



College of Fine Arts Kerala · Thiruvananthapuram

BFA AND MFA PROGRAMMES

Academic Calendar

2026/27

Teaching, assessment, examination, visiting faculty and vacation schedule for the academic year beginning 1 June 2026.

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The year in outline

Classes begin	01-06-2026
MFA Semester I begins	03-08-2026
Onam vacation	21-08-2026 to 30-08-2026
All India Study Tour, Third Year BFA	01-12-2026 to 30-12-2026
Christmas vacation	23-12-2026 to 01-01-2027
University and annual examinations	March 2027
Summer vacation	01-04-2027 to 31-05-2027
MFA Semester IV display, viva voce and jury	01-07-2027 to 15-07-2027

University examination dates for First Year and Final Year BFA are subject to notification by the University of Kerala. Where a date here and a University notification differ, the notification prevails.

BFA general academic schedule

Yearly system · four-year programme

First Year BFA is an integrated foundation course, with the University examination in the second week of March. Second and Third Year BFA hold internal annual examinations in March. Fourth Year BFA follows the final University examination, practical jury and display schedule within March, as notified by the University.

NO.	ACADEMIC ACTIVITY	DATE OR PERIOD	APPLICABLE BATCH
1	College reopens after summer vacation	01-06-2026	II, III, IV BFA batches
2	Department orientation, timetable finalisation, studio allocation, introduction to course plan	01-06-2026 to 03-06-2026	II, III, IV BFA batches
3	First phase of regular studio and theory classes	01-06-2026 to 08-08-2026	All BFA batches
4	Last date for submission of internal assignments for theory subjects, first term	05-08-2026	All BFA batches
5	First quarterly internal assessment	10-08-2026 to 14-08-2026	All BFA batches
6	Onam vacation	21-08-2026 to 30-08-2026	All BFA batches
7	Visiting faculty programmes begin	From August 2026	All departments
8	Second phase of regular studio and theory classes	01-09-2026 to 22-12-2026	All BFA batches
9	Last date for submission of internal assignments for theory subjects, second term	11-11-2026	Third Year BFA
10	Second quarterly internal assessment for Third Year BFA, advanced due to the All India Study Tour	16-11-2026 to 21-11-2026	Third Year BFA
11	All India Study Tour	01-12-2026 to 30-12-2026	Third Year BFA
12	Last date for submission of internal assignments for theory	02-12-2026	First, Second and Fourth Year BFA

	subjects, second term, and studio practical assessment		
13	Second quarterly internal assessment	07-12-2026 to 12-12-2026	First, Second and Fourth Year BFA
14	Christmas vacation	23-12-2026 to 01-01-2027	All BFA batches
15	Third phase of studio and theory classes	04-01-2027 to 13-02-2027	All BFA batches
16	Last date for submission of internal assignments for theory subjects, third term	10-02-2027	All BFA batches
17	Third quarterly internal assessment	15-02-2027 to 20-02-2027	All BFA batches
18	Consolidation of internal assessment marks and attendance	22-02-2027 to 28-02-2027	All BFA batches
19	First Year BFA University Examination	02-03-2027 to 18-03-2027	First Year BFA
20	Annual internal examination	10-03-2027 to 27-03-2027	Second and Third Year BFA
21	Final Year BFA University Examination, practical jury and display	15-03-2027 to 31-03-2027	Fourth Year BFA
22	Submission of internal assessment marks and attendance	On or before 31-03-2027	All departments
23	Summer vacation	01-04-2027 to 31-05-2027	All BFA batches
24	Reopening for the next academic year	01-06-2027	All continuing batches

BFA internal assessment and annual examination pattern

Three terms · studio, theory and process evaluation

TERM	ASSESSMENT PERIOD	NATURE OF ASSESSMENT
First term, theory and internal submission	05-08-2026	Internal assignment, viva voce or presentation, to be submitted five days before the studio practical assessment.
First term	10-08-2026 to 14-08-2026	Studio work review, theory test, seminar or presentation, attendance and process evaluation.
Second term, theory and internal submission	02-12-2026	Internal assignment, viva voce or presentation, to be submitted five days before the studio practical assessment.
Second term	07-12-2026 to 12-12-2026	Studio work review, theory test, seminar or presentation, attendance and process evaluation.
Second term, Third Year BFA, theory and internal submission	11-11-2026	Internal assignment, viva voce or presentation, to be submitted five days before the advanced studio practical assessment, due to the All India Study Tour.
Second term, Third Year BFA	16-11-2026 to 21-11-2026	Studio work review, theory test, seminar or presentation, attendance and process evaluation. Assessment held in advance due to the All India Study Tour.
Third term, theory and internal submission	10-02-2027	Internal assignment, viva voce or presentation, to be submitted five days before the studio practical assessment.
Third term	15-02-2027 to 20-02-2027	Final internal assessment before the annual examination.
Annual examination	March 2027	University examination for First and Fourth Year. Internal annual examination for Second and Third Year.

