



Your Personal Guide to Joining KFUPM 2027



KFUPM in Numbers

Top

in the Middle
East & Africa

Top

Saudi university
for graduate
employment rates

63rd

amongst top 100
universities
worldwide

What Makes KFUPM Your First Choice?

Achievements Without Boundaries

To ensure that you have the best experience as a distinguished student at our university, we have dedicated the past five years to preparing our graduates to be the most qualified candidates in the job market by:

- **Developing all academic programs** to equip students with a strong digital foundation in a system we call AI + X[®] that develops essential AI skills, data science, and entrepreneurship across all majors during the initial years.
- **Encouraging students to complete both their bachelor’s and master’s programs during their academic journey**, graduating in just five years with two degrees.
- **Introducing new academic programs**, such as AI, Data Analytics, Robotics, Cybersecurity, Bioengineering and other emerging fields.
- **Introducing Undergraduate Concentrations (CX)**, a program that lets you choose to graduate with a double major in your last year, expanding your career opportunities without requiring additional course credit hours.
- **Shaping students’ character to become leaders** by developing the seven habits of university students, including: high aspirations, entrepreneurship, self-reliance, positivity and kindness, international culture, multidisciplinary work, and research.

These developments are essential for preparing students for the job market, particularly in fields that meet the country’s future demands.



Top-Tier Academic Environment



Modern
On-Campus
Accommodation



Affordable
High-Quality
Meals



Sports Facilities
and Gyms



Shopping
Malls and
Restaurants



Private Beach
Access

Beyond the Classroom



Student
Activities & Clubs



International Summer
Research Program at
Prestigious Universities



International
Co-op Training



Student Exchange
with Top International
Universities



International
Visits



Scientific
Conferences
Access



Scientific
Competitions



Student Sports
Teams

Take Your First Step Today and Get Ready to Join KFUPM!



Admission Requirements

- 1 You must be a high school graduate of the study tracks system in one of the following: general studies, computer science and engineering, or health and life sciences, or a graduate of international schools (natural sciences) in the current or the two previous years. **This applies to all admission tracks.**
 - 2 Achieve a minimum score of 65 on the STEP test or its equivalent in other tests (IELTS 4.5, Duolingo 80, or TOEFL iBT 3 [45 out of 120 under the old scoring system]). **This applies to all admission tracks, except for SAT and Olympiad.**
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We recommend taking the English test early to ensure your results are available before the application deadline. You must achieve the minimum required score in one of the accepted tests to complete your application, and you may retake the test multiple times.
- 3 A brief introduction about yourself that should explain your academic goals and how you will contribute to positive change in your community and the world during your journey at the university.
 - 4 An official recommendation letter from your school administrator in either Arabic or English.
 - 5 The applicant must not have previously studied at KFUPM.
 - 6 Admission candidates may be required to attend a personal interview.

Note: All test scores submitted as part of the admission application must be valid at the time of application.

Choose the ideal path to join KFUPM from a variety of admission tracks!

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Primary Admission Track

This is the primary track for university admission, ensuring a competitive opportunity to secure a seat; the following tests each contribute equally to the overall score: 50% General Aptitude Test (Qudrat) and 50% KFUPM's Tahsili Test.

What is the KFUPM's Tahsili Test?

This test has been developed in collaboration with the National Center for Assessment (Qiyas). It is designed to assess the academic performance of students in scientific subjects for both tenth and eleventh grades. It is similar to the General Achievement Test (Tahsili) in terms of its format and content. It covers the following areas:

80% Science subjects in tenth and eleventh grades							20% Skills		
	Math		Physics		Chemistry		Biology	Critical Thinking	Information Analysis
								Computer Skills	Numerical Skills

- The KFUPM's Tahsili Test is mandatory only for the Primary Admission Track and is not required for the other tracks.
- The test will take place twice: **November 8th and December 15th, 2026.**
- A score of 85 or above on the General Aptitude Test is not required to register for KFUPM's Achievement Test.
- Scores on this test are typically lower than those on other tests. Don't let your score discourage you as you can still apply and compete for admission. Registration for the Achievement Test is available on the Qiyas website for both Saudi and non-Saudi applicants.

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SAT Track

If you score a minimum of 1350 on the SAT exam, you have a competitive opportunity to secure admission to limited seats without taking the Aptitude or Achievement tests. Please note that a score of 1350 only qualifies you to apply and does not guarantee admission, as selection is competitive and also depends on passing the mathematics test.

