

YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall 2025

AUGUST

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| 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 | On-line registration begins, 9:00 AM |
| 26 | Tues | Opening Convocation, 4:00 PM Opening Convocation Reception/Living Village |
| 27 | Wed | Fall classes begin, 8:00 AM |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 | Mon | Labor Day. No Classes |
| 2 | Tues | Faculty meeting, 4 PM |
| 5 | Fri | Fall and Full-Year thesis proposals due |
| 8 | Mon | On-Line 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 |
| 17 | Wed | Last day to add a course (with fee) |
| 27 | Sat | Negotiating Boundaries class |

OCTOBER

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| 6 | Mon | Fall Convocation begins/Living Village Dedication |
| 8 | Weds | 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 |

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| 10 | Fri | Reading period begins, 9:00 PM |
| 14 | Tues | Faculty/Governing Board meeting 4:00 PM |
| 20 | Mon | Classes resume, 8:00 AM |
| 31 | Fri | Advising period begins |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Sat | Summer CPE application soft deadline |
| 4 | Tues | Faculty meeting, 4:00 PM |
| 6 | Thur | Fall Open House |
| 8 | Sat | Negotiating Boundaries class |
| 10 | Mon | Online registration begins for Spring 2026 |
| 11 | Tues | Governing Board, 4:00 PM |
| 21 | Fri | Reading period begins, 9:00 PM |
| 26 | Wed | Reading period ends, 9:00 PM Thanksgiving recess begins, 9:00 PM |

DECEMBER

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| 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

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| 2 | Fri | Grades due for Fall 2025 Last day for faculty to accept late work for fall semester Open 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 | Open 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 |
| 29 | Thur | Last day for tuition rebate for dropped courses First “evidence of progress” for Spring thesis to thesis director due |

FEBRUARY

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| 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

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| 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 |
| TBD | | 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
Senior grades due for Spring 2026
Last day to register for summer language
courses
7 Thur Faculty meeting, 2 PM
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
15 Fri 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
All other grades due for Spring 2026
19 Tues Last day for faculty to accept late work for
spring semester
Summer language courses begin
TBD Negotiating Boundaries class

JUNE

June 1-July 31 Summer internship
practicum sessions

JULY

- 1 Wed Summer language courses end