

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (version June 11, 2024)

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FALL SEMESTER 2024

July 28, Sunday	Recommended last day to submit non-emergency ADA accommodation requests for Fall 2024 to the Howard University Office of Student Services (HU OSS). Submissions made after this date may not be processed in time for final exams this semester. For full information on how to submit a request visit: Accommodations Howard University School of Law . Note that students must recertify with HU OSS every semester and then provide an approval letter to HUSL OSA by the deadline below.
August 2, Friday to August 9, Friday	Fall orientation for 1L, LL.M., transfer, and exchange students.
August 9, Friday	Pinning Ceremony, 6pm Dunbarton Chapel
August 12, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN FOR 1L STUDENTS ONLY
August 12, Monday to August 15, Thursday	Orientation for Clinics. Each clinic supervisor will contact students to inform them of the specific times, dates, and locations for their clinic orientations.
August 16, Friday	All Clinic and Externship Orientation. All clinic and externship students must be present to remain enrolled in the course.
August 19, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN FOR 2L AND 3L STUDENTS.
August 19, Monday to August 30, Friday	Late Registration/Add/Drop period. August 30 is the last date to add or drop a course. After this date, students must withdraw before the deadline and will have a “W” for the course.
August 19 through October 18	3L academic advisement with Dean Olivares to ensure graduation. Come to open hours or office hours. Ensure compliance with all requirements in the Graduation Checklist and the Student Handbook before your advising appointment.
September 2, Monday	University Closed – Labor Day Observed
September 3, Tuesday	Deadline for instructors to verify enrollment in all courses in BisonHub.
September 5, Thursday	Deadline to send Fall 2024 exam conflicts alternate exam day request. See eligibility below. The form and instructions are posted on the Office of Academic Affairs TWEN site.
September 6, Friday	Deadline to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees. Students must complete the withdrawal process before this date to receive a 100% refund of tuition/fees. Please note that the student must submit the online Total Withdrawal Request Form by searching on the HU website for “total withdrawal.”

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September 9, Monday	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for Fall 2024 prospective candidates.
September 13, Friday	Opening Convocation Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 a.m. (Classes suspended from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
September 16, Monday	Deadline to provide a copy of your letter to the HUSL Office of Student Affairs of approved, non-emergency ADA accommodations for Fall 2024 <u>midterm</u> exams and midterm assessments. For complete information on the process, visit: Accommodations Howard University School of Law . Note that students must recertify with HU OSS and then provide their approval letter to HUSL OSA every semester.
September 23, Monday	Deadline to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. Students must complete the online withdrawal process. Search “total withdrawal” on the HU website for the updated form.
October 4, Friday	Preliminary Enrollment Census Date
September 30- October 11 (for 1Ls and upper-level students) October 14- October 18 (upper-level students only)	Fall Midterm assessments and exams - All assessments occur during this time. Midterm assessments may occur during class time for a duration that is less than the class meeting OR may be in take-home format for a period of no less than 12 hours. Upper-class students may have multiple midterm assessments on one day. There are no alternate exam day requests for midterm assessments. ADA-accommodated students must have their approved accommodations by the beginning of the fall semester (see deadline and information above). Upper-level course midterms are at the discretion of the professor. 1L schedule: Civil Procedure: Monday, September 30 Legislation Regulation: Wednesday, October 2 Torts: Tuesday, October 8 Contracts (occurs during fall final exam period)
October 14, Monday	University Closed- Mental Health Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
October 18, Friday	Final Enrollment Census Date check
October 25, Friday	Deadline for Independent Study proposals; petitions to study abroad, visit another institution, or participate in an exchange program for Spring 2025. Review procedures in Student Handbook and information on TWEN and submit proposals and petitions to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

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October 25, Friday	Deadline to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees (Last day for tuition/fee refunds). Students must complete the online withdrawal process. Search “total withdrawal” on the HU website for the updated form.
October 28, Monday to April 4, Friday	Graduation application is available via BisonHub for Spring 2025 prospective candidates.
November 5, Tuesday	Spring 2025 registration begins at 9 am (3L students only)
November 7, Thursday	Spring 2025 registration begins at 9 am (2L and LLM students) Note that registration is available every day (24/7) on BisonHub until the end of the Add/Drop period.
November 8, Friday	Last day to withdraw from a course. Students will receive 0% refund of tuition/fees. Students must complete withdrawal process before this date or will receive an “F” grade for the course. Last day to complete a total withdrawal from the University. Students must complete the online withdrawal process. Search “total withdrawal” on the HU website for the updated form. Last day to request institutional short-term emergency loan. Deadline for prospective Fall 2025 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub.
November 11, Monday	University Closed – Veteran’s Day Observed
November 11, Monday	Deadline to provide a copy of your letter to the HUSL Office of Student Affairs of approved, non-emergency ADA accommodations for Fall 2025 final exams. See above for recommended deadlines to request accommodations with the Office of Student Services. Note that students must recertify with HU OSS and then provide their approval letter to HUSL OSA by the deadline every semester.
November 20, Wednesday	FORMAL CLASSES END FOR 1LS.
November 21, Thursday to December 2, Monday	Reading period for 1L students
November 27, Wednesday	FORMAL CLASSES END FOR 2LS AND 3LS.