Requirements for this track:

- Successfully pass the university's mathematics test.



Note: Students may apply to both the Primary Admission Track and SAT Track simultaneously. If admitted through the Primary Admission Track, they will automatically be excluded from the SAT Track.

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Olympiad Track

If you win one of the International Science Olympiads recognized by the university, you will receive unconditional admission without needing the Aptitude or Achievement Tests. This track is open only to Saudis and non-Saudis with Saudi mothers.

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Vacancies Admission Track

This track is designated for filling the limited remaining vacancies in undergraduate programs in case of withdrawals from other tracks. Therefore, it is not recommended as the primary application choice, as seats are very limited. Admission is competitive and based on the following percentages: 50% for the General Aptitude Test (Qudrat), 40% for the General Achievement Test (Tahsili), and 10% for high school performance.



Application and Admission Step by Step!

Your Journey to KFUPM Starts Here

Application



Begin your online application by going to apply.kfupm.edu.sa

You may choose your admissions track directly on the website and then complete the corresponding form directly on there. Important dates for admissions will be posted on the official admissions website.



Selecting a major

Your admission to a particular major depends on:

A. The weighted average score

B. The availability of seats in your chosen major. Students are assigned disciplines according to their grades - from the highest downwards - until all seats in each discipline are filled. This process is repeated with all students in all the options they have selected, with the aim of finding the best option that corresponds to each student's weighted average score.

Nomination for Admission

We will inform you if you meet the admission criteria and tell you which major you have been admitted to. You must confirm the major within 24 hours, and you must complete your profile information, or else your acceptance will be withdrawn.

If you are admitted into a major other than your first choice, it does not mean that you have completely missed the opportunity.

As soon as a seat becomes available in one of your top choices, due to a withdrawal, your major will be updated automatically, and this process continues until the start of the academic year.

If you reject the major you have been accepted in, you will not be offered that major or any other lower-preference major on your list of options. You will be placed on the waiting list and, depending on availability, you will be offered the higher-preference majors from your list of options.

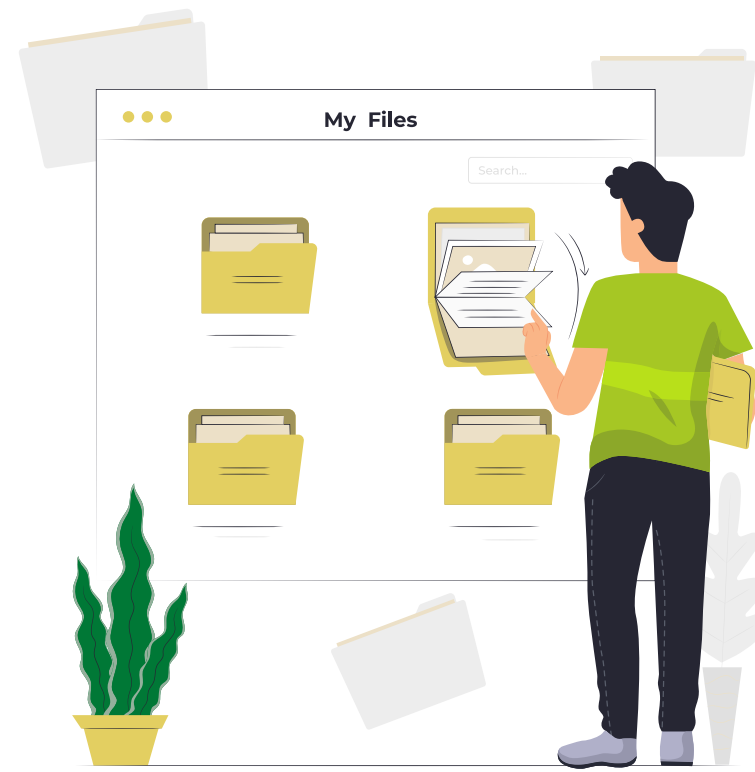
If you do not respond with acceptance or rejection within the specified period, the acceptance will be considered void, and you will lose your chance permanently.



Note: If your preferred major is not available, we recommend you accept the proposed major so that you do not miss your opportunity to obtain admission to the university.

Initial Admission

After confirming your acceptance for the major to which you were admitted, only initial admission is granted until all required documents are uploaded within the specified time frame (refer to the documents list at the bottom of this page). Further instructions will be sent by email.



