

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**  
**Academic Calendar 2017–2018**

**Autumn Term 2017**

**August**

14-15	1 <sup>st</sup> year JD Registration & Orientation
15	LLM Registration & Orientation
16	Start of 1 <sup>st</sup> year JD classes in <i>Legal Methods</i> and in <i>Legal Practice Workshop</i>
16	Start of LLM Classes in <i>Introduction to American Law</i> and in <i>Legal Research &amp; Writing</i> .
28-September 4	Voluntary Change of Program Period (Add/Drop)

**September**

1	<b>October 2017 Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding 2016-17 written work granted an extension
1	Last day of 1 <sup>st</sup> year JD class <i>Legal Methods</i> .
1	Last day of LLM class <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
4	<b>Labor Day - No classes</b>
5	First day of classes in term-long Law School courses. First day of classes at other divisions of the University.
5-11	Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) continues; action required on wait-list notifications; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
15	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to register for Major Writing Credit
12-October 15	Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript
28	<i>Legal Methods</i> Study Day – No 1L classes
28	<b>LLMs:</b> registration deadline for fall term writing projects
29	Final exam for 1 <sup>st</sup> year JD class <i>Legal Methods</i>
29	Final exam for LLM class <i>Introduction to American Law</i>

**October**

1	<b>October 2017 LLM Degree Candidates:</b> Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
15	Final date to withdraw from a Fall 2017 Law School course; the grade of F will be recorded for withdrawals after this date.
15	Final date to submit outstanding 2016-17 written work that was granted an extension
18	Conferral of October degrees

**November**

3	<b>Deadline to submit an Exam Rescheduling Request</b>
23-24	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes</b>

**December**

1	<b>May 2018 Degree Candidates:</b> Degree applications due
1	Last day of 1L classes
2-7	1L study period
8-20	1L exams
8	Last day of upper-year Law School classes
9-10	Upper-year study days
11	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
11-20	Upper-year exams
20	Fall 2017 term ends; due date for submission of Fall 2017 written work
31	<b>February 2018 Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding written work; last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies

**Spring Term 2018**

**January**

8-16	Voluntary Change of Program Period (Add/Drop)
15	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes</b>
16	First day of all Law School classes. First day of classes at other divisions of the University
16-22	Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) continues; action required on wait-list notification; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
26	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to register for Minor Writing Credit
23-February 15	Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript.

**February**

1	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to submit first draft of Major Writing Credit paper
1	<b>LLMs:</b> registration deadline for spring term writing projects
15	Final date to withdraw from a Spring 2018 Law School course; the grade of F will be recorded for withdrawals after this date.
14	Conferral of February 2018 degrees

**March**

12-16	<b>Spring Recess - No Classes</b>
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**April**

1	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to submit final draft of Major Writing Credit paper
1	<b>All students:</b> Deadline to submit all outstanding Fall 2017 written work that was granted an extension
25	Last day of Law School classes
25	<b>May 2018 JD Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2018 written work
25	<b>May 2018 LLM Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2018 written work.; Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
26-29	Upper-year study period.
26-30	1L study period
30 –May 11	Upper-year exams
30	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University

**May**

1-11	1L exams
11	Last day of exams for all Law School courses
11	<b>Continuing students:</b> Due date for submission of Spring 2018 written work
11	Spring 2018 term ends
16	<b>University Commencement &amp; Degree Conferral</b>
TBA	Law School Graduation Ceremony

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**NOTE: If a deadline falls on a weekend, requests will be accepted until the next business day**