

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Academic Calendar 2020–2021

Fall Term 2020

September

1	October 2020 Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit outstanding 2019-20 written work granted an extension
1	October 2020 Degree Candidates: Degree applications due
4-18	Add/Drop Period
7	Labor Day – No Classes
8	First day of LLM classes in <i>Introduction to American Law</i> First day of 1 st year JD classes in <i>Legal Methods I</i>
11	Last day of 1 st year JD class <i>Legal Methods I</i>
14	First day of upper year classes in term-long Law School courses
14-18	Add/Drop continues; action required on wait-list notifications; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition
15	First day of 1L classes in term-long Law School courses
18	First day of Friday LLM classes in <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
21-October 15	Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript
25	Last day of Executive LLM 2020 classes
25	3L's: Deadline to register for Major Writing Credit Deadline for all students to register for supervised research LLMs: registration deadline for fall term writing projects

October

1	October 2020 LL.M. Degree Candidates: Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
9	Last day of Friday LLM classes in <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
15	Final date to submit outstanding 2019-20 written work that was granted an extension
15	Final date to withdraw from a Fall 2020 Law School course; the grade of F will be recorded for withdrawals after this date
16	Final exam for LLM class <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
21	Conferral of October degrees

November

3	Election Day - No Classes
15	Grade submission deadline for outstanding 2019-20 written work that was granted an extension
26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes

December

1	May 2021 Degree Candidates: Degree applications due
11	Last day of all Law School classes
14	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
14-23	Fall 2020 exams
23	Due date for submission of Fall 2020 written work
31	February 2021 Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit outstanding written work; last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay with Graduate Legal Studies

Spring Term 2021

January

7-8	Orientation for incoming LL.M. students
7-20	Add/Drop Period
8	Fall 2020 grades due
11	First day of LLM Classes in <i>Introduction to American Law</i> (for LLM students beginning their degree program in the Spring 2021 term)
14	First day of classes in term-long Law School courses
14-20	Add/Drop continues; action required on wait-list notifications; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition
15	First day of 1 st year JD Friday classes in <i>Legal Methods II</i>
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes
21-February 15	Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript

21 **3L's:** Deadline to register for Minor Writing Credit
Deadline for all students to register for supervised research
LLMs: registration deadline for spring term writing projects

February

1 **3L's:** Deadline to submit first draft of Major Writing Creditpaper
10 Conferral of February 2021 degrees
12 Last day of 1st year JD Friday classes in *Legal Methods II*
15 Final date to withdraw from a Spring 2021 Law School course; the grade of F will be recorded for withdrawals after this date

March

1-5 **Spring Recess - No Classes**
8 Welcome Webinar for Executive LLM Class of 2021
22 Start of Executive LLM 2021 online classes

April

1 **3L's:** Deadline to submit final draft of Major Writing Creditpaper
All students: Deadline to submit all outstanding Fall 2020 written work that was granted an extension
15 Classes held on a **Monday** schedule
Last day of Law School classes
May 2021 JD Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2021 written work
May 2021 LLM Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2021 written work; Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
19-26 Spring 2021 exams
27 Spring 2021 grade submission deadline for graduating students
Continuing students: Due date for submission of Spring 2021 written work
TBD (week of 4/27) Law School Graduation Ceremony
TBD (week of 4/27) **University Commencement**

Summer Term 2021

May

3 Summer Session 1A begin and first day of Summer 2021 classes
24 Summer Session 1A classes end
24-25 Executive LLM 2021 orientation
26 Summer Session 1B begin
31 Memorial Day – No Classes

June

TBD Class of 2022 Federal Clerkship Application Deadlines
TBD Spring 2021 grade submission deadline, continuing students in classes with enrollments of fewer than 150 students
TBD Spring 2021 grade submission deadline for continuing students in classes with enrollments of 150 or more students
18 Summer Session 1B classes end
21-25 Summer Recess – No Classes
28 Summer Session 2A classes begin

July

5 **Independence Day Observed – No Classes**
20 Summer Session 2A classes end
22 Summer Session 2B classes begin
31 Last date submitted work will be considered for honors for 2020-2021 academic year
Date upon which outstanding grades will be converted to F

August

16 Summer Session 2B classes end and last day of Summer 2021 classes