KFUPM

Academic Year 2026-2027

PYP Student Handbook



Message from the PYP Chairman

Dear Prep Year Student,

Congratulations on your admission to King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM)!

Welcome to the KFUPM community and to the Prep-Year Program (PYP)!

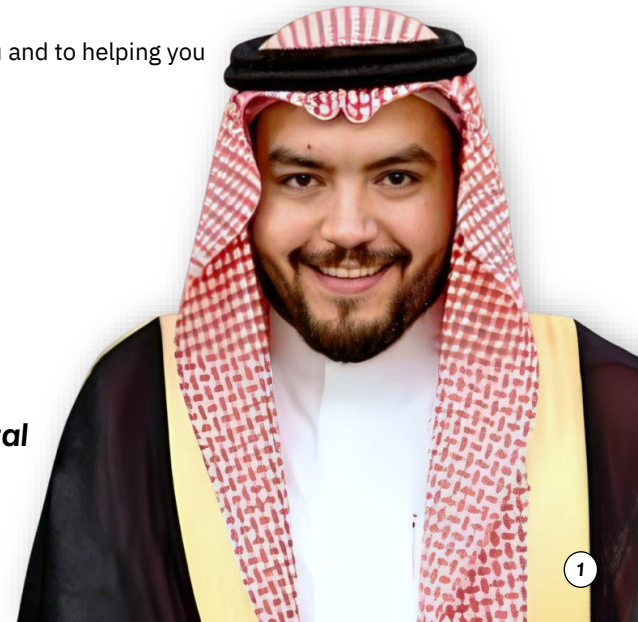
I know that you are probably feeling a mix of excitement and nervousness right now. You are excited about the opportunity to study at one of the top schools in the world, but you are also perhaps a little bit nervous about starting a new chapter in your life.

The PYP is designed to help you transition smoothly from high school to university. You will take courses in English, Mathematics, Science, and Skills that will prepare you for the academic needs of the KFUPM programs. You will also have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities and to get to know your fellow students.

I am confident that you will thrive in the PYP and that you will be well-prepared for the challenges of the KFUPM programs. I encourage you to take advantage of all that the PYP has to offer. Get involved in extracurricular activities, make new friends, and learn as much as you can.

We are looking forward to meeting you and to helping you get started on your KFUPM journey.

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Discover more why you should be proud to be part of this university!

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General Policies

Important

All students admitted into the PYP must **finish** the program within **one academic year**, including the **summer** term.

****Note:** A"DN" or "No Show" may affect the continuation status at KFUPM.

Skip-Prep

At the beginning of the **first semester**, students are promoted to **freshman year** if they meet the English proficiency requirement (IELTS/TOEFL) and pass the Math002 Promotion Exam (see page 7). All PYP courses, including modular courses, will then be waived.

Bridging Program

At the beginning of the **first semester**, students who **skipped Prep-English** can fast-track their PYP requirements while beginning to earn freshman-level credits. They will be enrolled in **Math012, PE001**, and **ENGL101** by default, plus another one general freshman course of their choice (see page 8).

One-Term Track

At the **start of the second semester**, students who have successfully completed **ENGL020/ENGL021** and **Math012** are promoted to **freshman year**. All remaining PYP courses, including the **two** modular courses for the second semester, will be waived.

Regular Track

By the **end of the second semester**, students are expected to complete **all PYP courses**, as shown in the program plans (see page 10), to advance to freshman year.

PYP Pathway

1



Orientation Week

All students will take **Math Placement test** to determine the students' starting Math level in the first semester.

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University TOEFL Exam

English level placement will be determined by taking the TOEFL Exam, based on **TOEFL scores** that match the placement criteria. (see page 5)

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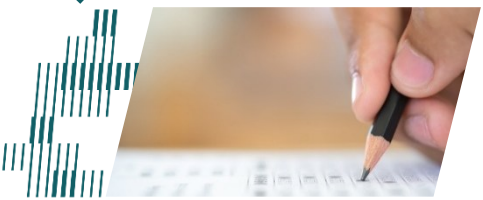


End of First Semester:

Promotion Examinations

Students who got **A+ in Math001** can take **Math002 Promotion Exam**. Similarly, students with an **A+ in ENGL010** can take **TOEFL Promotion Exam.**

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Two Chances to Pass

Students have up to **two attempts** to pass any PYP course. Failing two ENGL, MATH, or PYP courses **twice** leads to **Dismissal**.

5



Summer Term

By the end of the second semester, students who have not passed **ENGL020** must enroll in **ENGL021** for the summer term (this also applies to students who pass ENGL011). Similarly, students who have not completed **MATH002** will be required to repeat the course.

