



Harvard Graduate School of Design

Academic Calendar 2016–2017

Fall Term

August

Wed	24	International student orientation
Th+F	25+26	Orientation for all new students begins
Mon	29	Option studio presentations & lottery Course presentations
Tue	30	Fall option studios begin Limited-enrollment lottery closes at 10 a.m.
Wed	31	All other classes begin Registration for returning students begins

September

Mon	5	Labor Day **Offices closed **No classes
Wed	7	Course selections due
Wed	14	Last day to add/drop F1 courses Leaves on or before: no tuition charge
Fri	16	Last day to add/drop full-term courses
M-F	26-30	Studio trips week (Preferred)

October

Sun	2	Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
Mon	3	Rosh Hashanah
Wed	6	Leaves on or before: one-fourth tuition charge
Mon	10	Columbus Day **Offices closed **Classes meet
Tue	11	Yom Kippur begins at sundown
Wed	12	Yom Kippur
Mon	17	F1 courses end
Tue	18	F2 courses begin
Thu	27	ASP & MDE Open House @ 4pm
Fri	28	Last day to add/drop F2 courses Open House
Sun	31	Halloween

November

Wed	3	Leaves on or before: one-half tuition charge
Fri	11	Veterans Day **Offices closed **Classes meet
Wed	23	Thanksgiving recess begins
Th+F	24+25	**Offices closed
Sun	27	Recess for Thanksgiving ends

December

Thu	1	Last day of full-term and F2 classes FAS classes end Leave on or before: three-fourths charge After this date: full tuition charge
Fri	2	**NO GSD classes HKS classes end
M-W	5-7	Core reviews begin
W-F	7-9	Option reviews begin
Mon	12	Fall Final examinations begin
Tue	13	Thesis pre-reviews
Thu	15	Exams end
Fri	16	Winter recess begins
Fri	23	Gund Hall closes at 12:00 p.m.



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January

Sun	1	Winter Recess ends
Mon	2	New Year (observed) **Offices closed
Tue	3	GSD Reopens at 8am J-TERM begins
Fri	13	J-TERM ends
Mon	16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day **Offices closed
Tue	17	Thesis Reviews
Wed	18	Thesis Reviews AM
Thu	19	Option studio presentations & lottery Course Presentations
Fri	20	Spring option studios begin Limited-enrollment lottery closes at 10am
Mon	23	All other classes begin
Mon	30	Spring course selections due

February

Mon	6	Last day to add/drop S1 courses Preferred studio trips week Leaves on or before: no tuition charge
Fri	10	Last day to add/drop full-term courses
Mon	20	Presidents' Day **Offices closed **Classes meet
Fri	26	Leaves on or before: one-fourth tuition charge

March

Mon	6	S1 Courses end
Tue	7	S2 Courses begin
Sat	11	Spring recess begins
Sun	29	End of Spring recess
Mon	25	Leaves on or before: one-half tuition charge
Tue	28	Last day to add/drop S2 courses

April

Thu	6	ASP & MDE Open house
Fri	7	Open house for admitted students
Tue	10	Passover begins (ends Sat April 18)
Fri	14	Thesis Previews
Sun	16	Easter
Tue	25	Full-term and S2 classes end Leaves on or before: three-fourths tuition charge After this date: full tuition charge
Wed	26	FAS classes end NO GSD classes Core reviews begin (end Fri 28)
Thu	27	HKS classes end

May

Mon	1	Option reviews begin (end Wed 3)
Wed	4	Final Exams begin
Tue	9	Final exams end
Wed	10	Thesis reviews begin (end Fri 12)
Thu	25	Commencement
Mon	30	Memorial Day **Offices closed



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Withdrawals and Tuition Charges

Any student who is granted a leave or withdraws from the university after registration will be held responsible for tuition charges according to the following schedule:

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Leaves on or before September 14
no tuition charge

Leaves on or before October 6
one-fourth tuition charge

Leaves on or before November 3
one-half tuition charge

Leaves on or before December 1
three-fourths tuition charge

After December 1
full tuition charge

Spring Term

Leaves on or before February 6
no tuition charge

Leaves on or before February 26
one-fourth tuition charge

Leaves on or before March 25
one-half tuition charge

Leaves on or before April 25
three-fourths tuition charge

After April 25
full tuition charge