

# RISD First Year in Florence Academic Calendar 2025-2026

DATE	DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION
August 27, 2025	Wed		• Student Arrival in Florence, Cultural Orientation Program Begins
September 2, 2025	Tue		• Fall 2025 Web Registration Closes
September 3, 2025	Wed		• Fall 2025 Add/Drop Registration Period Begins
September 10, 2025	Wed		• Fall 2025 Final Day for Adding Courses and Final Day to Drop a Course Without 'W' Transcript Notation
September 11, 2025	Thu		• Fall 2025 Course Withdrawal Period 'W' Grade Begins
October 15, 2025	Wed		• Fall 2025 Mid-Semester
October 17, 2025	Fri		• Fall 2025 Mid-Semester Warnings Due
October 29, 2025	Wed		• Fall 2025 Final Date to Withdraw from Course, 'W' Grade Deadline
November 1, 2025	Sat		• Italian National Holiday - Florence Studios and Classrooms Closed
TBD			• Wintersession 2026 and Spring 2026 Web Registration Begins (by Appointment)
December 2, 2025	Tue		• Florence Program Reading/Preparation Day
December 3, 2025	Wed		• Florence Program Exam Day • Summer 2026 Internship Registration Opens in ArtWorks
December 8, 2025	Mon		• Italian National Holiday - No Florence Classes, Studios and Classrooms Closed
December 12, 2025	Fri		• Fall 2025 Final Day of the Semester
December 13, 2025	Sat		• Student Departure from Florence
December 17, 2025	Wed		• Fall 2025 Final Grades Due to Registrar's Office
December 24, 2025	Wed		• Offices and Library Closed for Winter Break (through January 1)
January 1, 2026	Thu		• New Year's Day - Offices and Library Closed
January 2, 2026	Fri		• Residence Halls Open for Students Attending Wintersession
January 4, 2026	Sun		• Wintersession 2026 Web Registration Closes
January 5, 2026	Mon		• Wintersession 2026 Classes Begin • Wintersession 2026 Add/Drop Registration Period Begins
January 12, 2026	Mon		• Wintersession 2026 Final Day for Adding Courses and Final Day to Drop a Course without 'W' Transcript Notation
January 13, 2026	Tue		• Wintersession 2026 Course Withdrawal Period 'W' Grade Begins
January 19, 2026	Mon		• Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Degree Program Classes held; Offices and Library Closed
January 26, 2026	Mon		• Wintersession 2026 Final Date to Withdraw from a Course, 'W' Grade Deadline
January 30, 2026	Fri		• Summer 2026 RISD Global Travel Class Applications Open (through mid-April)
February 1, 2026	Sun		• Fall 2025 Incomplete Grade Deadline
February 2, 2026	Mon		• First-year Major Declarations (through February 6)
February 6, 2026	Fri		• Wintersession 2026 Degree Program Classes End
February 9, 2026	Mon		• Student Arrival in Florence, Cultural Orientation Program Begins • Wintersession 2026 Final Grades Due

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February 11, 2026	Wed	• Spring 2026 Web Registration Closes
February 12, 2026	Thu	• Spring 2026 Add/Drop Registration Period Begins
February 19, 2026	Thu	• Spring 2026 Final Day for Adding Courses and Final Day to Drop a Course Without 'W' Transcript Notation
February 20, 2026	Fri	• Spring 2026 Course Withdrawal Period, 'W' Grade Begins
March 15, 2026	Sun	• Wintersession 2026 Incomplete Grade Deadline
April 2, 2026	Thu	• Spring 2026 Mid-Semester
April 3, 2026	Fri	• Spring 2026 Mid-Semester Warnings Due
April 6, 2026	Mon	• Italian National Holiday - No Florence Classes, Studios and Classrooms Closed
April 13, 2026	Mon	• Fall Registration Advising (through April 24)
April 15, 2026	Wed	• Spring 2026 Final Date to Withdraw from a Course, 'W' Grade Deadline
April 25, 2026	Sat	• Italian Holiday - Florence Studios and Classrooms Closed
April 27, 2026	Mon	• Fall 2026 Web Registration Begins (by Appointment)
May 1, 2026	Fri	• Italian National Holiday - No Florence Classes, Studios and Classrooms Closed
May 14, 2026	Thu	• Florence Program Reading/Preparation Day
May 15, 2026	Fri	• Florence Program Exam Day
May 16, 2026	Sat	• Florence Classes Meet, Studios Open
May 20, 2026	Wed	• Student Departure from Florence
May 22, 2026	Fri	• Spring 2026 Final Day of Semester
May 25, 2026	Mon	• Memorial Day - Offices and Library Closed
May 30, 2026	Sat	• RISD Commencement
June 1, 2026	Mon	• Spring 2026 Final Grades Due for Non-Graduating Students