

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

FALL 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AUGUST							1	2
	3	4	5	6	7		8	9
	ARCH CORE Pre-Term Workshop (August 3-7)							
	10	11	12	13	14		15	16
	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	23
	Optional MRE Pre-Term Workshop (August 17-20)							
	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
SEPTEMBER		EC	New Student Orientation (August 26-31, September 1)					
	31	1	2 Classes Begin (Monday schedule) Student Check In Deadline Dean's Welcome Back Event DP-SF / DP	3	4		5	6
	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	
	28	29 Full Term Class Withdrawal Deadline	30 DP-SF / DP-DV	1	2	GSD Comeback: Alumni & Friends Celebration		
OCTOBER		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	
NOVEMBER	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)							
DECEMBER	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)			Thesis Reviews (December 17-18)				
	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

DP = Dept 12-1:30 p.m. DP-SF = Dept./ Sr. Faculty 8:30-10 a.m. FF = Full Faculty 12-1:30 p.m. SFC = Senior Faculty Council 8:30-10 a.m. DV = Degree Vote EC = Executive Committee 12-1:30 p.m. F1 = Fall Module 1 F2 = Fall Module 2

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING 2027

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY	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	
		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	
		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	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	
MARCH		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	
		Spring Recess (March 15-19)						
	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	
APRIL	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	
			Core Reviews April 28-30					
MAY	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		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	
		Final Exams (May 5-7, 10)						
	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.)	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							

MDES 12-1:30 DDES 2-3 p.m. PhD 3:30-4:30 p.m. SAAC = Student Academic Affairs Committee 12-1:30 p.m. S1 = Spring Module 1 S2 = Spring Module 2