Final Admission

Once you meet all admission criteria and requirements, you will receive notification of unconditional admission, indicating that you are in the final stages of admission.

Enrollment

You will receive a student number, gain access to E-services, and be officially recognized as a university student.

Welcome Aboard!

• For Saudi students and Non-Saudi students of Saudi mothers:

- A copy of the original transcript of high school degrees and a certificate of studies completion. If the certificate was issued by a school outside the Kingdom, it must be authenticated by the Ministry of Education or the relevant authority.
- A recent color photograph with a white background, ensuring that the student is not wearing glasses. Saudi traditional attire for male students and head covering with face uncovered for female students is required.
- A copy of the National ID for Saudis, or a copy of the student's Iqama and the National ID of the student's mother for non-Saudis of Saudi mothers, and a copy of the student's passport.

• For Non-Saudi students:

- A copy of the original transcript of high school degrees and a certificate of study completion. If the certificate was issued by a school outside the Kingdom, it must be authenticated by the Ministry of Education or the relevant authority.
- A recent color photograph with a white background, ensuring that the student is wearing formal attire and no glasses.
- A copy of the student's passport, and a copy of the student's valid Iqama.

Useful Insights for You

How do I choose my major

Each major requires a set of skills in order to fit your personality and enhance your future career opportunities. Therefore, when selecting a major, be sure you have these skills or learn how to improve them throughout your academic journey.

Some of these skills are required by most majors, such as:

- Decision Making
- Effective Communication
- Creative Analysis
- Teamwork
- Intellectual Skills
- Learning and Curiosity
- Problem Solving
- Design and Simulation
- Scientific Skills



You will find all undergraduate majors offered at the university below. Simply assess your skills and identify your passion, then select your major and embark on your journey! All our programs are future-focused and support the economy of Saudi Arabia and the world.

College of Computing and Mathematics	Computer Science	College of Design and Built Environment	Civil Engineering
	Software Engineering		Architectural Engineering
	Computer Engineering		Integrated Design
	Industrial and Systems Engineering		Smart and Sustainable Cities
	Applied Mathematics and AI NEW!		Environmental Science and Engineering
	Data Science and Engineering NEW!	College of Engineering and Physics	Aerospace Engineering
	Semiconductor Design & Engineering NEW!		Electrical Engineering
College of Chemicals and Materials	AI and Cybersecurity NEW!		Mechanical Engineering
	Chemical Engineering		Physics
	Materials Science and Engineering		Control and Instrumentation Engineering
	Chemistry		Electrical Engineering and Physics
	Bioengineering	KFUPM Business School	Accounting & Corporate Finance NEW!
College of Petroleum Engineering & Geosciences	Bioengineering (Pre-Medical Program) NEW!		Finance & Financial Engineering NEW!
	Petroleum Engineering		Digital & Social Media Marketing NEW!
	Geophysics		Fintech & Entrepreneurship NEW!
	Geology		Business Analytics & AI NEW!
	Mining Science and Engineering		Operations & Supply Chain NEW!



You can become a Physician-Engineer in one program!

The university offers a pre-med program with dual admission to the following degrees: Bioengineering from KFUPM and Medicine and Surgery from KSAU-HS.
[Admission criteria to be announced later.](#)

