

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

FALL 2025

SPRING 2026

LAST UPDATED 2/13/2026

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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
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
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
Alumni Council Meeting (March 13-14)						
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
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)						
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