

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL
Academic Calendar 2026–2027
the calendar is subject to change

Fall Term 2026

August

1	Date upon which outstanding grades will be converted to F
5	Last day of on-campus classes for Executive LL.M. Class of 2026 (ELL.M. 26)
10-14	Summer II Final Exams for ELL.M. 26
17	First day of program for LL.M. Class of 2027
19	Start of LL.M. Classes in <i>Introduction to American Law</i> and in <i>LL.M. Legal Research & Writing</i>
21	First day of Final Online Classes for ELL.M. 26
24-26	1L J.D. Orientation
27	Start of 1L classes in <i>Legal Methods I</i> and <i>Legal Practice Workshop I</i>

September

1	Deadline for October 2026 Degree Candidates to submit outstanding 2025-26 written work
1	Degree application deadline for October 2026 Degree Candidates
4	Last day of 1L class <i>Legal Methods I</i> and LL.M. class <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
7	Labor Day - No classes
8	First day of Fall 2026 term classes. If enrolled in other schools, please refer to Columbia Academic Calendar for the first day of classes.
8 - 14	Add/Drop period; action required on waitlist notifications; after this period, all changes (excluding withdrawals from a course) require Rules Committee approval
14	Digital Registration forms on LawNet due
14 - Oct 15	Withdrawal from classes permitted with “W” recorded on the transcript
23	Last day of Final Online Classes for ELL.M. 26
25 - 30	Final exam period for ELL.M. 26
25	Final exam for LL.M. class <i>Introduction to American Law</i>

October

5	Grading deadline for <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
15	Deadline to submit outstanding 2025-26 written work for all upper-year courses
15	Deadline to withdraw from a current course with notation of “W” recorded on the transcript
21	Conferral of October 2026 degrees
26 - 30	1L midterm exam period

November

1	Degree application deadline for February 2027 Degree Candidates
3	Election Day - No Classes
15	Faculty grade submission deadline for all outstanding 2025-26 written work that received an extension
TBD	Add Drop Phase I
26 - 27	Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes

December

8	Last day of Law School classes; if enrolled in other schools, please refer to the Columbia Academic Calendar .
8	Last day for 2Ls and 3Ls to submit a digital Grade Adjustment form for Credit/Fail
9 - 10	Upper-year study days
9 - 13	1L study period
11 - 22	Exam Period (1L exams start on December 14)
23	Fall 2026 term ends; due date for submission of Fall 2026 written work; last day for rescheduled exams.
31	Deadline to submit outstanding written work for February 2027 LL.M. Degree Candidates.

Spring Term 2027

January

1	Degree applications for all May 2027 graduates due
5	1L Grades Due
TBD	Add/Drop Period for upper-year January elective classes
TBD	Add/Drop Period for 1L electives and Legal Methods II classes
TBD	Deadline to Register Pro Bono Project for May 2027 J.D. graduates
11 - 15	<i>Legal Methods II</i> and upper-year January elective classes
12 - 25	Add/Drop Phase II; after this date, all changes (excluding withdrawals) require Rules Committee petition approval
15	Upper-year Grades Due
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes
19	First day of Spring 2026 term classes. Please refer to Columbia Academic Calendar for the first day of classes at other schools.
26 - Feb 15	Withdrawal from classes permitted with the notation of "W"

February

- 5 *Legal Methods II* and upper year January elective 2027 grade submission deadline
- 10 Conferral of February 2027 degrees
- 16 Executive LL.M. Class of 2027 (ELL.M. 27) Welcome Webinar
- 19 First day of online classes for ELL.M. 27

March

- 1 Deadline to Complete Pro Bono Project for all May 2027 J.D. Graduates
- 15 - 19 Spring Recess - No Classes

April

- 1 Deadline to submit final draft of [Major Writing Credit](#) paper for all May 2027 J.D. graduates (*unless otherwise agreed to in writing with your supervising faculty*)
- 1 Deadline to submit all outstanding Fall 2026 written work for which an extension was granted
- 26 Last day of Law School Classes. If enrolled in other schools, please refer to [the Columbia Academic Calendar](#).
- 26 Last day for 2Ls and 3Ls to submit a digital [Grade Adjustment form for Credit/Fail](#)
- 27 - May 2 Upper-year study period
- 27 - May 3 1L study period

May

- 1 Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2027 written work for all May 2027 graduates
- 1 Deadline for all May 2027 LL.M. Degree Candidates to file final copy of [LL.M. Essay](#) with Office of Graduate Degree Programs (*discuss deadline with professor if necessary*)
- 3 – 14 Exam Period (1L exams begin May 4)
- 7 Last day of online classes for ELL.M. 27
- 10 - 17 Spring Exam Period for ELL.M. 27
- 14 Due date for submission of Spring 2027 written work for all continuing students
- 14 Spring 2027 term ends
- 15 Spring 2027 grade submission deadline for graduating students
- TBD Law School Graduation Ceremony
- 19 University Commencement & Degree Conferral
- 21 On-campus orientation for ELL.M. 27
- 24 First day of on-campus classes for ELL.M. 27
- 30 Spring 2027 grade submission deadline for all 1L students; Spring 2027 grade submission deadline for classes with 150 or fewer continuing students

June

11	Spring 2027 grade submission deadline for classes with 150 or more upperclass students
TBD	Class of 2028 First day of federal clerkship application review

July

31	Last date graded work will be considered for honors for 2026-2027 academic year for continuing students only
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