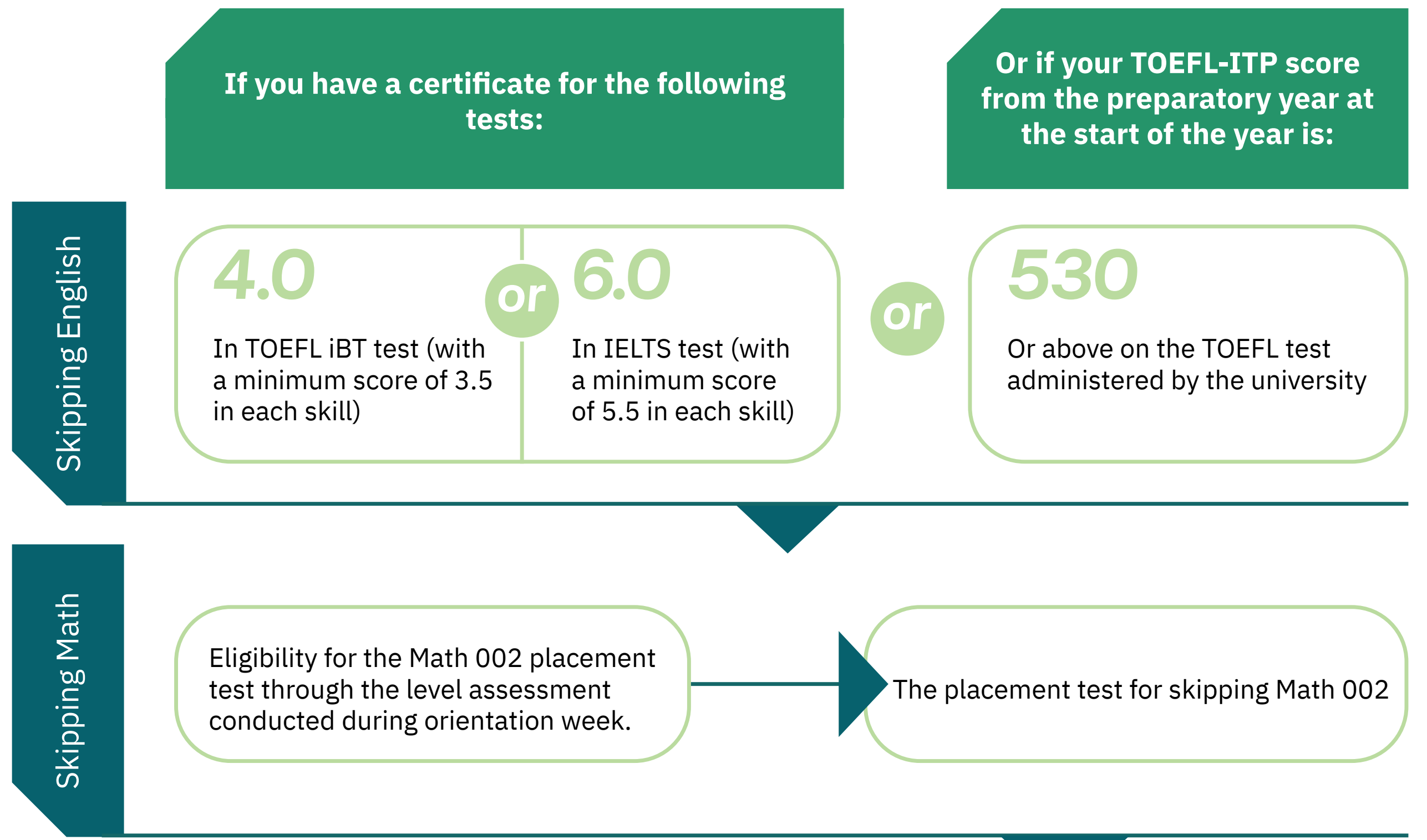


SkipPrep

Did you know?

The university encourages you to skip the preparatory year, which includes foundational courses such as English, mathematics, and others, to start your academic journey directly.

Outstanding students can save time and effort by skipping the preparatory year and starting their major directly through the SkipPrep program



If you do not have IELTS or TOEFL certificates, you can apply for the Skip-Prep Boost program with a minimum STEP score of 80 or its equivalent in other tests.

Skip the Entire Preparatory Year



Partial completion of these requirements allows partial skipping of the preparatory year.

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Graduating with a Major and a Specialization

You can choose from a variety of concentrations that align with technological advancements. You can fulfill the specialization requirements in one year by selecting optional subjects, without the need for extra hours or delaying your graduation.

The unique Undergraduate Concentrations include 40 specializations!

Corrosion and Materials Degradation	Mechatronics	Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
Hydrogen Mobility	Communication Systems	Computer Networks
Non-Metallic Materials	Drone Design and Application	Cybersecurity and Blockchain
Nuclear Power Engineering	Electronic Defense Systems	Data Science and Analytics
Polymer Science and Technology	Energy Efficiency	Decision Analytics
Process Safety	Intelligent Energy Systems Management	Internet of Things
Refining and Petrochemicals	IC Design and Fabrication	Quantum Information and Computing
Renewable Energy and Energy Storage	Game Design and Development	Robotics and Autonomous Systems
Thermal Systems	Innovation by Design	Cloud Computing
Business Analytics	Automated Construction Management	Enhanced Oil Recovery
Human Resource Management	Building and Construction Safety	Mining Geoscience
Supply Chain Management	Climate Change Adaptation	Unconventional Hydrocarbon Resources
	Smart and Sustainable Buildings	Sustainability in Petroleum Industry
	Traffic Engineering	
	Waste Management	
	Resilient Marine Infrastructures	

For more information about each program, please visit: <https://cx.kfupm.edu.sa>

(Bachelor + Master) in five years

Outstanding students who skip the preparatory year and complete the bachelor’s degree in four years can join our master’s programs, graduating with two degrees in just five years!



