

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**  
**Academic Calendar 2009–2010**

**Autumn Term 2009**

**Spring Term 2010**

**August**

17-18	1 <sup>st</sup> year J.D. Registration & Orientation
19-Sept. 4	1 <sup>st</sup> year J.D. classes in <i>Legal Methods (LM)</i> and in <i>Legal Practice Workshop (Legal Practice Workshop)</i> continues throughout the fall term); <i>LM</i> Final Exam on October 2.
17	LL.M. Registration & Orientation
18-Sept. 4	Intensive <i>Comparative Introduction to American Law (CIAL)</i> classes (Civil Law LL.M. students); Part I of <i>CIAL</i> final exam on Sept. 4; Part II on Sept. 18
31-Sept. 4	One-week <i>Intensive Professional Responsibility</i> classes; Final exam on Sept. 25
31	Change of Program (Add/Drop) period begins (only voluntary changes until Sept. 8)

**September**

4	End of classes in: 1L <i>Legal Methods; Intensive Professional Responsibility</i> ; LL.M. <i>CIAL</i> .
4	Final Exam for <i>CIAL</i> Part I (LL.M.'s)
7	<b>Labor Day. No classes</b>
8	First day of all other Law classes for 1L and upper-year courses. First day of classes at other divisions of the University
8-15	Law School Change of Program (Add/Drop) Period continues. Action required on wait-list notifications.
15	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date, changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
15	Deadline for 3L's to register for Major Writing Credit.
18	Final Exam for <i>CIAL</i> Part II (LL.M.'s)
25	Final Exam for <i>Intensive Professional Responsibility</i>

**October**

1	All work for the October degree must be submitted by this date. Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay in Graduate Legal Studies Office for October degree
1-2	<i>Legal Methods</i> Study Day and Exam. No 1L classes
2	Final exam for 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> course
15	Final deadline for submission of outstanding written work from the 2008-09 academic year
21	Conferral of October degrees

**November**

26-27 **Thanksgiving Holiday. No Classes**

**December**

4	Last day of 1L classes
5-10	1L study period (Exams Dec. 11-22)
11	Last day of upper-year Law classes;
11-22	1L exams
12-13	Upper-year study day (Exams Dec. 14-22)
14-22	Upper-year exams
14	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
22	Fall term ends; deadline for submission of Fall 2009 written work;
31	Due date for outstanding work (all February candidates). Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay in Graduate Legal Studies Office for February degree.

**January**

4	Change of Program (Add/Drop) period begins (only voluntary changes until January 11)
11	First day of all Law School classes
11-19	Law School Change of Program (Add/Drop) Period continues. Action required on wait-list notifications.
18	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed. No Classes</b>
19	First day of classes at other divisions of the University
19	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date, changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
19	Deadline for May 2010 JD candidates to register for Minor Writing Credit

**February**

1	Major Writing Credit: due date for May 2010 JD candidates to submit first draft of paper
10	Conferral of February degrees

**March**

15-19 **Spring Break. No classes**

**April**

1	Major Writing Credit: deadline for May 2010 JD candidates to submit final draft of paper
1	Graduating students: Deadline for submission of outstanding Fall 2009 written work
26	Graduating students: Deadline for submission of Spring 2010 written work
26	Last day of Law School classes
27-29	Upper-year study period
27-May 3	1L study period
30-May 14	Upper-year exams

**May**

1	Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay in Graduate Legal Studies office for May degree.
3	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
4-14	1L exams
14	Last day of exams
14	Continuing students: Deadline for submission of Spring 2010 written work
14	Spring term ends
19	<b>University Commencement &amp; Degree Conferral</b>
20	Law School Graduation Ceremony

October 2008