

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

FALL 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AUGUST					1	2	03
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Required MARCH CORE Pre-Term Workshop (August 4-8)						
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Required MARCH/MAUD/MLAUD/MDE/MLA CORE Pre-Term Workshop (August 11-15, 18-22)						
	18	19 Option Studio Lottery closes at 9 AM	20 Option Studio Lottery results posted by the end of the day	21	22	23	24
SEPTEMBER	Optional MRE Pre-Term Workshop (August 18-21)				Required MARCH/MAUD/MLAUD/MUP/MDE/MLA CORE Pre-Term Workshop (August 11-15, 18-22)		
	25	26 MDES Advanced Course Selection Closes at 9 AM EC	27 Limited-Enrollment Lottery Closes at 9 AM	28 Open Enrollment Period Begins	29	30	31
	New Student Orientation (August 25-29)						
	1 Labor Day, No classes	2 Fall Classes Begin (Monday class schedule) my.harvard Student Check In Dean's Welcome Back Event	3 DP-SF / DP	4	5	6	7
	8	9 Fall Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date) EC	10 SFC / FF	11	12	13	14
	15	16 Last Day to Add/Drop F1 and Full Term Classes (\$30 fee per transaction after this date)	17 DDES / MDES / PhD	18	19	20	21
OCTOBER	22 Rosh Hashana (Begins at Sundown)	23 Rosh Hashana F1 course withdrawal deadline EC	24 Rosh Hashana (Ends Evening)	25	26	27	28
	29	30	1 Yom Kippur (Begins at Sundown) SFC	2 Yom Kippur (Ends Evening)	3	4	5
	6	7 EC	8 DDES-DV / MDES-DV / PhD	9	10	11	12
	Preferred Studio Trips Week (October 6-10)						
	13 Indigenous Peoples' Day No Classes Offices Closed	14 Full term course withdrawal deadline	15 F1 Classes End DP-SF / DP-DV	16 F2 Classes Begin	17	18	19
	20	21 EC	22 F2 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date) SFC / FF-DV	23	24	25	26
NOVEMBER	27	28 MDE Open House (virtual)	29 Last Day to Add/Drop F2 Classes (\$30 per transaction fee after this date) DP-SF / DP	30 MDes, DDes Open House (virtual)	31 MAUD/MLAUD, MUP, MRE Open House (virtual)	1 Spring 2026 LOA Petition Deadline	2
	3	4 EC	5 F2 course withdrawal deadline DDES / MDES / PhD	6 MLA Open House (virtual)	7 MArch Open House (virtual)	8	9
	10	11 Veterans Day Classes Meet No Studio Reviews Offices Closed	12 SFC/ SAAC	13	14	15	16
	17	18 EC	19 DP-SF	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27 Offices Closed	28 Offices Closed	29	30
	Thanksgiving Recess (November 26-28)						
DECEMBER	1	2 EC	3 FAS Classes End SFC / FF	4 Full Term and F2 Classes End Incomplete course petition deadline	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Core Reviews (December 5, 8-9)			Option Studio Reviews (December 9-11)			
				Final Exams (December 12, 15-17)			
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Thesis Reviews (December 18-19)			
DECEMBER	Final Exams (December 12, 15-17)						
	22	23 Winter Recess Begins GSD Closes for students at 11:59 PM	24 Christmas Eve GSD Offices close at noon	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28

DDES 9-10 AM DP = Dept 12:30-2 PM DP-SF = Dept./ Sr. Faculty 8:30-10 AM EC = Executive Committee 12-1:30 PM FF = Full Faculty 12:30-2 PM F1 = Fall Module 1 F2 = Fall Module 2 DV = Degree Vote

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 Winter Recess Ends GSD Reopens at 8 AM MRE January Classes Begin Fall Grades Due	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	J-Term (January 5-17)						
	12	13	14 Option Studio Lottery Closes at 9 AM	15 Option Studio Lottery results posted by the end of the day	16	17	18
	J-Term (January 5-17)						
FEBRUARY	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Offices Closed	20 MDES Open Projects Lottery Closes at 9 AM	21 MDES Advanced Course Selection Closes at 9 AM DP-SF	22 Limited-Enrollment Lottery Closes at 9 AM	23 Open Enrollment Period Begins MRE January Class Ends	24	25
	MLA Pre-Term Workshop (January 20-24)						
	26 Spring Classes/Full Term and S1 Begin	27 EC	28 SFC / FF	29	30 Spring Full Term and S1 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	31	1
	2	3	4 DP-SF / DP-DV	5	6 Last Day to Add/Drop Full Term and S1 Classes (\$30 fee per transaction after this date)	7	8
	9	10 EC	11 DDES-DV / MDES-DV / PhD	12	13 S1 course withdrawal deadline	14	15
MARCH	16 Presidents' Day No Classes - Offices Closed	17	18 Ramadan Begins SFC / FF-DV	19	20	21	22
	23	24 EC	25 DDES / MDES / PhD	26	27	28	1
	Preferred Studio Trips Week (February 23-27)						
	2	3	4 DP-SF / DP	5	6 Job and Internship Fair Full term course withdrawal deadline	7	8
	9 S1 Classes End	10 S2 Classes Begin EC	11 SFC / FF / SAAC	12	13	14	15
APRIL	16	17	18	19 Ramadan Ends	20	21	22
	Spring Recess (March 16-20)						
	23 Spring S2 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	24 EC	25 DP-SF / DP	26 DDes (virtual) and MDE (in- person) Open Houses	27 MArch, MLA, MAUD/MLAUD, MUP, MRE, and MDes Open Houses (in-person)	28	29
	30 Last Day to Add/Drop S2 Classes (\$30 per transaction fee after this date)	31	1 Passover (Begins at Sundown) DDES / MDES / PhD	2	3 Good Friday	4	5 Easter
	6 S2 course withdrawal deadline	7 EC	8	9 Passover (Ends at Sundown)	10	11	12
MAY	13	14	15 SFC / FF	16	17	18	19
	20	21 EC	22 DP-SF / DP	23	24	25	26
	27 Full Term and S2 Classes End Incomplete course petition deadline	28 GSD Community BBQ SFC	29 FAS Classes End	30	1 Fall 2026 Leave of Absence Petition Deadline Option Studio Reviews (May 1, 4-5)	2	3
	Core Reviews April 29-May 1						
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Option Studio Reviews (May 1, 4-5)						
	Final Exams (May 6-8, 11)						
	11 SFC / FF	12 EC	13 Spring Grades Due	14 Arch & UPD Thesis Reviews	15 Arch & LA Thesis Reviews	16	17
	MDes Open Projects & MDE IDEP Reviews (May 11-13)						
	Final Exams (May 6-8, 11)						
	18 Thesis Grades due by 6 PM MRE May Classes Begin	19	20	21 DDES-DV (9AM-10AM) MDES-DV (10AM-12PM) MDE-DV (12:30PM-1:30PM) LA-DV (12:30PM-3PM)	22 ARCH-DV (9AM-3PM) UPD-DV (10AM-3PM)	23	24
	25 Memorial Day	26 FF-DV / EC	27 GSD Class Day	28 Commencement	29 MRE May Classes End	30	31

MDES 12:30-2 PM PD-Admin = Program Directors Admin 10-11 AM PhD 3-4 PM SAAC = Student Academic Affairs Committee Fall 12:30-2 PM / Spring 10:15-11:45 AM SFC = Senior Faculty Council 8:30-10 AM S1 = Spring Module 1 S2 = Spring Module 2