Harvard Graduate School of Design
Academic Calendar 2017–2018

Fall Term

August

M-F  14-18  MLA / UD Pre-term Workshops
M-F  21-25  Orientation for all new students begins
Mon  28     Option studio presentations & lottery
Tue  29     Fall option studios begin || Limited-enrollment lottery closes at 10 a.m.
Wed  30     Fall classes begin || Registration for returning students begins

September

Mon  4      Labor Day || Offices closed || No classes
Wed  6      Course selections due
Wed 13     Last day to add/drop F1 courses || Leaves on or before: no tuition charge
Fri  15     Last day to add/drop full-term courses
Wed  20     Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
Thu  21     Rosh Hashanah
M-F  25-29  Preferred Studio trips week
Sat  30     Yom Kippur

October

Wed  5      Leaves on or before: one-fourth tuition charge
Mon  9      Columbus Day || Offices closed || Classes at discretion of instructor
Mon 16     F1 courses end
Tue 17     F2 courses begin
Fri 27     Last day to add/drop F2 courses
Tue 31     Halloween

November

Thu  2      ASP & MDE Open House @ 4pm
Fri  3      Open House || Leaves on or before: one-half tuition charge
Fri 10     Veterans Day || Offices closed || Classes meet || No studio reviews
Wed 22     Thanksgiving recess begins
Th-Fr 23-24 Offices closed
Sun  26     Recess for Thanksgiving ends

December

Fri  1      Last day of full-term and F2 classes || FAS & HKS classes end || Leave on or before: three-fourths charge
M-W  4-6    Core reviews begin
W-F  6-8    Option reviews begin
Mon 11     Fall Final examinations begin
Tue 12     Thesis pre-reviews
Thu 14     Fall Final Exams end
Fri 15     Winter recess begins
Fri 22     Gund Hall closes at 12:00 p.m.
Sun  24     Christmas Eve
Mon  25     Christmas
## Spring Term

### January

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<td>New Year</td>
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<td>Tue 2</td>
<td>GSD Reopens at 8am</td>
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<td>M-F 8-12</td>
<td>MLA Pre-term workshops</td>
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<td>Fri 12</td>
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<td>Mon 15</td>
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<td>M-F 12-16</td>
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<td>Sun 18</td>
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Withdrawals and Tuition Charges
Any student who is granted a leave or withdraws from the university after registration will be held responsible for tuition charges according to the following schedule:

**Fall Term**

- Leaves on or before September 13
  - *no tuition charge*

- Leaves on or before October 5
  - *one-fourth tuition charge*

- Leaves on or before November 3
  - *one-half tuition charge*

- Leaves on or before December 1
  - *three-fourths tuition charge*

- After December 1
  - *full tuition charge*

**Spring Term**

- Leaves on or before February 5
  - *no tuition charge*

- Leaves on or before February 23
  - *one-fourth tuition charge*

- Leaves on or before March 26
  - *one-half tuition charge*

- Leaves on or before April 23
  - *three-fourths tuition charge*

- After April 23
  - *full tuition charge*