6



Conditional Readmission

Students who fail **ENGL021** in the summer term, can be readmitted before the start of **second semester** of the following **academic year** if they already passed all PMP and PSEP courses and submit a valid **TOEFL or IELTS certificate.**

Prep-English Program
Promotion Map

Entering the Prep-English Program

If you have a certificate for the following tests:

4.0 in the **TOEFL- iBT** with a minimum score of 3.5 in each skill

or

6.0 in the **IELTS test** with a minimum score of 5.5 in each skill

*Note: Exam must be taken within **one year** prior to the start of 1st term. Home-Edition is not accepted only academic version.

If you take the University TOEFL Exam

score ≤457

Placed in **ENGL010**

20 hours per week

Students who **do not pass ENGL010** in the **1st term** will take **ENGL011** in the **2nd term**.

460≤ score <497

Placed in **ENGL020**

20 hours per week

Students who **do not pass ENGL020** in the **1st term** will retake **ENGL020** in the **2nd term**.

500≤ score <530

Placed in **ENGL021**

10 hours per week

Students who **do not pass ENGL021** in the **1st term** will take **ENGL020** in the **2nd term**.

score ≥530

Skip the whole* *Prep-English Program



Prep-Math Program

Promotion Map

Entering the Prep-Math Program

Take Math Placement Test

score <50%

Placed in **Math001**

score ≥60%

Take an **optional** **Math002 Promotion Exam**

score <60%

Placed in **Math012**

Note: Students who **fail Math012** in the 1st semester will take **Math002** in the **2nd semester.**

score ≥60%

50%≤ score <60%

or placed in

ENGL 020 | ENGL 021 | SKIP PEP

Skip the whole Prep-Math Program

Skip Prep

*The **PYP** supports **outstanding students** in saving time and effort through the **Skip-Prep** program. This allows students to **start their major directly** at the **beginning of the academic year.***

Skipping Prep-English

If you have a certificate for the following English Tests:

4.0 in the **TOEFL- iBT** Examination
with a minimum score of **3.5** in each skill and it must be taken within **1 year** prior to the start of the **1st semester.** **Home-Edition** not accepted.

or

6.0 in the **IELTS** Examination
with a minimum score of **5.5** in each skill and it must be taken within **1 year** prior to the start of the **1st semester.**

or

*If your **TOEFL-ITP** score from the PYP at the **start** of the **Academic Year** is:*

≥530

on the **TOEFL-ITP** administered by the University during the **Orientation Week.**

Skipping Prep-Math

*Students must meet the score requirements for both the **placement and promotion exams** to be able to skip the Prep-Math courses:*

PMP Placement Exam
60% or above

→

Math002 Promotion Exam
60% or above

*Skip the whole Prep-Year Program

Important Notes:

**Partial completion of these requirements allows partial skipping of the Prep-Year Program.
**IELTS/TOEFL certificates must be submitted before the first day of classes via email at prep-english@kfupm.edu.sa

For Students Who Skip Prep-English:

Bridging Program

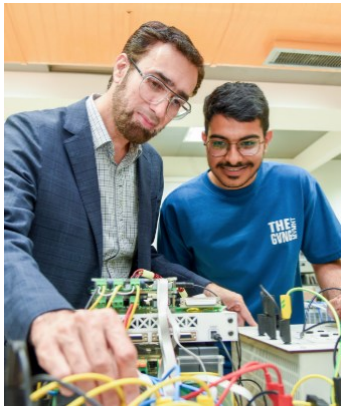
What is this?

This is an initiative designed to allow **students who skipped Prep-English** to fast-track their PYP requirements while beginning to earn freshman-level credits.



Benefits

1. This can help students to begin their degree journey earlier and make academic transition smooth.
2. This promotes academic success and maintains student engagement by optimizing their class schedule.

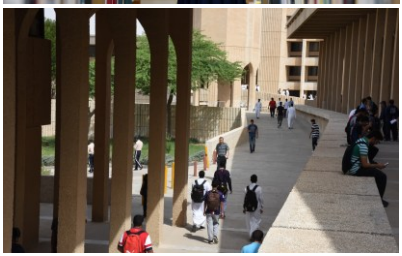


General Freshman Courses

CHEM 101	ICS 104	ECON 101	ACCT 110
Principles of Chemical Science I	Introduction to Programming in Python & C	Principles of Microeconomics	Introduction to Financial Accounting
4 credit hours	3 credit hours	3 credit hours	3 credit hours

Class Schedule Structure





Expected Courses to Take	CR
Prep-Math Course	
MATH012: Prep-Math III	4
General Freshman Courses	
ENGL101: Introduction to Academic Discourse	3
****Any of these general freshman courses** **CHEM101:** Principles of Chemical Science I **ICS104:** Introduction to Programming in Python & C **ECON101:** Principles of Microeconomics **ACCT110:** Introduction to Financial Accounting	3-4
Physical Education Course	
PE001: Prep-Health & Physical Education I	1
Total Credit Hours	**11-12**

