

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**  
**Academic Calendar 2012–2013**

**Autumn Term 2012**

**Spring Term 2013**

**August**

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14	LL.M. Registration & Orientation
15-31	Intensive LL.M. <i>Introduction to American Law (IAL)</i> and <i>Legal Research &amp; Writing</i> classes. <i>IAL</i> Final exam on September 21.
15-31	Intensive <i>Professional Responsibility</i> course; Final Exam on September 21.
16-17	1 <sup>st</sup> year J.D. Registration & Orientation
20-Sept. 6	1 <sup>st</sup> year J.D. classes in <i>Legal Methods (LM)</i> and in <i>Legal Practice Workshop (LPW)</i> . <i>LPW</i> continues throughout the fall term; <i>LM</i> Final Exam on Sept. 28
27	Change of Program (Add/Drop) period begins (only voluntary changes until September 4)
31	End of classes in Intensive <i>Professional Responsibility</i> and in <i>Introduction to American Law (IAL)</i>

**September**

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3	<b>Labor Day. No classes</b>
4 (Tuesday)	First day of all other upperyear Law classes. First day of classes at other divisions of the University.
4-11	Law School Change of Program (Add/Drop) Period continues. Action required on wait-list notifications.
6	End of classes in 1L <i>Legal Methods</i>
10 (Monday)	First day of all other 1L classes.
11	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date, changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
11	Deadline for 3L's to register for Major Writing Credit.
21	Final exams for Intensive <i>Professional Responsibility</i> and for LLM <i>IAL</i>
28	Final exam for <i>Legal Methods</i> . No 1L classes.

**October**

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1	<b>October 2012 Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding written work; Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay with Graduate Legal Studies.
15	Final date to submit outstanding written work from the 2011-12 academic year. <b>Grades due by Nov. 15;</b> Final date to drop a Fall 2012 course (the notation of W will be recorded for these late drops).
17	Conferral of October degrees

**November**

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22-23	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday. No Classes</b>
30	Last day of 1L classes
30	<b>May 2013 Candidates:</b> Degree applications due.
30-Dec. 6	1L study period (Exams Dec. 7-19)

**December**

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7	Last day of upperyear Law classes;
7-19	1L exams
8-9	Upperyear study days (Exams Dec. 10-19)
10-19	Upperyear exams
10	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
19	Fall term ends. Due date for submission of Fall 2012 written work.
31	<b>February 2013 Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding written work; Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay with Graduate Legal Studies.

**January**

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14	Change of Program (Add/Drop) period begins (only voluntary changes until January 22)
21	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed. No Classes</b>
22 (Tuesday)	First day of all Law School classes. First day of classes at other divisions of the University.
22-29	Law School Change of Program (Add/Drop) Period continues. Action required on wait-list notifications.
29	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date, changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
29	<b>May 2013 JD candidates:</b> Deadline to register for Minor Writing Credit paper.

**February**

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1	<b>May 2013 JD candidates:</b> Deadline to submit first draft of Major Writing Credit paper.
13	Conferral of February degrees
15	Final date to drop a Spring 2013 course (the notation of W will be recorded for these late drops).

**March**

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18-22	<b>Spring Break. No classes</b>
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**April**

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1	<b>May 2013 JD candidates:</b> Deadline to submit final draft of Major Writing Credit paper.
1	<b>All students:</b> Deadline to submit all outstanding Fall 2012 written work.

**May**

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1 (Wednesday)	Last day of Law School classes
1	<b>May 2013 Degree Candidates (All):</b> Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2013 written work.
1	<b>May 2013 LL.M. degree candidates:</b> Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay with Graduate Legal Studies.
2-5	Upperyear study period (Exams May 6-17)
2-6	1L study period (Exams May 7-17)
6	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
6-17	Upperyear exams
7-17	1L exams
17	Last day of exams for all Law courses
17	<b>Continuing students:</b> Due date for submission of Spring 2013 written work.
17	Spring term ends
22 (Wednesday)	<b>University Commencement &amp; Degree Conferral</b>
23 (Thursday)	Law School Graduation Ceremony