

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**  
**Academic Calendar 2020–2021**

**Fall Term 2020**

September

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1	<b>October 2020 Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding 2019-20 written work granted an extension
1	<b>October 2020 Degree Candidates:</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> year JD classes in <i>Legal Methods I</i>
11	Last day of 1 <sup>st</sup> 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	Add/Drop ends
	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	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to register for Major Writing Credit
	Deadline for all students to register for supervised research
	<b>LLMs:</b> registration deadline for fall term writing projects

October

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1	<b>October 2020 LL.M. Degree Candidates:</b> 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

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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

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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

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7-8	Orientation for incoming LL.M. students
7-21	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
14-21	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 <sup>st</sup> year JD Friday classes in <i>Legal Methods II</i>
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes
21	Add/drop ends
22-February 15	Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript
29	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to register for Minor Writing Credit
	Deadline for all students to register for supervised research
	<b>LLMs:</b> registration deadline for spring term writing projects

## February

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1	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to submit first draft of Major Writing Credit paper
10	Conferral of February 2021 degrees
12	Last day of 1 <sup>st</sup> year JD Friday classes in <i>Legal Methods II</i>
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

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

## April

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1	3L's: Deadline to submit final draft of Major Writing Credit paper
15	All students: Deadline to submit all outstanding Fall 2020 written work that was granted an extension Classes held on a <b>Monday</b> 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
26	Continuing students: Due date for submission of Spring 2021 written work
27	Spring 2021 grade submission deadline for graduating students
TBD (week of 4/27)	Law School Graduation Ceremony
TBD (week of 4/27)	University Commencement

## Summer Term 2021

## May

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

## June

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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
15	Summer Session 1B classes end
18	Summer Session 1B exams
21-25	Summer Recess – No Classes
28	Summer Session 2A classes begin

## July

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5	Independence Day Observed – No Classes
16	Summer Session 2A classes end
20	Summer Session 2A exams
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

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10	Summer Session 2B classes end
16	Summer Session 2B classes exams