

# YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

## 2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR 8.28.25

### Fall 2025

#### AUGUST

12	Tues	Executive Team Retreat
13	Wed	Senior Leadership Retreat
14	Thur	Staff Retreat
18	Mon	New International Student Orientation YDS New Faculty Orientation
19	Tues	Faculty Retreat BTFO Orientation (Aug 19-22) New Faculty Orientation University wide New Faculty Welcome BBQ University wide
22	Fri	Faculty Advising
25	Mon	Online registration begins, 9:00 AM
26	Tues	Opening Convocation, 4:00 PM Opening Convocation Reception/Old Refectory
27	Wed	Fall classes begin, 8:00 AM

#### SEPTEMBER

1	Mon	Labor Day. No Classes
2	Tues	Faculty meeting, 4 PM
5	Fri	Fall and Full-Year thesis proposals due
8	Mon	Online registration ends, 11:59 PM Last day for: downtown course permission, add/drop course without charge, approval of reading course/thesis Last day for tuition rebate for dropped courses
9	Tue	Governing Board meeting, 4:00 PM
15	Mon	First “evidence of progress” to thesis director due
16	Tues	Fall Awards Ceremony & Community BBQ
17	Wed	Last day to add a course (with fee)
27	Sat	Negotiating Boundaries class

#### OCTOBER

6	Mon	Fall Convocation begins/Living Village Dedication
8	Wed	Fall Convocation ends
9	Thur	Last day to drop a course (with fee) Last day to change course grade mode to letter grade, request CR/NC grading

10	Fri	Reading period begins, 9:00 PM
20	Mon	Classes resume, 8:00 AM
27	Mon	Fall Open House Day
28	Tue	Governing Board meeting 4:00 PM
31	Fri	Advising period begins

#### NOVEMBER

1	Sat	Negotiating Boundaries class Summer CPE application soft deadline
4	Tues	Faculty meeting, 4:00 PM
10	Mon	Online registration begins for Spring 2026
11	Tues	Governing Board, 4:00PM
21	Fri	Reading period begins, 9:00 PM
26	Wed	Reading period ends, 9:00 PM Thanksgiving recess begins, 9:00 PM

#### DECEMBER

1	Mon	Classes resume, 8:00 AM
2	Tue	Faculty meeting, 4:00 PM: Governing Board Regular classes end at 9:00 PM
3	Wed	Labor Day classes rescheduled Reading period begins 6:00 PM Advent Service, 7:00 PM
5	Fri	Advising period ends Online registration for Spring 2026 ends
10	Wed	Reading period ends, 8:20 AM Final exams begin, 8:30 AM
16	Tues	Exams end/Semester ends, 6 PM Final drafts of Fall theses due All course work due
23	Tues	Last day for faculty to accept late work for Fall semester Last day to request Dean’s Extension

### Spring 2026

#### January

2	Fri	Grades due for Fall 2025 Add/drop period begins
12	Mon	Spring classes begin, 8:00 AM
13	Tues	Faculty/Governing Board meeting 4:00 PM
16	Fri	Spring thesis proposals due
19	Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr Day, No classes
20	Tues	Add/drop period ends, 11:59 PM
23	Fri	Last day for downtown permission, add/drop without charge, approval of reading course and/or thesis
26	Mon	First “evidence of progress” to thesis director due
29	Thur	Last day for tuition rebate for dropped courses

#### FEBRUARY

2	Mon	Last day to add a course (with fee) Deadline for fall semester STM theses (final approved digital version) to YDS Registrar and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for submission to the YDS Library
3	Tue	Faculty meeting, 4:00 PM
10	Tue	Governing Board, 4:00 PM Reading period begins 9:00 PM
16	Mon	Reading period ends 8:00 AM Last day to drop a course
27	Fri	Last day to change grade mode to letter grade, request CR/NC grading

#### MARCH

3	Tue	Faculty meeting, 4:00 PM
6	Fri	Spring recess begins, 9:00 PM
23	Mon	Spring recess ends, 8:00 AM Classes resume, 8:00 AM

24 Tues Governing Board meeting, 4:00 PM  
Advising period begins  
30 Mon Admitted Students Day

#### **APRIL**

3 Fri Good Friday. No classes  
7 Tues Faculty meeting, 4:00 PM  
8 Wed Online registration begins for Fall 2026  
14 Tues Governing Board meeting, 4:00 PM  
Advising period ends  
15 Wed Fall/spring internship deadline  
21 Tues Tuesday classes do not meet. Friday classes  
meet instead.  
24 Fri Regular classes end, 9:00 PM  
Reading period begins, 9:00 PM  
30 Thur Reading period ends, 8:20 AM  
Final exams begin, 8:30 AM

#### **MAY**

5 Tues Exams end/Semester ends, 6PM  
Faculty meeting, 2PM, Governing Board  
meeting  
Online registration for Fall 2026 ends  
Final drafts of Spring and Full-year theses  
due  
Last day to register for summer language  
courses  
7 Thur Senior grades due for Spring 2026  
Deadline for spring semester STM thesis  
(final approved digital version) to YDS  
Registrar and Associate Dean of Academic  
Affairs for submission to the YDS library  
12 Tues Faculty meeting, 2 PM  
15 Fri Last day for faculty to accept late work for  
spring semester  
Black Church Studies Certificate Program  
Celebration  
Reformed Studies Certificate Program  
Celebration  
16 Sat Roman Catholic Studies Certificate  
Program Celebration & Mass  
ANS Commencement Worship Celebration  
Methodist Studies Certificate Program  
Celebration  
Lutheran Studies Certificate Program  
Celebration  
BDS Commencement Evensong

17 Sun YDS Commencement Worship Service  
18 Mon University and YDS Commencement  
19 Tues Summer language courses begin  
22 Fri All other grades due for Spring 2026  
TBD Negotiating Boundaries class  
25 Mon Last day to drop summer language courses

#### **JUNE**

June 1-July 31 Summer internship  
practicum sessions

#### **JULY**

1 Wed Summer language courses end