

# HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

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

LAST UPDATED 02/13/2026

DP = Dept 12:30 p.m.

DP-SF = Dept./ Sr. Faculty 8:30-10 a.m.

FF = Full Faculty 12:10 p.m.

SFC = Senior Faculty Council 8:30-10 a.m.

DV = Degree Vote

EC = Executive Committee 12:10 p.m.

F1 = Fall Module 1 F2 = Fall Module 2

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING 2027						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3
JANUARY						
4 Winter Recess Ends GSD Reopens at 8 a.m. MRE January Classes Begin Fall Grades Due	5	6	7	8	9	10
J-Term (January 4 - 16)						
11	12	13 Option Studio Lottery Closes at 9 a.m.	14 Option Studio Results posted by the end of the day	15	16	17
J-Term (January 4 - 16)						
18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Offices Closed	19 MDES Open Projects Lottery Closes at 9 a.m.	20 MDES Advanced Course Selection Closes at 9 a.m.	21 Limited-Enrollment Course Lottery Closes at 9 a.m.	22 Open Enrollment Period Begins MRE January Classes End	23	24
Required MLA Pre-Term Workshop (January 19-23)						
25 Spring Classes/Full Term and S1 Begin	26 EC	27 DP-SF / MDES-DV / DDES-DV / PhD	28	29 Spring Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	30	31
FEBRUARY						
1	2	3 FF	4	5 Last Day to Add/Drop S1 and Full Term Classes (\$30 fee per transaction after this date)	6 Lunar New Year	7 Ramadan Begins
8	9 EC	10 SFC / DP-DV	11	12 S1 Class Withdrawal Deadline	13	14
15 Presidents' Day No Classes - Offices Closed	16	17 DP-SF / FF-DV	18	19 Full Term Class Withdrawal Deadline	20	21
22	23 EC	24 MDES / DDES / PhD	25	26	27	28
Preferred Studio Trips Week (February 22-26)						
1	2	3 SFC / DP	4	5 Job and Internship Fair	6	7
8 S1 Classes End Ramadan Ends	9 S2 Classes Begin EC	10 DP-SF / SAAC	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
MARCH						
22	23 S2 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date) EC	24 SFC / FF	25	26 Good Friday	27	28 Easter
29	30 Last Day to Add/Drop S2 Classes	31 DP-SF / DP	1 MDE, MDes Open House (in-person), DDes, PhD Open House (virtual)	2 MArch, MLA, MRE, MAUD/MLAUD, MUP Open Houses (in-person)	3	4
5 S2 Class Withdrawal Deadline	6 EC	7 SFC / MDES / DDES / PhD	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 DP-SF / FF	15	16	17	18
19	20 EC	21 Passover (Begins Sunset)	22	23	24	25
26 Full Term and S2 Classes End	27 GSD Community BBQ SFC	28 FAS Classes End	29 Passover (Ends Evening)	30	1 Fall 27 LOA Petition Deadline	2 Option Studio Reviews
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
APRIL						
Option Studio Reviews (April 30, May 3-4)						
10 SFC / FF / EC	11 MRE May Classes Begin	12 Spring Grades Due	13 Arch & UPD Thesis Reviews	14 Arch & LA Thesis Reviews	15	16
17 Thesis Grades due by 6 p.m.	18	19	20 DDES-DV (9 a.m.-10 a.m.) MDES-DV (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) MDE-DV (12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.) LA-DV (12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) MRE May Classes End	21 ARCH-DV (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) UPD-DV (12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) MRE May Classes End	22	23
24	25 EC / FF-DV	26 GSD Class Day	27 Commencement	28	29	30
31 Memorial Day						
MAY						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Final Exams (May 5-7, 10)						
10 Final Exams (May 5-7, 10)	11 MDes Open Projects & MDE TDEP Reviews (May 11-12)	12 Spring Grades Due	13 Arch & UPD Thesis Reviews	14 Arch & LA Thesis Reviews	15	16
17 Final Exams (May 5-7, 10)	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 EC / FF-DV	26 GSD Class Day	27 Commencement	28	29	30
31 Memorial Day						

MDES 12:30

DDES 2-3 p.m.

PhD 3:30-4:30 p.m.

SAAC = Student Academic Affairs Committee 12:10 p.m.

S1 = Spring Module 1 S2 = Spring Module 2