office hours at the time of registration for classes and will be available to the student to help plan for course registration and to answer academic questions. As the student progresses and becomes more involved with research, the research advisor will play a greater role in choosing courses and advising the student, but the student should continue to see the academic advisor to make certain that all degree requirements will be met.

Student Advisor Relationship

The relationship between a faculty advisor and student should be based on mutual respect and open communication. Advisors and students should discuss the nature of their working relationship early and continue this discussion throughout their period of collaboration to ensure mutually agreed upon and compatible expectations. These discussions should be frequent and open, and should include not only work, research goals, and performance reviews, but also change of status, time for personal and family responsibilities, time off, and concerns about academic or work situations. Both the student and advisor have the obligation to meet as necessary to ensure the success of the relationship.

Academic Standing

GPA Requirements

Satisfactory performance requires that the student must achieve at least a B grade in each course and maintain at least a 3.00 grade-point average in master's level courses and a 3.67 in doctoral level courses.

Calculation of the GPA

The cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is calculated for all attempted credit courses completed to date at KAUST, by dividing the total number of quality points received for class by the total number of credits attempted. Quality points are determined by multiplying the weight given each grade by the number of credit hours for the class.

Grading System

KAUST uses letter grades and symbols to record the evaluation of students' performance in a course:

Grading is based on a 4.0-point system as follows:

- A = 4.0
- A- = 3.67
- B+ = 3.33
- B = 3.0
- B- = 2.67
- C+ = 2.33
- C = 2.0
- C- = 1.67
- D+ = 1.33
- D = 1.00
- D- = .67
- F = 0
- W = Withdrew (does not affect grade point average)
- I = Incomplete (does not affect grade point average)
- AU = Audit (does not affect grade point average)
- S = Satisfactory (does not affect grade point average)
- U = Unsatisfactory (does not affect grade point average)
- IP = In Progress (does not affect grade point average)

Academic Standing

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 to remain in good standing. Students with a CGPA falling below the minimum GPA are subject to probation or suspension, or they may be required to repeat any course in which a grade below a 'B' has been earned.

Academic Probation and Suspension

- Probation is an academic sanction by which a student, whose CGPA falls below the minimum required, is given a set period of time to improve the CGPA to that required by KAUST.
- Suspension is an academic sanction by which a student on probation does not improve his or her CGPA in the time frame specified and is dismissed from KAUST due to poor academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from a specific KAUST postgraduate program are not eligible for readmission into that specific program, but may apply for admission into another postgraduate program for which they are eligible.

Transcripts and Academic Records

Students' Permanent Records

Students' permanent records at KAUST include: basic identification information on the student; a listing of all coursework accepted by KAUST for transfer; a semester-by-semester listing of all KAUST courses attempted and completed; all grades, credits, and grade point averages earned each semester; any necessary notations concerning academic probation or dismissal; waivers and/or substitutions for program requirements; and a notation of degree completion for graduated students. The student record is considered to be permanent in that it will be kept as an active record in perpetuity and will never be disposed of by the institution. It is the permanent and official record of all grades, credits, and certificates earned by the student at KAUST.

Academic Transcript

An official transcript is a copy of the student's courses, grades and, if applicable, degrees received, printed on a KAUST transcript form, bearing the official seal or stamp of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology and mailed directly to the individual who needs official confirmation of the student's academic achievements at KAUST. Students may request a copy of the official transcript be sent directly to them using a Transcript Request form. The copy of the official transcript given directly to students will be marked as a 'Student Copy.'

Policy on Release of Student Records

With the exception of authorized personnel at KAUST, the University will not release any information from a student's permanent academic record to a third party without the written consent of the student.

The Committee shall review the evidence and any reply from the student. If it is determined that an infraction took place, the Committee shall impose an appropriate penalty, up to and including dismissal from the University. Entering the University using falsified or misleading documents or intentionally omitting documents can lead to dismissal or degree revocation.

The University also reserves the right to initiate legal proceedings against the student.

