

# 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 &amp; Writing</i>
15	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2025:</b> 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	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2025:</b> 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>
TBD	Add/Drop Period

#### September

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1	<b>October 2025 Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding 2024-25 written work granted an extension
1	<b>October 2025 Degree Candidates:</b> Degree applications due
1	<b>Labor Day - No classes</b>
2	First day of classes in term-long Law School courses. If enrolled in other schools please refer to <a href="#">Columbia Academic Calendar</a> for the first day of classes.
TBD	Add/Drop continues; action required on waitlist notifications; after this date, all changes (excluding withdrawals) require Rules Committee petition approval
TBD	Digital Registration forms on LawNet are due
TBD-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 <a href="#">LL.M. Writing Project</a>
1	<b>October 2025 LL.M. Degree Candidates:</b> Last day to file final copy of <a href="#">LL.M. Essay</a> with Office of Graduate Degree Programs
1	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2025:</b> Last day of Final Online Classes and Exams
15	<b>All students (excluding October 2025 Degree Candidates):</b> Deadline to submit outstanding 2024-25 written work that received an extension
15	<b>All students:</b> 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	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2025:</b> Degrees Conferred
24	1L midterm exams

#### November

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

#### December

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1	<b>May 2026 Degree Candidates:</b> Degree applications due (tentative)
5	Last day of 1L and upper-year law school classes
5	Last day for 2Ls and 3Ls to submit a digital <a href="#">Grade Adjustment form for Credit/Fail</a>
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 <a href="#">Columbia Academic Calendar</a> .
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	<b>February 2026 LL.M. Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding written work; last day to file final copy of <a href="#">LL.M. Essay</a> with Office of Graduate Degree Programs

## Spring Term 2026

### January

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TBD	Add/Drop Period for upper year January elective classes
TBD	<b>3Ls:</b> Deadline to Register Pro Bono Project
12-16	<i>Legal Methods II</i> and upper year January elective classes
16	Fall 2025 grade submission deadline
TBD	Add/Drop Period
19	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes</b>
20	First day of all Law School classes. If enrolled in other schools please refer to <a href="#">Columbia Academic Calendar</a> 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	<b>LL.M.s:</b> registration deadline for spring term <a href="#">LL.M. Writing Project</a>
6	<i>Legal Methods II</i> and upper year January elective 2026 grade submission deadline
11	Conferral of February 2026 degrees
15	<b>All students:</b> 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	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2026:</b> Welcome Webinar

### March

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

### April

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

### May

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1	<b>May 2026 JD &amp; May 2026 LL.M. Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2026 written work
1	<b>May 2026 LL.M. Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to file final copy of <a href="#">LL.M. Essay</a> 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 <a href="#">Columbia Academic Calendar</a> .
TBD	Spring 2026 grade submission deadline for graduating students
15	<b>Continuing students:</b> Due date for submission of Spring 2026 written work
15	Spring 2026 term ends
TBD	Law School Graduation Ceremony
20	<b>University Commencement &amp; Degree Conferral</b>
TBD	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2026:</b> Last day of online classes
TBD	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2026:</b> Spring Exam Period
TBD	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2026:</b> On-campus orientation
TBD	<b>Executive LL.M. Class of 2026:</b> 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**

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

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