

**Washington University School of Law**  
**2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**  
*[Revised 1/8/2026]*

**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
18-22	Mon - Fri	First-Year J.D. Student Orientation
18-21	Mon – Thur	Introduction to Negotiation & Dispute Resolution 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 W (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**

11	Tues	7:30am - Online registration for spring classes for 3Ls
12	Wed	7:30am - Online registration for spring classes for 2Ls
13	Thur	7:30am – Online registration for spring classes for 1Ls and 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
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 W (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**

14	Tues	Online registration for fall classes for current 3Ls (December 2026 graduates)
15	Wed	Online registration for fall classes for current 2Ls
16	Thurs	Online registration for fall classes for current 1Ls and continuing LLM, 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