Falsification of Records by Students

All instances of alleged falsification of University records (admission, registration, records, placement, *etc.*) shall be reported to the Registrar's Office. The Registrar shall review the evidence and notify the student of the alleged infraction. The student shall be given an opportunity to reply, in writing, to the charges. All materials shall be referred to the KAUST Disciplinary Committee.

Student Life

KAUST Map



Students as community members

Living on campus is an integral part of the educational experience. Meeting new people who will become lifelong friends, establishing regular contact with faculty and administrative personnel, and having access to numerous programs scheduled throughout the year will make living on campus a rewarding experience.

Campus and Community: Facilities and Services

The University campus and community are situated in a unique coastal location on the eastern shore of the Red Sea at the quiet Red Sea fishing village of Thuwal, approximately 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Jeddah.

The KAUST campus total area spans more than 36 million square meters, including a unique coral reef ecosystem that the University will preserve as a marine sanctuary. It was designed to accommodate 12,000 of the world's most talented students, researchers and scientists who have the opportunity to enjoy the breathtaking marine life of the Red Sea. The campus was constructed to have a minimal environmental footprint and high aesthetic impact, with an emphasis on energy efficiency, sustainable development, and conservation of historical/cultural sites and sensitive ecosystems.

The KAUST campus and surrounding community incorporates a distinctive blend of traditional regional architecture and modern styles and amenities. The buildings evoke visions of ancient centers of learning within a context of high-tech science and research facilities. Surrounded by the beauty of the Red Sea, the futuristic and aesthetic campus is located in a secure environment featuring a well-planned and landscaped academic core and research laboratories, along with a seaside community facilities and services. The campus key features include:

- World-class research labs and facilities
- Seaside town with a wide variety of shops, apartments, and single-family homes
- Parks, playgrounds, schools for children; golf course, yacht club, and marina
- Minimal environmental footprint
- Red Sea access and waterfront views.

KAUST Community

Adjacent to the academic core and research laboratories, the Harbor District commercial center provides numerous opportunities for work/life balance, including a wide variety of shops and waterfront locations. Further out from the campus and Harbor District, parks and playgrounds line two distinct residential communities and neighborhoods. The KAUST community contains:

- children's schools
- a variety of housing options
- retail and community services
- diverse recreational amenities including athletic fields, public parks, garden spaces, a golf course, yacht club and marina.

Security and Safety

KAUST provides protection and safety of human, physical, and intellectual assets for its community. KAUST will preserve the environment of the community in a highly-integrated, physically low-profile approach, using highly-qualified staffing and state-of-the-art technology in compliance with national and international codes and standards.

Community Services

KAUST provides a variety of community resources to help students and their family members enjoy active, healthy lives and balance their professional and family commitments with satisfying leisure and travel opportunities. **Community and residential services** are provided and include:

- daycare centers
- home maintenance
- high-speed wireless Internet
- satellite television
- electricity and water
- refuse removal
- local telephone service

The Harbor District commercial center provides the following services for students, faculty, and staff:

- grocery store
- dry cleaners
- theater with cinemas and a stage for live performances
- bank
- travel agent
- post office
- beauty salon
- variety of restaurants, cafes and fine-dining options

Pet on Campus

Pets are not allowed in University buildings, multi story apartment buildings, any indoor community facility, and in playgrounds and parks. Pets brought on campus must to be managed in a way which is not a risk or nuisance to the University and its community members. Students must satisfy all health and regular immunization requirements for their pets. If a community member is advised that a pet causes health problems or safety concerns, the pet will be removed from the University properties. KAUST permits pets such as birds, cats, and dogs to reside on campus; no other animals are permitted. The maximum number of pets permitted is two per household. Individuals are responsible for the removal of waste produced by their pets.

Libraries

Harbor Library: The Harbor Library is a world-class academic library that houses a vast array of books, scientific and technical journals, and other media, permitting faculty and students to conduct significant research. While the primary purpose of the Harbor Library is to aid scholars

in their intellectual pursuits, the library also has DVDs, CDs, and audio books and flips video camcorders with underwater cases available for check out. There are general interest databases available for working on-line. Although most of the collection is in English, there are some items in Arabic and Tagalog. On the ground floor of the library are two seminar rooms which are used for training, demonstrations and meetings. Library hours are 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. seven days a week.

