

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals  
Preparatory Year Program

**KFUPM SUMMER STARS PROGRAM**

*Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)*

**Q: I scored 70+ on TOEFL iBT or 6.0+ (with no category less than 5.5) on IELTS. Should I still take the English Course?**

**A:** No. The level of English that is taught in the course will not be of any benefit to you. You should submit your TOEFL or IELTS scores directly to the Preparatory English Program via email at [prep-english@kfupm.edu.sa](mailto:prep-english@kfupm.edu.sa)

**Q: When does the program start and end?**

**A:** The program starts on **July 21** and ends on **August 15**.

**Q: Will the classes be online or in-person?**

**A:** All English classes will be in-person ONLY and some of the Math classes will be online and some in-person.

**Q: What platform will be used for the online Math classes?**

**A:** MS Teams will be used.

**Q: How long are the classes?**

**A:** English classes are four hours per day. Math classes are two hours per day.

**Q: What are the class timings for English?**

**A:** The English class timings will be as follows:

- **Session 1:** 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm
- **Session 2:** 2:00 pm – 2:50 pm
- **Break**
- **Session 3:** 3:20 pm – 4:10 pm
- **Session 4:** 4:20 pm – 5:10 pm

**Q: What are the class timings for Math?**

**A:** We have the following two options for the Math timings:

- **Option 1:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **OR**
- **Option 2:** 12:00 pm – 02:00 pm

**Q: Can I enroll in both English and Math?**

**A:** NO. Students can only enroll in ONE program. You can choose either English or Math.

**Q: Do I have to attend all the class sessions?**

**A:** Yes. All students are encouraged to attend all class sessions to gain maximum benefit from the course.

**Q: Do I have to turn on my webcam if my Math class is held online?**

**A:** Yes. All students are encouraged to fully participate in class.

**Q: Are the classes of mixed gender?**

**A:** No. All classes will be separated by gender.

**Q: I am a female student; will I have a female teacher?**

**A:** There are both male and female instructors. Some sections will be taught by male instructors.

**Q: If I am assigned a male teacher, can I change sections to have a female teacher?**

**A:** No, all assignments are made based on availability and changing sections is not possible.

**Q: Are there tests or exams in the English course?**

**A:** Yes, there is a mid-term exam and a final exam.

**Q: Are there tests or exams in the Math course?**

**A:** Yes, there is a midterm exam and a final exam.

**Q: Will there be office hours where I can speak one on one with my instructor?**

**A:** Yes, there will be a daily online office hour for each course to discuss your questions with your instructor. Students attending in-person will have the opportunity to attend in-person office hours.

**Q: If I obtain a high grade in the STARS Math assessments, will this help me get a bonus and pass the placement exam?**

**A:** No. The STARS program lectures and assessments will only help you prepare well and have a high chance of succeeding in the placement exam.

**Q: If I obtain a high grade in the STARS English assessments, will this help me get a bonus and pass the placement tests?**

**A:** No, all students who arrive at KFUPM must take a placement test or submit external test scores (IELTS or TOEFL iBT) to gain exemption from placement testing.

**Q: If I obtain a bad score in the STARS Math assessments, will I still have a chance to sit for the placement exam?**

**A:** Yes, all students are eligible to take the placement exam of Math 001 and the STARS program is to help you build your skills in Math 001 and gain a high chance in passing the placement test.