HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN — FALL 2026

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
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
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)						

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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		

OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29 Full Term Class Withdrawal Deadline	30 DP-SF / DP-DV	1	2	3	4
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 EC*	21 DP-SF / SAAC	22	23	24	25
Visiting Committee (October 19-20)						
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

NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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
		Thanksgiving Recess (November 25-27)				

DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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
Core Reviews (December 4, 7-8)	**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

LAST UPDATED 11/16/2026

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

ACADEMIC CALENDAR — SPRING 2027

JANUARY

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 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
	Optional MUP Pre-Term Workshop (August 19-22)					
	Required MLA Pre-Term Workshop (January 19-23)					
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

FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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	24 MDES / DDES / PhD	25	26	27	28
		Preferred Studio Trips Week (February 22-26)				

MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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 S2 Class Selections Due ($15 add/drop flat fee after this date)	23 EC	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

APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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
		Core Reviews April 28-30)		**Option Studio Reviews**		

MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3	4	5 SFC / FF / EC*	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)						
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						

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