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	Afternoon and evening classes meet on this day unless professor otherwise assures class meeting times are complete.
November 28, Thursday to December 1, Sunday	University Closed – Thanksgiving Recess
November 29, Friday to December 2, Monday	Reading Period for 2L and 3L students
December 3, Tuesday December 13, Friday	Final examinations- see schedule below
December 2, Monday	Deadline for students to clear Spring 2024 Incomplete Grades
December 6, Friday	Deadline for Academic Dean to submit special grade reports to the Office of the Registrar for removal of Spring 2024 Incomplete grades.
December 13, Friday	FIRST SEMESTER ENDS
December 14, Saturday	Official GRADUATION DATE for Fall 2024 degree recipients
December 23, Monday to January 3, Friday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED- WINTER RECESS

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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

FALL 2024

To be provided by August 2024

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SPRING SEMESTER 2025

January 6, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN FOR ALL STUDENTS
January 7, Tuesday	Recommended last day to submit non-emergency ADA accommodation requests for Spring 2025 to the Howard University Office of Student Services (HU OSS). Submissions made after this date may not be processed in time for exams this semester. For full information on how to submit a request visit: Accommodations Howard University School of Law . Note that students must recertify with HU OSS every semester and then provide an approval letter to HUSL OSA by the deadline below.
January 8, Wednesday	Mandatory spring Clinic and Externship Orientation (times and location TBD).
January 6, Monday to January 17, Friday	Late Registration/Add/Drop period. January 17 is the last date to add or drop a course. After this date, students must withdraw before the deadline and will have a “W” for the course.
January 15, Wednesday	Externship Application deadline for Spring 2025 Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis up until the deadline or until the class is full, whichever is earlier.
January 20, Monday	University Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Day & Inauguration Day
January 24, Friday	Deadline to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees. Students must complete the withdrawal process before this date to receive a 100% refund of tuition/fees. Students must complete the online withdrawal process. Search “total withdrawal” on the HU website for the updated form. Deadline for receipt of Fall 2024 graduation recommendations in the Office of the Registrar.
January 24, Friday	Spring 1L Orientation- 1Ls are mandated to attend. 1L courses that conflict with the orientation schedule are cancelled.
January 29, Wednesday	Deadline to send Spring 2025 exam conflicts alternate exam day request. See eligibility below. The form and information are posted on Office of Academic Affairs TWEN.
February 7, Friday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED- Mental Health Day

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February 4, Tuesday	Deadline to provide a copy of your letter to the HUSL Office of Student Affairs of approved, non-emergency ADA accommodations for Spring 2025 <u>midterm</u> exams and midterm assessments. For complete information on the process, visit: Accommodations Howard University School of Law . Note that students must recertify with HU OSS and then provide their approval letter to HUSL OSA every semester.
February 14, Friday	Deadline to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. Students must complete the online withdrawal process. Search “total withdrawal” on the HU website for the updated form. Preliminary Enrollment Census Date
February 17, Monday	University Closed – President’s Day Observed
February 17- February 27	Fall Midterm assessments and exams - All assessments occur during this time. Midterm assessments may occur during class time for a duration that is less than the class meeting OR may be in take-home format for a period of no less than 12 hours. Upper-class students may have multiple midterm assessments on one day. There are no alternate exam day requests for midterm assessments. ADA-accommodated students must have their approved accommodations by the beginning of the fall semester (see deadline and information above). Upper-level course midterms are at the discretion of the professor. 1L schedule: Criminal Law (Section 1): Wednesday, February 19 Criminal Law (Sections 2 & 3): Thursday, February 20 Property (all sections): Tuesday, February 25 Constitutional Law I (all sections): Thursday, February 27 Contracts (occurs during Fall 2024 final exam period)
February 28, Friday	Charter Day Convocation – Cramton Auditorium 11:00 A.M. (Classes suspended 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees (Last day for tuition/fees refund). Students must complete the online withdrawal process. Search “total withdrawal” on the HU website for the updated form.
March 1, Saturday to March 9, Sunday	Howard University School of Law closed – Spring Break
March 9, Sunday	Final Enrollment Census Date

