

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
	Optional MRE Pre-Term Workshop (August 18-21)				Required MARCH/MAUD/MLAUD/MUP/MDE/MLA CORE Pre-Term Workshop (August 11-15, 18-22)		
SEPTEMBER	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
	22 Rosh Hashana (Begins at Sundown)	23 Rosh Hashana F1 course withdrawal deadline EC	24 Rosh Hashana (Ends Evening)	25	Alumni Council Meeting (Sept. 19-20)		28
	29	30 Full term course withdrawal deadline	1 Yom Kippur (Begins at Sundown) SFC	2 Yom Kippur (Ends Evening)	3	4	5
OCTOBER	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	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
	27	28 MDE, MDes Open Houses (virtual)	29 Last Day to Add/Drop F2 Classes (\$30 per transaction fee after this date) DP-SF / DP	30	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, DDes Open Houses (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
NOVEMBER	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)						
	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
	Option Studio Reviews (December 9-11)				Final Exams (December 12, 15-17)		
	Core Reviews (December 5, 8-9)						
DECEMBER	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Final Exams (December 12, 15-17)						
	22	23 Winter Recess Begins GSD Closes for students at 11:59 PM	24 GSD Offices close at noon	25 Christmas	26	27	28
	Thesis Reviews (December 18-19)						
	Core Reviews (December 5, 8-9)						
	Option Studio Reviews (December 9-11)						
	Final Exams (December 12, 15-17)						

DDES 9-10 AM DP = Dept 12-1:30 PM DP-SF = Dept./ Sr. Faculty 8:30-10 AM EC = Executive Committee 12-1:30 PM FF = Full Faculty 12:1:30 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 Fall Grades Due	3	4
	5 MRE January Classes Begin	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)						
	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
	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
FEBRUARY	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
	16 Presidents' Day No Classes - Offices Closed	17 Lunar New Year	18 Ramadan Begins SFC / FF-DV	19	20 Full term course withdrawal deadline	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	7	8
	9 S1 Classes End	10 S2 Classes Begin EC	11 SFC / FF / SAAC	12	13	14	15
MARCH	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
	13	14	15 SFC / FF	16	17	18	19
	20	21 EC	22 DP-SF / DP	23	24	25	26
APRIL	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)						
MAY	Final Exams (May 6-8, 11)						
	18 Thesis Grades due by 6 PM II 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
	Thesis Reviews (Arch May 14-15, UPD May 14, LA May 15)						
	MDes Open Projects & MDE IDEP Reviews (May 11-13)						
	Final Exams (May 6-8, 11)						
	Option Studio Reviews (May 1, 4-5)						

MDES 12-1:30 PM 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