

# ***Your Personal Guide to Joining KFUPM 2026***



# KFUPM in Numbers

Top

in the Middle  
East & Africa

Top

Saudi university  
for graduate  
employment rates

67<sup>th</sup>

amongst top 100  
universities  
worldwide

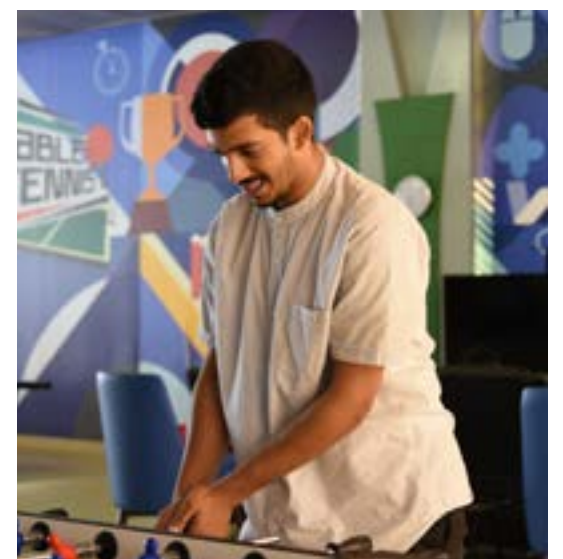
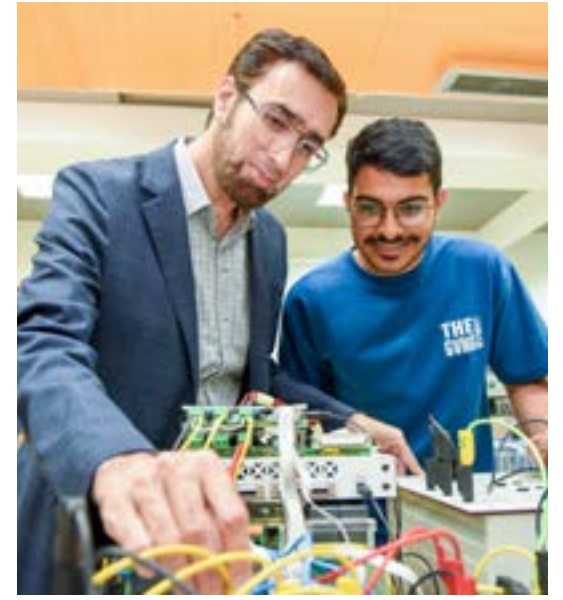
## What Makes KFUPM Your First Choice?

### Achievements Without Boundaries

To ensure that you have the best experience as a distinguished student at our university, we have dedicated the past two 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<sup>®</sup> 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, TOEFL iBT 45, or Duolingo 80**). **This applies to all admission tracks, except for SAT and Olympiad.**
-  We recommend taking the English test early in the first semester, as you can retake it multiple times to achieve the required score. Remember: a qualifying score is mandatory for admission; applications without it aren't accepted.
- 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.

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

**1** Primary Admission Track (Formerly Early)

**2** Olympiad Track

**3** SAT Track





**4** Secondary Admission Track (Vacancies)

### Primary Admission Track (Formerly Early)

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 Achievement Test.

#### What is the KFUPM Achievement 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 the first and second grades					20% Skills	
 Math	 Physics	 Chemistry	 Biology	Critical Thinking	Information Analysis	
				Computer Skills	Numerical Skills	

- The KFUPM Achievement Test is mandatory only for the Primary Admission Track and is not required for the other tracks.
- The test will take place twice: **November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**
- Students must have achieved **85 or higher** on the General Aptitude Test (Qudrat).
- Registration for the Achievement Test is available on the Qiyas website for both Saudi and non-Saudi applicants.

### 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.

### 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.
- A personal interview may be conducted for candidates.

**Important!** The SAT track application opens only once a year during the admission period.

### Secondary Admission Track (Vacancies)

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. **The weighted average score will be calculated after the results of the second General Achievement Test are received.**



# Application and Admission Step by Step!

Your Journey to KFUPM Starts Here

## Application



**Begin your online application** by going to [apply.kfupm.edu.sa](https://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.
- A current 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.
- A current 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
	Mathematics		Environmental Science and Engineering
	Actuarial Science & Financial Mathematics		
	Data Science and Engineering <b>NEW!</b>		
	Semiconductor Design & Engineering <b>NEW!</b>		
	AI and Cybersecurity <b>NEW!</b>		
College of Chemicals and Materials	Chemical Engineering	College of Engineering and Physics	Aerospace Engineering
	Materials Science and Engineering		Electrical Engineering
	Chemistry		Mechanical Engineering
	Bioengineering		Physics
	Bioengineering (Pre-Medical Program) <b>NEW!</b>		Control and Instrumentation Engineering
College of Petroleum Engineering & Geosciences	Petroleum Engineering	KFUPM Business School	Human Resource Management
	Geophysics		Finance
	Geology		Marketing
	Mining Science and Engineering		Accounting
			Management Information Systems



### 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 have a certificate for the following tests:

Or if your TOEFL-ITP score from the preparatory year at the start of the year is:

Skipping English

70

or

6.0

In the TOEFL iBT

In IELTS test (with a minimum score of 5.5 in each skill)

or

530

Or above on the TOEFL test administered by the university

Skipping Math

Eligibility for the Math 002 placement test through the level assessment conducted during orientation week.

The placement test for skipping Math 002

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.

# ? 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!



## Important Dates

**Primary Admission Track:** January 15–29, 2026

**SAT Admission Track:** February 1-15, 2026

**Olympiad Admission Track:** May 1 – July 1, 2026

**Secondary Admission Track (Vacancies):**

June 24 - July 1, 2026

## Contact us

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