

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

FALL 2026

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | |
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| 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 | 23 | |
| | 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 | |
| | Required New Student Orientation (August 26-31, September 1) | | | | | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | 31 | 1 | 2 Classes Begin (Monday schedule) Student Check In Deadline DP-SF / DP | 3 Dean's Welcome Back Event | 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 | |
| OCTOBER | 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 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) | | | Final Exams (December 11, 14-16) | | | | |
| | 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 | |

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) | | | | | | |
| MARCH | 1 | 2 | 3 SFC / SAAC | 4 | 5 Job and Internship Fair | 6 | 7 |
| | 8 S1 Classes End Ramadan Ends | 9 S2 Classes Begin EC | 10 DP-SF / DP | 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 |
| APRIL | 5 S2 Class Withdrawal Deadline | 6 EC | 7 SFC / MDES / DDES / PhD | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | Alumni Council Meeting (April 9-10) | | | | | | |
| | 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 | | | | | | |
| | Core Reviews April 28-30 | | | | | | |
| MAY | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Option Studio Reviews (April 30, May 3-4) | | | Final Exams (May 5-7, 10) | | | |
| | 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) | | MDes Open Projects & MDE IDEP Reviews (May 11-12) | | Thesis Reviews (May 13-14) | | |
| | 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 | | | | | | |

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

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