3 MFA semester schedule

Semester system · two-year programme

A semester is planned for 90 academic working days of studio engagement, theory, seminars, reviews, workshops and supervised independent work. Semester II is condensed to end by March; Semester IV may extend to July for the final dissertation, display and viva voce. The schedule is given in two parts, Semesters I and II, then Semesters III and IV.

Semesters I and II

NO.	ACADEMIC ACTIVITY	SEMESTER I	SEMESTER II
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Semesters III and IV

NO.	ACADEMIC ACTIVITY	SEMESTER III	SEMESTER IV
1	Commencement of semester	01-06-2026	02-11-2026
2	Orientation, studio allocation and course briefing	01-06-2026 to 06-06-2026	02-11-2026 to 07-11-2026
3	Last date for receiving dissertation topic	NA	NA
4	Last date for submission of internal assignment, viva voce or presentation marks statement for the first internal review	05-08-2026	09-12-2026
5	First internal review or presentation	10-08-2026 to 14-08-2026	14-12-2026 to 19-12-2026
6	Publication or display of first internal assessment results	31-08-2026	09-01-2027
7	Last date for submission of internal assignment, viva voce or presentation marks statement for the second internal review	16-09-2026	03-02-2027
8	Second internal review or studio presentation	21-09-2026 to 26-09-2026	08-02-2027 to 13-02-2027
9	Last date for submission of internal marks to the Head of Department	10-10-2026	15-06-2027
10	Display of internal evaluation results	15-10-2026	18-06-2027
11	Last date for submission of complaints regarding internal evaluation	19-10-2026	21-06-2027
12	Semester examination, practical jury and viva	19-10-2026 to 31-10-2026	01-07-2027 to 15-07-2027
13	Commencement of next semester	02-11-2026	NA

4 MFA Semester IV project and dissertation schedule

Reviews, pre-submission, dissertation and final display

NO.	ACTIVITY	DATE OR PERIOD
1	Submission of dissertation abstract or synopsis	15-11-2026
2	Last date for submission of internal assignment, viva voce or presentation marks statement for the first dissertation review	09-12-2026
3	First dissertation review	14-12-2026 to 19-12-2026
4	Last date for submission of internal assignment, viva voce or presentation marks statement for the second dissertation review	03-02-2027
5	Second dissertation review	08-02-2027 to 13-02-2027
6	Last date for submission of internal assignment, viva voce or presentation marks statement for the pre-submission presentation	10-03-2027
7	Pre-submission presentation	15-03-2027 to 20-03-2027
8	Final studio work and dissertation documentation phase	June 2027
9	Final submission of dissertation and dissertation documentation	15-06-2027
10	Final display, viva voce and practical jury	01-07-2027 to 15-07-2027

Notes

5 Common visiting faculty programme calendar

Applicable to BFA and MFA

Two visiting faculty programmes may be conducted every month from August to February. Each programme runs for a maximum of one week. Departments may hold lectures, studio workshops, demonstrations, portfolio reviews, reading sessions, seminars, material-based workshops and practice-oriented interactions.

MONTH	PROGRAMME I	PROGRAMME II
August 2026	03-08-2026 to 08-08-2026	31-08-2026 to 05-09-2026
September 2026	07-09-2026 to 12-09-2026	21-09-2026 to 26-09-2026
October 2026	05-10-2026 to 10-10-2026	19-10-2026 to 24-10-2026
November 2026	02-11-2026 to 07-11-2026	23-11-2026 to 28-11-2026
December 2026	01-12-2026 to 05-12-2026	14-12-2026 to 19-12-2026
January 2027	04-01-2027 to 09-01-2027	18-01-2027 to 23-01-2027
February 2027	01-02-2027 to 06-02-2027	08-02-2027 to 13-02-2027

6 Vacation schedule

Onam vacation	21-08-2026 to 30-08-2026
Christmas vacation	23-12-2026 to 01-01-2027
Summer vacation	01-04-2027 to 31-05-2027
Reopening after summer vacation	01-06-2027

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