KAUST Partnership with the Library of Congress

KAUST and the Library of Congress hold a partnership agreement to identify, select, digitize, catalog, annotate, and promote scholarly research about manuscripts and other rare and unique materials relating to science in the Arab and Islamic worlds, and for including these materials in the World Digital Library (WDL) and other digital library projects.

The partnership will enable KAUST to complement its academic and research programs in cutting-edge science and engineering with research and outreach programs aimed at giving students and faculty an appreciation of the rich history of scientific inquiry and discovery in the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Through this partnership with the Library of Congress and with many other universities, museums, and collections around the world, KAUST makes the great history of Arabic and Islamic science and technology available to all people through the World Digital Library.

KAUST Medical Center

In order to provide world-class medical care, KAUST has partnered with the International Medical Center, one of the premier medical centers in the Middle East. Care is provided in the state-of-the-art KAUST Medical Center located on campus where most out-patient medical needs can be met. Services include family medicine, pediatrics, physical therapy, pharmacy, lab, x-ray, and 24 hour Emergency Room. Additionally, specialty services including obstetrics and gynecology, ENT, and ophthalmology are provided on a periodic basis. Care not available at the KAUST Medical Center such as sub specialty care and hospitalization will be arranged by referral to the International Medical center in Jeddah.

Same day appointment availability backed by 24 hour emergency room services assures timely access to high quality care.

The KAUST Medical Center is located within the community support services area adjacent to the main campus, town center and the golf neighborhood. The helipad is located within proximity of the medical center for emergency evacuation to regional health care facilities.

Restaurants and Food Services

Food Services vary from a fine dining restaurant at the Yacht Club to cafeteria type restaurants at the Main Campus and Central Services area. Snack-bars, cafes, and vending machines are also available at the recreation centers and the KAUST Medical Center. The food service outlets provide full meal service from breakfast to dinner, hot and cold snacks and beverages.

Food Services also provide menu options to meet diverse cultural expectations, income, and special dietary needs, and will provide hospitality and themed meals to celebrate seasonal festivities when requested.

Transportation

Transportation Services includes limousine service, car rental, shuttle bus service, shopping bus service and special events bus service, and will operate seven days a week. Complimentary bus service is also offered to nearby cities.

KAUST is adopting a sustainable approach to transportation through the utilization of low carbon emission and environmentally friendly types of vehicles and electric carts or bicycles for short distance transport. The transportation services within KAUST will rely on public transit through the provision of buses connecting all zones and buildings. It will include community buses, buses to the surrounding towns, school buses, staff buses, and taxi services inside and outside KAUST Township.

Mail and Communication Services

All mail services will be available at KAUST and will be conveniently located at the Campus Mail Room, Town City Post Office and the General Mail Room which will be located at the General Warehouse. Services available include:

- International and Domestic Express Courier Service
- Mail Box service
- Internal Mail Service
- Mail Pickups and Deliveries
- Mail Receiving Counters
- Proof of Delivery
- Mail Tracking
- Receiver Information
- Security Mail Check
- Notification of mail arrival by either email, SMS or a phone call

Schools

KAUST Schools have six facilities: three early childhood centers for children age 3-5, conveniently located in each residential area, three schools; one grade 1-12 coeducational school and a single gender school for each sex for Grades 6-12.

Located in a University setting, KAUST Schools' curriculum takes advantage of our unique learning environment near the Red Sea. Our students enjoy a wide range of activities across several interest areas including sports and the arts. The focus is on providing activities that stimulate both the mind and the body and give students an outlet for expression in multiple ways, enabling each child to develop and explore a broad spectrum of interests. The school experience at KAUST focuses on the entire child. Central to our mission is giving students the opportunity to grow in all ways, not just academically.

