

Washington University School of Law
2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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FALL SEMESTER 2025

AUGUST

1	Fri	LL.M., MLS and Exchange Student Mandatory Orientation Begins
11	Mon	LL.M., MLS and Exchange Student First Day of Classes
TBD		Raise the Bar Pre-Orientation
18	Mon	First-Year J.D. Student Orientation
18-21	Mon – Thur	Introduction to Negotiation Course
22	Fri	Transfer Student Orientation
25	Mon	First day of classes
31	Sun	Last day to add an upper-level course without faculty approval *

SEPTEMBER

1	Mon	Labor Day holiday (no classes)
5	Fri	All Waitlists Cleared (full term courses)
21	Sun	Last day to drop an upper-level course without a PW * (permitted withdrawal) reflected on transcript *

OCTOBER

6-7	Mon-Tue	Fall break (no classes)
19	Sun	Last day to drop an upper-level course without faculty approval *

NOVEMBER

TBA	Tues	7:30am - Online registration for spring classes for 3Ls
TBA	Wed	7:30am - Online registration for spring classes for 2Ls
TBA	Thu	7:30am – Online registration for spring classes for LL.M., MLS & Exchange students
26	Wed	Monday classes meet (Wednesday classes do not meet)
26	Wed	Last day of fall classes
27-28	Thu-Fri	Thanksgiving break

DECEMBER

1	Mon	Final Exam period begins
12	Fri	Final Exam period ends

SPRING SEMESTER 2026

JANUARY

5-9	Mon-Fri	January Intersession (1L Negotiation Course)
12	Mon	First day of spring classes
18	Sun	Last day to add a spring upper-level course without faculty approval*
19	Mon	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday (no classes)
23	Fri	All Waitlists Cleared (full term courses)

FEBRUARY

8	Sun	Last day to drop an upper-level course without a PW (permitted withdrawal) reflected on transcript *
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MARCH

8	Sun	Last day to drop an upper-level course without faculty approval *
8-15	Sun-Sun	Spring break (no classes)

APRIL

TBA	Tues	Online registration for fall classes for rising 3Ls
TBA	Wed	Online registration for fall classes for rising 2Ls
TBA	Thur	Online registration for fall classes for continuing LL.M., MLS & Exchange students
17	Fri	Last day of classes
20	Mon	Final Exam period begins

MAY

1	Fri	Final Exam period ends
15	Fri	Commencement Day

* unless otherwise specified in course description, by professor, or by Registrar's Office