

RISD First Year in Florence Academic Calendar 2026-2027

DATE	DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION
September 1, 2026	Wed		• Student Arrival in Florence, Cultural Orientation Program Begins
September 8, 2026	Tue		• Fall 2026 Web Registration Closes
September 9, 2026	Wed		• Fall 2026 Add/Drop Registration Period Begins
September 16, 2026	Wed		• Fall 2026 Final Day for Adding Courses and Final Day to Drop a Course Without 'W' Transcript Notation
September 17, 2026	Thu		• Fall 2026 Course Withdrawal Period 'W' Grade Begins
October 15, 2025	Thu		• Fall 2026 Mid-Semester
October 16, 2026	Fri		• Fall 2026 Mid-Semester Warnings Due
November 4, 2026	Wed		• Fall 2026 Final Date to Withdraw from Course, 'W' Grade Deadline
November 1, 2026	Sun		• Italian National Holiday - Florence Studios and Classrooms Closed
November 9, 2026	Mon		• Wintersession 2027 and Spring 2027 Web Registration Begins (by Appointment)
12/2/2026			• Summer 2027 Internship Registration Opens in ArtWorks
TBD			• Florence Program Reading/Preparation Day
TBD			• Florence Program Exam Day
December 8, 2026	Tue		• Italian National Holiday - No Florence Classes, Studios and Classrooms Closed
December 18, 2026	Fri		• Fall 2026 Final Day of the Semester
December 17, 2026	Thu		• Student Departure from Florence
December 23, 2026	Wed		• Fall 2026 Final Grades Due for First-Year Students
December 24, 2026	Thu		• Offices and Library Closed for Winter Break (through January 1)
January 1, 2027	Thu		• New Year's Day - Offices and Library Closed
January 6, 2027	Wed		• Residence Halls Open for Students Attending Wintersession • Wintersession 2026 Web Registration Closes
January 7, 2027	Thu		• Wintersession 2027 Classes Begin • Wintersession 2027 Add/Drop Registration Period Begins
January 14, 2027	Thu		• Wintersession 2027 Final Day for Adding Courses and Final Day to Drop a Course without 'W' Transcript Notation
January 15, 2027	Fri		• Wintersession 2027 Course Withdrawal Period 'W' Grade Begins
January 18, 2027	Mon		• Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Degree Program Classes held; Offices and Library Closed
January 27, 2027	Wed		• Wintersession 2027 Final Date to Withdraw from a Course, 'W' Grade Deadline
February 1, 2027	Mon		• Fall 2026 Incomplete Grade Deadline • RISD Global Summer Studies 2027 Class Applications Open • First-year Major Declarations (through February 5)
February 10, 2027	Wed		• Wintersession 2027 Degree Program Classes End
TBD			• Student Arrival in Florence, Cultural Orientation Program Begins
February 15, 2027	Mon		• Wintersession 2027 Final Grades Due
February 17, 2027	Wed		• Spring 2027 Web Registration Closes

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February 18, 2027	Thu	• Spring 2027 Add/Drop Registration Period Begins
February 25, 2027	Thu	• Spring 2027 Final Day for Adding Courses and Final Day to Drop a Course Without 'W' Transcript Notation
February 26, 2027	Fri	• Spring 2027 Course Withdrawal Period, 'W' Grade Begins
March 15, 2027	Mon	• Wintersession 2027 Incomplete Grade Deadline
March 29, 2027	Mon	• Italian National Holiday - No Florence Classes, Studios and Classrooms Closed
April 8, 2027	Thu	• Spring 2027 Mid-Semester
April 9, 2027	Fri	• Spring 2027 Mid-Semester Warnings Due
April 12, 2027	Mon	• Fall Registration Advising (through April 23)
April 21, 2027	Wed	• Spring 2027 Final Date to Withdraw from a Course, 'W' Grade Deadline
April 25, 2027	Sun	• Italian Holiday - Florence Studios and Classrooms Closed
May 3, 2027	Mon	• Fall 2027 Web Registration Begins (by Appointment)
May 1, 2027	Sat	• Italian National Holiday - No Florence Classes, Studios and Classrooms Closed
TBD		• Florence Program Reading/Preparation Day
TBD		• Florence Program Exam Day
TBD	Sat	• Florence Classes Meet, Studios Open
TBD		• Student Departure from Florence
May 28, 2027	Fri	• Spring 2027 Final Day of Semester
May 31, 2027	Mon	• Memorial Day - Offices and Library Closed
June 5, 2027	Sat	• RISD Commencement
June 7, 2027	Mon	• Spring 2027 Final Grades Due for Non-Graduating Students