

# HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

## FALL 2026

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
										1	2		
										8	9		
<b>AUGUST</b>													
3	4	5	6	7	8	9							
<b>ARCH CORE Pre-Term Workshop (August 3-7)</b>													
10	11	12	13	14	15	16							
<b>ARCH CORE/MAUD/MLAUD/MUP/MDE/MLA Pre-Term Workshop (August 10-14)</b>													
17	18	Option Studio Lottery closes at 9 a.m.	19	Option Studio Results posted by the end of the day	20	21	22	23					
<b>Optional MRE Pre-Term Workshop (August 17-20)</b>													
<b>ARCH CORE/MAUD/MLAUD/MUP/MDE/MLA Pre-Term Workshop (August 17-21)</b>													
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											
<b>New Student Orientation (August 26-31, September 1)</b>													
31	1	2 Classes Begin (Monday schedule)	3 Student Check In Deadline	4	5	6							
<b>New Student Orientation (August 26-31, September 1)</b>													
7	Labor Day, No classes	8 EC	9 Fall Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	10 MDES / DDES / PhD	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)	17 SFC / FF	18	19	20 Yom Kippur (Begins Sunset)							
21	Yom Kippur (Ends Evening)	22 F1 Class Withdrawal Deadline	23 EC	24	25	26	27 Alumni Council Meeting						
		<b>GSD Comeback: Alumni &amp; Friends Celebration</b>											
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							
<b>Preferred Studio Trips Week (October 5-9)</b>													
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	21 EC	22 DP-SF / SAAC	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	4 SFC	5 MLA, DDes Open House (virtual)	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							
		<b>Thanksgiving Recess (November 25-27)</b>											
30	1 EC	2 SFC / FF	3 Full Term and F2 Classes End	4 FAS Classes End	5	6							
		<b>Core Studio Reviews (Dec. 4, 7, 8)</b>											
7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
<b>Option Studio Reviews (December 8-10)</b>													
<b>Core Reviews (December 4, 7-8)</b>							<b>Final Exams (December 11, 14-16)</b>						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20							
<b>Final Exams (December 11, 14-16)</b>							<b>Thesis Reviews (December 17-18)</b>						
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 12/11/2025

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 8:30-10 a.m.

EC = Executive Committee 12:10 p.m.

F1 = Fall Module 1 F2 = Fall Module 2

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
28		29		30		31		1	New Year's Day	2	3		
4	Winter Recess Ends GSD Reopens at 8 a.m. MRE January Classes Begin Fall Grades Due		5		6		7		8		9	10	
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		
<b>J-Term (January 4 - 16)</b>													
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						
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					
1		2	3 FF	4		5 Last Day to Add/Drop S1 and Full Term Classes (\$30 fee per transaction after this date)	6	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					
<b>Preferred Studio Trips Week (February 22-26)</b>													
1		2	3 SFC / DP	4		5 Job and Internship Fair	6	7					
8	S1 Classes End	9 S2 Classes Begin	10 DP-SF / SAAC	11		12	13	14					
15		16	17	18		19	20	21					
22		23 S2 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	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 G											