Calendar Starts: September and concludes in June each year
Vacations: Vacation dates will be announced.

School Week Saturday through Wednesday

School Hours: K 1 & K 2: 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM
K 3: 7:45 AM -- 2:00 PM
Grade 1-12 Sat, Sun, Tues and Wed 7:45 AM– 3:00 PM
Monday: 7:45 AM – 1:45 PM (early release for professional learning)

Curriculum: KAUST Schools is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Candidate School. The IB program is a universally accepted, college preparatory course of study. The IB program (www.ibo.org) is a continuum of high quality education that encourages international-mindedness and a positive attitude for learning.

Ages served: The school serves age 3 through grade 12. Children must be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2009 in order to enter the KAUST early childhood (K1) program.

Language of Instruction: English

Learning support: KAUST will provide help to students learning English as a second language and to students requiring small modifications in academic requirements.

Co-curricular Activities KAUST will offer a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, sports, and academic interests.

School

Supplies: Required supplies will be posted on our website at the beginning of each school year.

What to wear: Students are expected to wear proper attire.

Other Points of Information: Nurse located on site
Lunch and snacks served in our cafeteria
Transportation to and from school provided

Student Activities

The Student Center

The Student Center is located in the core area near the research building toward the town center, and is open for student use 24 hours a day. The Student Center provides office space for the officers of the University Student Council, working space for student clubs and associations, office and rehearsal space for science and art activities, and space for many more student-oriented functions. The center also houses a restaurant, snack bar, coffee shop, grocery store, and has several club rooms, a small library, and a TV/DVD room—most are open 24 hours. The Student Center is open to all students, faculty, and staff.

Recreation Services

Recreation Services has extensive recreation and sports facilities which will be accessible to all students and their dependents.

- A. **Harbor Sports Club:** The Harbor Sports Club is situated in the Town Center and is the largest recreation center. Facilities includes swimming pools with lifeguards; children's pool and children's playground; fully automated AMF ten pin bowling alley; fitness rooms with Life fitness cardio and resistance equipment and staffed by professionally trained instructors; exercise studios; indoor rock climbing; games room with billiards and pool tables; squash, rackets and tennis courts; cafeteria with terrace overlooking the canal; gymnasium for basketball and volleyball; saunas and jacuzzis; athletics track; club and self directed group meeting rooms; soccer pitch and skateboard park.
- B. **Racquet Club:** The Racquet Club is a superb racquet facility in Safaa Garden neighborhood. It includes four squash courts; two rackets courts; a badminton hall – believed to be the first of its kind in the Middle East; cafeteria with lounge area and internet access; ten tennis courts and club meeting room. All indoor courts have spectator seating for tournaments. Professional coaches will be available for teaching racquet sports from beginner to advanced level and will hold regular tournaments, leagues and events.

