

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 Option Sudio and Course Lotteries Open at 9 a.m. | 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 Lottery results posted by the end of the day                                        | 20                                                  | 21                                                                         | 22                               | 23                                |
| SEPTEMBER | Optional MRE Pre-Term Workshop (August 17-20)                                |                                           |                                                                                                      |                                                     | Required ARCH CORE/MAUD/MLAUD/MUP/MDE/MLA Pre-Term Workshop (August 17-21) |                                  |                                   |
|           | 24                                                                           | 25 EC*                                    | 26                                                                                                   | 27 MDES Advanced Course Selection Closes at 9 a.m.  | 28 Limited-Enrollment Course Lottery Closes at 9 a.m. MRE Practicum Ends   | 29 Open Enrollment Period Begins | 30                                |
|           | Required New Student Orientation (August 26-28, 31, September 1)             |                                           |                                                                                                      |                                                     |                                                                            |                                  |                                   |
|           | 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                                         | 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                                         | 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                       | 21 DP-SF / SAAC                                                                                      | 22                                                  | 23                                                                         | 24                               | 25                                |
|           | Visiting Committee (October 19-20) EC*                                       |                                           |                                                                                                      |                                                     |                                                                            |                                  |                                   |
| NOVEMBER  | 26 F2 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)          | 27                                        | 28 MDE Open House (virtual) 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                                         | 4 SFC                                                                                                | 5 MLA, DDes Open House (virtual)                    | 6 March Open House (virtual)                                               | 7                                | 8                                 |
|           | 9 F2 Class Withdrawal Deadline                                               | 10                                        | 11 Veterans Day Classes Meet, No Studio Reviews, Offices Closed                                      | 12                                                  | 13                                                                         | 14                               | 15                                |
|           | 16                                                                           | 17                                        | 18 DP-SF / DP                                                                                        | 19                                                  | 20                                                                         | 21                               | 22                                |
|           | 23                                                                           | 24                                        | 25                                                                                                   | 26 Thanksgiving Day Offices Closed                  | 27 Offices Closed                                                          | 28                               | 29                                |
| 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)                    |                                                                            |                                  |                                   |
|           | 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 Option Studio, MDes Open Project, and Course Lotteries Open at 9 a.m.                                       | 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               |
| FEBRUARY | Required MLA Pre-Term Workshop (January 19-23)                                       |                                                |                                                    |                                                                                                               | 25                                                                                         | 26                              | 27               |
|          | 25 Spring Classes/Full Term and S1 Begin                                             | 26                                             | 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 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               |
| MARCH    | 22                                                                                   | 23                                             | 24 MDES / DDES / PhD                               | 25                                                                                                            | 26                                                                                         | 27                              | 28               |
|          | Preferred Studio Trips Week (February 22-26)                                         |                                                |                                                    |                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |                                 |                  |
|          | 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               |
| APRIL    | Spring Recess (March 15-19)                                                          |                                                |                                                    |                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |                                 |                  |
|          | 22 S2 Class Selections Due (\$15 add/drop flat fee after this date)                  | 23                                             | 24 SFC / FF                                        | 25                                                                                                            | 26 Good Friday                                                                             | 27                              | 28 Easter        |
|          | 29 Last Day to Add/Drop S2 Classes (\$30 fee per transaction after this date)        | 30                                             | 31 DP-SF / DP                                      | 1 MDE Open House (in-person), DDes, PhD Open House (virtual)                                                  | 2 March, MLA, MRE, MAUD/MLAUD, MUP, MDes Open House (in-person)                            | 3                               | 4                |
|          | 5 S2 Class Withdrawal Deadline                                                       | 6 EC                                           | 7 SFC / MDES / DDES / PhD                          | 8                                                                                                             | 9                                                                                          | 10                              | 11               |
|          | Alumni Council Meeting (April 9-10)                                                  |                                                |                                                    |                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |                                 |                  |
| MAY      | 12                                                                                   | 13                                             | 14 DP-SF / FF                                      | 15                                                                                                            | 16                                                                                         | 17                              | 18               |
|          | 19                                                                                   | 20                                             | 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                                                             |                                                |                                                    |                                                                                                               | Option Studio Reviews                                                                      |                                 |                  |
|          | 3                                                                                    | 4                                              | 5 SFC / FF                                         | 6                                                                                                             | 7                                                                                          | 8                               | 9                |
|          | Option Studio Reviews (April 30, May 3-4)                                            |                                                | Final Exams (May 5-7, 10)                          |                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |                                 |                  |
|          | 10                                                                                   | 11 MRE May Classes Begin                       | 12 Spring Grades Due                               | 13 Arch & UPD Thesis Reviews                                                                                  | 14 Arch & LA Thesis Reviews                                                                | 15                              | 16               |
|          | MDE IDEP Reviews (May 10-11)                                                         |                                                | Thesis Reviews (May 13-14)                         |                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |                                 |                  |
|          | Final Exams (May 5-7, 10)                                                            |                                                | MDes Open Projects 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. \*Time varies 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