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March 14, Friday	Deadline for petitions for readmission for Fall 2025. Review the provisions and information in the Student Handbook and on OAA TWEN. Meet with the Dean of Academic Affairs if you have any questions.
March 24, Monday	Summer 2025 Registration begins for Continuing students and continues through the deadline in summer. Note that financial aid awards are tentatively set to disburse in June 2025, after all spring 2025 grades are posted. If a student is near the academic probation minimum of 75 GPA, they should be aware that they are ineligible for summer financial aid. Moreover, students in danger of academic dismissal should not register for summer school.
March 24, Monday	Graduation application is available for Summer 2025 prospective candidates.
April 7, Monday	Deadline for Independent Study proposals; petitions to study abroad, visit another institution, or participate in an exchange program for Summer 2025 and Fall 2025. Review the rules and processes in the Student Handbook and in OAA TWEN and submit proposals and petitions to the Office of Academic Affairs.
April 8, Tuesday	Fall 2025 registration begins for current 2L students.
April 10, Thursday	Fall 2025 registration for current 1L and LLM students.
April 14, Monday	Deadline to provide a copy of your letter to the HUSL Office of Student Affairs of approved, non-emergency ADA accommodations for Spring 2025 final exams. See above for recommended deadlines to request accommodations with the Office of Student Services. Note that students must recertify with HU OSS and then provide their approval letter to HUSL OSA by the deadline every semester.
April 18, Friday	Deadline for prospective Spring 2025 graduates to apply for graduation via Bison Hub (Fees Apply).
April 23, Wednesday	Formal Classes End
April 24, Thursday to April 28, Monday	Reading Period
April 25, Friday	Deadline for students to clear Fall 2024 incomplete grades with instructors. Note that no student can graduate with an Incomplete or a blank grade.
April 29, Tuesday to May 8, Thursday	Final Examinations - see schedule below.
May 2, Friday	Deadline for Records office to submit special grade reports to

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	the Office of the Registrar for removal of incomplete grades for Fall 2024.
May 7, Wednesday to May 8, Thursday	Graduation clearance for spring graduates.
May 9, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Spring 2024 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar.
May 9, Friday	Baccalaureate – Howard University School of Law—Dunbarton Chapel, 11:00 A.M.
May 10, Saturday	Commencement TBD, 10:00 A.M School of Law Hooding Ceremony Burr Gymnasium - Main Campus, 2:30 P.M.

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TBD by December 2024

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SUMMER SEMESTER 2025 (SCHOOL OF LAW ONLY)

Note that students will not receive financial aid for summer school until all spring 2025 grades are posted. This usually does not occur until at least mid-June. Students therefore should plan to not receive aid until at least then. **Note that this schedule may change and that your summer school professor may elect to start classes a week earlier than noted here. More information will be provided closer to the beginning of summer school.**

March 24, Monday to May 19, Monday	Registration for all students; payment-in-full due upon registration. (Add or drop a course without a grade of “W”).
May 19 Monday	First day of first week of classes (but see note above)
May 19, Monday	Deadline to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees. Payment Due in Full for Summer Registration (All Students). Please note that the online Total Withdrawal Request Form must be submitted to drop a summer course.
May 23, Friday	Deadline to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. Note that the online Total Withdrawal Request Form must be submitted to drop out of a summer course.
May 26, Monday	University Closed – Memorial Day
May 30, Friday	Deadline to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees. Please note that the online Total Withdrawal Request Form must be submitted to drop a summer course.
June 6, Friday	LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE Last day to complete a total withdrawal from the University (Summer session only)
June 19, Thursday	University Closed- Juneteenth Observed
July 1, Monday	Deadline to inform the HUSL Office of Student Affairs of approved, non-emergency ADA accommodations for Summer 2024 exams. Note the Office of Disability Services needs at least 3-4 weeks to process requests so submit them in May.
July 4, Friday	University Closed – Independence Day Observed
July 7, Monday	Last week of doctrinal classes.

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July 14, Monday	Last week for externship classes.
July 11, Friday to July 14, Monday	Reading Period
July 14 week	Final Examinations
July 18, Friday	School of Law Summer 2025 semester ends.
July 26, Saturday	Official graduation date for Summer 2025 graduates
August 1, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Summer 2025 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar

Final Examination Schedule

Exams will be administered in a take-home format. The take-home exam may be distributed prior to the exam date but will be due on the exam date below. There will be no additional time provided for any reason, including job conflicts.

- Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – Final Exam is due.
- Wednesday, July 16, 2025 – Final Exam is due.