



Visiting Student Program – FAQs

General Questions

1. What is the Visiting Student Program?

The Visiting Student Program allows students from local Saudi universities to enroll at our university for a limited period, typically one regular semester, while earning academic credit.

2. Who is eligible to apply?

The program is open to undergraduate students, both male and female, currently enrolled in accredited universities, who are in good academic standing and meet our admission requirements.

3. What are the admission requirements?

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Saudi national **or** born to a Saudi mother.
- Enrolled as a **full-time** undergraduate student at a **Saudi** university.
- Maintain a minimum **GPA of 3.75/4 Or 4.75/5** in their major.
- Achieve a minimum score of **80 in STEP** or an equivalent in:
 - TOEFL (60)
 - IELTS (5.5)
- Have completed **at least one academic year** (excluding the preparatory year).
- Provide an **official approval letter** from their home university, which specifies the courses the student wishes to study.

4. What are the benefits of being a visiting student?

As a visiting student, you will gain access to academic resources, experience a new campus culture, broaden your academic and personal perspective, and earn transferable credits. Additional benefits include tuition waivers, a monthly stipend, discounted dormitory housing, course textbooks on a loan basis, access to the on-campus Primary Care Medical Center, and subsidized on-campus dining.

5. Can I choose the courses I want to take?

Yes, you may select courses open to visiting students, provided you meet the prerequisites. Final course enrollment depends on availability and departmental approval. You must also adhere to the minimum and maximum credit limits applicable to KFUPM students.

6. Are students participating in the Visiting Students Program eligible to apply for on-campus housing?

Not all visiting students are eligible for on-campus housing. Only those whose home university is located **75 kilometers** or more from our campus may apply for housing, subject to availability and university housing policies.

Application & Admission

7. How do I apply to the Visiting Student Program?

Applications can be submitted through our online portal. Follow the application guidelines and upload the required documents as specified on our website.

8. What documents do I need to submit?

Required documents typically include:

- Copy of your national ID
- Academic transcript
- Proof of enrollment at your home university
- Proof of English language proficiency (score of IELTS, TOEFL, or STEP)

9. Is there an application fee?

No, there are no application fees for this program.

10. What are the application deadlines?

Please refer to the Visiting Student Program webpage, as the deadlines will be updated on this page. <https://apply.kfupm.edu.sa/visiting-student-program/>

11. How are students selected?

Selection is based on academic performance, motivation, eligibility, course availability, and institutional capacity. Admission is contingent upon meeting all announced requirements.

12. Will the credits I earn be transferable to my home university?

Yes, the credits are generally transferable. However, we strongly recommend that you consult with your home university and share your course selections with your academic advisor to ensure they meet your degree requirements.

Registration Process

13. How can I register for courses?

The courses (in open sections) will be registered by the Office of the University Registrar based on your request.

14. How can I register in a course section if it is full/closed?

If a section is closed, you may approach the Course Chairman to obtain approval for enrollment in that course.

15. Do I need to submit registration confirmation for the term through the portal?

No, registration confirmation is not required for visiting students.

16. How can I view courses offered at KFUPM?

You can visit the course offerings at the Registrar's website.

<https://registrar.kfupm.edu.sa/courses-classes/course-offering1/>

Note: term 251 means the first term in the 2025 academic year.

17. Can I take classes outside my major or department?

In many cases, yes. However, some courses may have prerequisites or be restricted to specific departments. It is the student's responsibility to verify the prerequisites for any course they wish to register for.

18. How do I access content related to my courses?

You will be provided with a KFUPM ID and username, which will grant you access to the KFUPM Portal and Blackboard. Through these platforms, you can access course-related content such as the schedule, syllabus, exams, quizzes, and any other materials shared by the instructor.

19. Do I need to be fluent in English?

Yes, the medium of instruction at KFUPM is English. Therefore, all courses (**except IAS courses**) are taught in English. If English is not your first language, you are required to provide proof of English proficiency.

20. How does grading work for visiting students?

You will be graded according to our university's academic rules and regulations. All your grades will be recorded on the official transcript.