

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL
Academic Calendar 2025–2026
the calendar is subject to change

Fall Term 2025

August

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| 1 | Date upon which outstanding grades will be converted to F |
| 11-12 | LL.M. Orientation |
| 13 | Start of LL.M. Classes in <i>Introduction to American Law</i> and in <i>LL.M. Legal Research & Writing</i> |
| 13-September 8 | Add/Drop Period |
| 15 | Executive LL.M. Class of 2025: Last day of on-campus classes and exams |
| 18-20 | 1L J.D. Orientation |
| 21 | Start of 1L classes in <i>Legal Methods I</i> and <i>Legal Practice Workshop I</i> |
| 22 | Executive LL.M. Class of 2025: First day of Final Online Classes |
| 29 | Last day of 1L class <i>Legal Methods I</i> and LL.M. class <i>Introduction to American Law</i> |

September

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| 1 | October 2025 Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit outstanding 2024-25 written work granted an extension |
| 1 | October 2025 Degree Candidates: Degree applications due |
| 1 | Labor Day - No classes |
| 2 | First day of classes in term-long Law School courses. If enrolled in other schools please refer to Columbia Academic Calendar for the first day of classes. |
| 2-8 | Add/Drop continues; action required on waitlist notifications; after this date, all changes (excluding withdrawals) require Rules Committee petition approval |
| 8 | Digital Registration forms on LawNet are due |
| 9-October 15 | Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript |
| 19 | Final exam for LL.M. class <i>Introduction to American Law</i> |

October

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| 1 | LL.M.s: registration deadline for fall term LL.M. Writing Project |
| 1 | October 2025 LL.M. Degree Candidates: Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay with Office of Graduate Degree Programs |
| 1 | Executive LL.M. Class of 2025: Last day of Final Online Classes and Exams |
| 15 | All students (excluding October 2025 Degree Candidates): Deadline to submit outstanding 2024-25 written work that received an extension |
| 15 | All students: Deadline to withdraw from a Fall 2025 Law School course with a W grade; after this date the grade of F will be recorded |
| 15 | Conferral of October degrees |
| TBD | Executive LL.M. Class of 2025: Degrees Conferred |
| 24 | 1L midterm exams |

November

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| 4 | Election Day - No Classes |
| 15 | Grade submission deadline for outstanding 2024-25 written work that received an extension |
| 27-28 | Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes |

December

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| 5 | Last day of 1L and upper-year law school classes |
| 5 | Last day for 2Ls and 3Ls to submit a digital Grade Adjustment form for Credit/Fail |
| 6-7 | Upper-year study days |
| 6-11 | 1L study period |
| 8 | Last day of classes at other divisions of the University, if enrolled in other schools please refer to Columbia Academic Calendar . |
| 8-19 | Exam Period (1L exams start on December 12) |
| 22 | Fall 2025 term ends; due date for submission of Fall 2025 written work; last day for rescheduled exams. |
| 31 | February 2026 LL.M. Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit outstanding written work; last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay with Office of Graduate Degree Programs |

Spring Term 2026

January

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| 1 | May 2026 Degree Candidates: Degree applications due |
| TBD | Add/Drop Period for upper year January elective classes |
| TBD | 3Ls: Deadline to Register Pro Bono Project |
| 12-16 | Legal Methods II and upper year January elective classes |
| 16 | Fall 2025 grade submission deadline |
| TBD | Add/Drop Period |
| 19 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes |
| 20 | First day of all Law School classes. If enrolled in other schools please refer to Columbia Academic Calendar for the first day of classes. |
| TBD | Add/Drop continues; action required on waitlist notification; after this date, all changes (excluding withdrawals) require Rules Committee petition approval |
| TBD-February 15 | Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript |

February

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| 1 | LL.M.s: registration deadline for spring term LL.M. Writing Project |
| 6 | Legal Methods II and upper year January elective 2026 grade submission deadline |
| 11 | Conferral of February 2026 degrees |
| 15 | All students: Deadline to withdraw from a Spring 2025 Law School course with a W grade; after this date the grade of F will be recorded |
| TBD | Executive LL.M. Class of 2026: Welcome Webinar |

March

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| 1 | 3Ls: Complete Pro Bono Project |
| TBD | Executive LL.M. Class of 2026: First day of online classes |
| 16-20 | Spring Recess - No Classes |

April

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| 1 | 3Ls: Deadline to submit final draft of Major Writing Credit paper (<i>discuss deadline with professor if necessary</i>) |
| 1 | All students: Deadline to submit all outstanding fall 2025 written work that was granted an extension |
| 29 | Last day of Law School Classes |
| 29 | Last day for 2Ls and 3Ls to submit a digital Grade Adjustment form for Credit/Fail |
| 30-May 3 | Upper-year study period |
| 30-May 4 | 1L study period |

May

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| 1 | May 2026 JD & May 2026 LL.M. Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2026 written work |
| 1 | May 2026 LL.M. Degree Candidates: Deadline to file final copy of LL.M. Essay with Office of Graduate Degree Programs (<i>discuss deadline with professor if necessary</i>) |
| 4-15 | Exam Period (1L exams start on May 5) |
| 4 | Last day of classes at other divisions of the University, if enrolled in other schools please refer to Columbia Academic Calendar . |
| TBD | Spring 2026 grade submission deadline for graduating students |
| 15 | Continuing students: Due date for submission of Spring 2026 written work |
| 15 | Spring 2026 term ends |
| TBD | Law School Graduation Ceremony |
| 20 | University Commencement & Degree Conferral |
| TBD | Executive LL.M. Class of 2026: Last day of online classes |
| TBD | Executive LL.M. Class of 2026: Spring Exam Period |
| TBD | Executive LL.M. Class of 2026: On-campus orientation |
| TBD | Executive LL.M. Class of 2026: First day of on-campus classes |

June

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| 1 | Spring 2026 grade submission deadline, continuing students in classes with enrollment of fewer than 150 students |
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TBD Class of 2027 First day of federal clerkship application review
11 Spring 2026 grade submission deadline for continuing students in classes with enrollment of 150 or more students

July

31 Last date graded work will be considered for honors for 2025-2026 academic year