*Warning: Dropping below 11 credit hours **might** affect your monthly stipend.*

*Note: Failing MATH012 will restrict Freshman course registration and require mandatory enrollment in waived PYP courses (including modular ones) in the **2nd term**.*



For Students Placed in ENGL020 or ENGL021:

One Semester Plan

Class Schedule Structure

ENGL020 Students

TOEFL Exam Results: **460≤ score <497**

Expected Courses to Take	CR
Prep-English Course	
ENGL020: Prep-English II	8
Prep-Math Course	
MATH012: Prep-Math III	4
Prep-Science & Engineering Courses	
*Any of these courses (depends on students' distribution) **PYP001:** Prep-Physical Sciences **PYP002:** Intro. to Digital Technologies **PYP003:** Essentials of AI & Prompt Engineering	1
Modular Courses	
One Set Only (1 course per module) Set 1: **PYP 011:** General Safety, **PYP 012:** Automotive, **PYP 013:** Leadership Set 2: **PYP 021:** Graphics, **PYP 022:** Self-Management Set 3: **PYP 031:** MS Office, **PYP 032:** Arduino Set 4: **PYP 041:** MATLAB, **PYP 042:** Critical Thinking	0.50 0.50
Physical Education Course	
PE001: Prep-Health & Physical Education I	1
Total Credit Hours	**15**

ENGL021 Students

TOEFL Exam Results: **500≤ score <530**

Expected Courses to Take	CR
Prep-English Course	
ENGL021: Prep-English III	4
Prep-Math Course	
MATH012: Prep-Math III	4
Prep-Science & Engineering Courses	
PYP001: Prep-Physical Sciences	1
PYP003: Essentials of AI & Prompt Engineering	1
Modular Courses	
Two Sets Only (2 courses per module) Set 1: **PYP 011:** General Safety, **PYP 012:** Automotive, **PYP 013:** Leadership Set 2: **PYP 021:** Graphics, **PYP 022:** Self-Management Set 3: **PYP 031:** MS Office, **PYP 032:** Arduino Set 4: **PYP 041:** MATLAB, **PYP 042:** Critical Thinking	0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50
Physical Education Course	
PE001: Prep-Health & Physical Education I	1
Total Credit Hours	**13**





For more details about modular courses, scan this code or visit PSEP official website:
https://pyp.kfupm.edu.sa/psep/modular-course/intro

Important Note:

If students fail **ENGL020/ENGL021** and/or **Math012** in the **first semester**,

They will take **ENGL020** and/or **Math002** in the **second semester.**

Regular Student's: Program Plan

First Semester

PYP Course	CR
Prep-English Course	
ENGL010: Prep-English I	8
Prep-Math Courses **Any of these courses (depends on Placement Test Results)	
MATH001: Prep. Math I	4
MATH012: Prep. Math III	4
Prep-Science & Engineering Course **Any of these courses (depends on students' distribution)	
PYP001: Prep-Physical Sciences **PYP002:** Introduction to Digital Technologies **PYP003:** Essentials of AI & Prompt Engineering	1
Modular Courses	
One SET only (1 course per module) Set 1: **PYP 011:** General Safety, **PYP 012:** Automotive, **PYP 013:** Leadership Set 3: **PYP 031:** MS Office, **PYP 032:** Arduino Set 2: **PYP 021:** Graphics, **PYP 022:** Self-Management Set 4: **PYP 041:** MATLAB, **PYP 042:** Critical Thinking	0.5 0.5
Physical Education Course	
PE001: Prep-Health & Physical Education I	1
Total Credit Hours	**15**

Second Semester

PYP Course	CR
Prep-English Course	
ENGL020: Prep-English II	8
Prep-Math Courses	
MATH002: Prep. Math II	4
Prep-Science & Engineering Course **Any of these courses (depends on students' distribution)	
PYP001: Prep-Physical Sciences **PYP002:** Introduction to Digital Technologies **PYP003:** Essentials of AI & Prompt Engineering	1
Modular Courses	
One SET only (1 course per module) Set 1: **PYP 011:** General Safety, **PYP 012:** Automotive, **PYP 013:** Leadership Set 3: **PYP 031:** MS Office, **PYP 032:** Arduino Set 2: **PYP 021:** Graphics, **PYP 022:** Self-Management Set 4: **PYP 041:** MATLAB, **PYP 042:** Critical Thinking	0.5 0.5
Physical Education Course	
PE002: Prep-Health & Physical Education II	1
Total Credit Hours	**15**

Note: *This is a sample degree plan for students who started from ENGL010. A student's actual degree plan may vary depending on the results of their placement tests and promotion examination (PMP & PEP) results. Each semester, students will be randomly distributed in* ***PYP001, PYP002, and PYP003****. Consequently, regular students are expected to complete* ***two*** *out of these* ***three PYP courses*** *by the end of the academic year.*