

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Academic Calendar 2020–2021

Autumn Term 2020

August	
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14	End of Executive LLM 2020 on campus classes
17-18	LLM Registration & Orientation
19	Start of LLM Classes in <i>Introduction to American Law</i> and in <i>LL.M. Legal Research & Writing</i> .
24-26	1 st year JD Registration & Orientation
27	Start of 1 st year JD classes in <i>Legal Methods I</i> and <i>Legal Practice Workshop I</i> .
31	Last Executive LLM 2020 online class begins
31-September 14	Change of Program Period
September	
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1	October 2020 Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit outstanding 2019-20 written work granted an extension
4	Last day of 1 st year JD class <i>Legal Methods I</i> and LLM class <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
7	Labor Day - No classes
8	First day of classes in term-long Law School courses. First day of classes at other divisions of the University.
8-14	Change of Program Period continues; action required on wait-list notifications; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
15-October 19	Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript
21	3L's: Deadline to register for Major Writing Credit
21	Deadline for all students to register for supervised research
25	Last day of Executive LLM 2020 classes
October	
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1	LLMs: registration deadline for fall term writing projects
1	October 2020 LL.M. Degree Candidates: Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
2	Final exams for 1 st year JD class <i>Legal Methods I</i> and LLM class <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
15	Final date to submit outstanding 2019-20 written work that was granted an extension
19	Final date to withdraw from a Fall 2020 Law School course; the grade of F will be recorded for withdrawals after this date.
21	Conferral of October degrees
29	1L study day
30	1L mid-term exams
November	
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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
4	Last day of 1L classes
5-10	1L study period
11-24	1L exams
11	Last day of upper-year Law School classes
12-13	Upper-year study days
14	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
14-24	Upper-year exams
24	Fall 2019 term ends; due date for submission of Fall 2019 written work
31	February 2021 LL.M. 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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11-15	<i>Legal Methods II</i> and upper year January elective classes
11-25	Change of Program Period
15	Fall 2020 grade submission deadline
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes

19	First day of all Law School classes. First day of classes at other divisions of the University
18-25	Change of Program Period continues; action required on wait-list notification; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
26-February 17	Withdrawal from classes permitted; the notation of W will be recorded on the transcript.

February

1	3L's: Deadline to submit first draft of Major Writing Credit paper
1	LLMs: registration deadline for spring term writing projects
3	3L's: Deadline to register for Minor Writing Credit
3	Deadline for all students to register for supervised research
10	Conferral of February 2021 degrees
15	Final date to withdraw from a Spring 2021 Law School course; the grade of F will be recorded for withdrawals after this date.
22	Welcome Webinar for Executive LLM Class of 2021

March

15-19	Spring Recess - No Classes
22	Start of Executive LLM 2021 online classes

April

1	3L's: Deadline to submit final draft of Major Writing Credit paper
1	All students: Deadline to submit all outstanding Fall 2020 written work that was granted an extension
28	Last day of Law School classes
29-May 2	Upper-year study period.
29-May 3	1L study period

May

1	May 2021 JD Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2021 written work
1	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
3	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
3-13	Upper-year exams
4-13	1L exams
14	Spring 2021 grade submission deadline for graduating students
14	Continuing students: Due date for submission of Spring 2021 written work
14	Spring 2021 term ends
TBD	Law School Graduation Ceremony
19	University Commencement & Degree Conferral
20-21	Executive LLM 2021 on campus orientation
24	Start of Executive LLM 2021 on campus classes

June

1	Spring 2021 grade submission deadline, continuing students in classes with enrollments of fewer than 150 students
11	Spring 2021 grade submission deadline for continuing students in classes with enrollments of 150 or more students
15	Deadline for students to apply for clerkships

July

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
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