Frequently Asked Questions



Primary Admission Track

1. How can I register for KFUPM's Tahsili Test?

You can register for the test through the official website of the National Center for Assessment (Qiyas). The test will be offered on two dates: November 8 and December 15, 2026.

2. Are students who graduated from high school more than two years ago eligible to apply?

Yes, applicants must be graduating in the current academic year or must have graduated within the previous two years.

3. Is an English proficiency test required before registering for the KFUPM's Tahsili Test?

No. However, an English proficiency test is required as part of the university admission process. Applicants who do not achieve the required score will be excluded from consideration. All required test results must be submitted by February 2, 2027.

SAT Track

1. Can I apply through both the Primary Admission Track and the SAT Track?

Yes, you can apply through both tracks. If you are admitted through the Primary Admission Track, your application to the SAT Track will be automatically withdrawn.

2. How long is an SAT score valid?

There is no specific validity period for SAT scores when applying through this track.

3. Is the high school grade included in the SAT Track admission criteria?

No. High school grades are not considered when evaluating applicants for the SAT Track.

4. Do I need to submit scores from the General Aptitude Test, the Achievement Test, or an English proficiency test?

No. These scores are not required when applying through the SAT Track. Admission is based on the SAT score, in addition to the track-specific requirements.

5. What SAT score is required for admission?

There is no specific score that guarantees admission. However, applicants must achieve a minimum SAT score of 1350 to apply. Selection is competitive and is based on the SAT score and performance in KFUPM's mathematics test.

6. Does KFUPM accept SAT Superscoring?

No. Superscoring is not accepted. The total SAT score must come from a single test sitting.

7. Is the mathematics test conducted in person or online?

The mathematics test is conducted online. Applicants will be contacted with details of the test date and arrangements after the registration period ends.

8. What topics are covered in KFUPM's mathematics test?

Olympiad Track

1. Does being a Mawhiba student qualify me for direct admission through the Olympiad Track?

No. Direct admission requires the applicant to have placed among the top three winners in a competition recognized by KFUPM.

2. Do special awards in the ISEF competition qualify applicants for direct admission?

No. Special awards at ISEF are not accepted for admission through the Olympiad Track. Only the Grand Award is recognized, provided the applicant has placed among the top four winners.

3. Do I need to submit scores from the General Aptitude Test, Achievement Test, or an English proficiency test?

No. These scores are not required for admission through the Olympiad Track. Admission is based on achieving a qualifying position in a competition recognized by the university, in accordance with the track's requirements.

4. Are winning certificates accepted if the competition took place more than two years ago?

Yes. Winning certificates are accepted regardless of when the competition took place, provided that the competition and the applicant's winning position are recognized by the university.

Vacancies Admission Track

1. Is KFUPM's Tahsili Test score included in the weighted score for the Vacancies Admission Track?

No. The KFUPM's Tahsili Test score is not included in the weighted score for this track. The weighted score is calculated using the General Aptitude Test score, Achievement test score, and high school grade.

2. Is the English proficiency test score included in the weighted score?

No. The English proficiency test score is not included in the weighted score. However, achieving the required English proficiency score is still an admission requirement for this track.

3. Can I apply if I do not have a recommendation letter?

No. A recommendation letter is required when applying through the Vacancies Admission Track. Applicants are therefore advised to request the letter in advance, before the end of the academic year and school closures, to ensure it is available during the application period.

4. If I am not admitted through the other admission tracks, can I apply through the Vacancies Admission Track?

Yes. You may apply through this track if you are not admitted through the other tracks, provided that you meet its requirements. Applicants will be ranked for seats that become available due to withdrawals, based on the admission criteria and available capacity.



Important Admission Dates

Primary Admission Track: January 10–24, 2027

SAT Admission Track: February 1-11, 2027

Olympiad Admission Track: May 1 – July 1, 2027

Vacancies Admission Track: TBC

Primary Admission Track Score Submission Deadline: February 2, 2027

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