- C. **Stadium:** KAUST has its own 5,000 seat stadium for large events and ceremonies and for soccer tournaments and athletic events. The Stadium has its own media center for televised events and also has hospitality areas.
- D. **Recreation Store:** The Recreation Store is a facility that will have a range of items available for community loan such as extra tables and chairs for barbecues; camping equipment; marquees and items such as inflatable bouncy castles and slides for special events. There will also be some sports and recreation equipment for team competitions and events.
- E. **Safaa Golf Club:** Saafa Golf Club is a championship designed golf course. The 9-hole course has state of the art practice facilities including an indoor golf simulator. Memberships will be available to the golf club; however this is not a private club and guests and juniors are welcome. The golf course is fully grassed, floodlit and golf buggies will be available. Teaching clinics will be set up by the PGA professional aimed at all ages and abilities. The clubhouse, consisting of a Pro-Shop, restaurant, locker rooms and a teaching room, will be open to all KAUST students and their dependents.
- F. **Theater and Cinema:** Situated in the Harbor area, the 250 seat Theater and Cinema will have state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment and will show the latest movies. Movies will be in English; Arabic and Hindi. Other popular international movies will be shown at certain times. Students and their dependents will also be able to see productions and participate in the drama and acting groups which will be available for the community.
- G. **Outdoor Recreation:** There are extensive outdoor recreational areas including ten soccer fields; a cricket pitch; baseball field; over 70 areas designated as parks and open spaces; and over forty playgrounds for children. In addition there are two walking circuits and a cycling route. Some parks have areas for picnics and all members of the community will be able to enjoy the landscaped areas.
- H. **Marina:** The Harbor area includes a deep water marina with pontoon berthing for up to 85 boats and all associated facilities such as maintenance, fuel and expert advice. On hand will be the Harbor Master who will be able to assist with local navigation and weather information and his team will always be available to assist with berthing, cleaning and looking after boats. In addition to KAUST's own recreational fleet of craft there will be plenty of space for residents to moor their own boats.
- I. **Al-Marsa Yacht Club:** The Al-Marsa Yacht Club consists of a 5 star restaurant seating up to 150 persons with an outside terrace seating 50 persons; snack bar; two multipurpose rooms seating up to 200 persons; locker rooms; chandlery and stunning views to the Marina, Breakwater Beacon and the open sea beyond. The Club will serve both as a social hub for members and residents and also as the hosting venue for a regular program of regattas and events on the water. Those that are new to yachting or who simply wish to brush up and improve their skills will have the opportunity to have instruction in all yachting related subjects.

- J. **Water Sports Center:** The Water Sports Center will have a stunning array of motorized and non motorized water sports activities to offer. Everything from SCUBA diving to jet-skiing, catamaran sailing to ocean kayaking and windsurfing to wakeboarding will be. Water sports will be available every day and the club will give residents the opportunity to learn new skills under expert instructors, improve existing skills or simply learn about boats. Life Guards and safety measures are available should assistance be needed.

Recreation Services will operate a fleet of craft unrivaled in the Middle East but students can store their own boat, board, kayak or even ski boat in the water sports marina or shore side storage facility.

The KAUST Dive School, based at the Water Sports Center will be open daily for both beginners and experienced divers and has a varied dive program for your enjoyment. The Water Sports Center will also house a cafe, clubhouse, changing facilities and showers, water sports shop, fishing shop, SCUBA diving pool and a 40 berth marina.

- K. **Beaches:** All KAUST beaches will have trained lifeguards to assure safety at all times. A variety of beach games and activities are available and include beach volleyball, beach soccer, and scheduled fun events and games.
- L. **Self Directed Groups:** Self directed groups are residents who have a common or shared interest and operate in a very similar way to clubs or associations. Each group or club will have an assigned Recreation Advisor who will help establish and advise the group on areas such as membership development, constitution, holding meetings, rules, and finance. It is expected that at least 25 people should be available to start a group, although groups of lesser size will be considered, particularly for a special interest.
- M. **Programs:** Recreation Services will hold a range of programs for the community.

Initially these will include:

- "Learn to Swim" and "Swimming Improver" classes.
- Fitness Classes – including spinning; "body pump"; high/low impact aerobics; step classes; pilates; yoga.
- Wellness education – exercise and wellness programs are open to University students and their families. These programs are designed to meet individual interests and goals, as well as a wide variety of fitness levels. Programs include those for weight loss, stress management, cardiovascular endurance and sports-specific conditioning.
- After School Program – daily after school program for students' children during term-time.
- Holiday events – special events will be held, e.g. during the Eid Holidays, and other holiday periods and National Public Days.
- Youth Program – special program for children/teenagers during the school holidays. (e.g. KAUST Summer Camp).
- Water Safety Program – for all pools and beaches.

- Coaching Program – whole range of coaching sessions in various sports – such as golf; tennis; swimming and squash.
- Theatre/Cinema Program – wide ranging program of local and international social and cultural events and the latest movies from around the world.
- Entertainments Program – comprehensive program of entertainments to appeal to all members of the community.
- Water Sports Program – program of water sports activities and lessons, including diving, sailing, jet skiing, fishing, snorkeling and paragliding.