

# HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

## 2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (version August 6, 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: <a href="#">Accommodations   Howard University School of Law</a> . 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	<b>FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN FOR 1L STUDENTS ONLY</b>
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. <b>All clinic and externship students must be present to remain enrolled in the course.</b>
August 19, Monday	<b>FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN FOR 2L AND 3L STUDENTS.</b>
August 19, Monday to August 30, Friday	<b>Late Registration/Add/Drop period.</b> 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	<b>University Closed – Labor Day Observed</b>
September 3, Tuesday	Deadline for instructors to verify enrollment in all courses in BisonHub.
September 5, Thursday	<b>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.</b>
September 6, Friday	<b>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.”</b>

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September 9, Monday	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for Fall 2024 prospective candidates.
September 13, Friday	<b>Opening Convocation</b> <b>Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 a.m. (Classes suspended from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)</b>
September 16, Monday	<b>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.</b> For complete information on the process, visit: <a href="#">Accommodations   Howard University School of Law</a> . Note that students must recertify with HU OSS and then provide their approval letter to HUSL OSA every semester.
September 23, Monday	<b>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.</b>
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)	<b>Fall Midterm assessments and exams - All assessments occur during this time.</b> 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. <b>1L schedule:</b> <b>Civil Procedure: Monday, September 30</b> <b>Legislation Regulation: Wednesday, October 2</b> <b>Torts: Tuesday, October 8</b> <b>Contracts (occurs during fall final exam period)</b>
October 14, Monday	<b>University Closed- Mental Health Day/Indigenous Peoples Day</b>
October 18, Friday	Final Enrollment Census Date check
October 25, Friday	<b>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.</b>

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October 25, Friday	<b>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.</b>
October 28, Monday to April 4, Friday	Graduation application is available via BisonHub for Spring 2025 prospective candidates.
<b>November 5, Tuesday</b>  <b>November 7, Thursday</b>	<b>Spring 2025 registration begins at 9 am (3L students only)</b>  <b>Spring 2025 registration begins at 9 am (2L and LLM students)</b>  <b>Note that registration is available every day (24/7) on BisonHub until the end of the Add/Drop period.</b>
November 8, Friday	<b>Last day to withdraw from a course.</b>  <b>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.</b>  <b>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.</b>  <b>Last day to request institutional short-term emergency loan.</b>  <b>Deadline for prospective Fall 2025 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub.</b>
November 11, Monday	<b>University Closed – Veteran’s Day Observed</b>
November 11, Monday	<b>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.</b> 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	<b>FORMAL CLASSES END FOR 1LS.</b>
November 21, Thursday to December 2, Monday	Reading period for 1L students
November 27, Wednesday	<b>FORMAL CLASSES END FOR 2LS AND 3LS.</b>

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	<b>Afternoon and evening classes meet on this day unless professor otherwise assures class meeting times are complete.</b>
November 28, Thursday to December 1, Sunday	<b>University Closed – Thanksgiving Recess</b>
November 29, Friday to December 2, Monday	Reading Period for 2L and 3L students
December 3, Tuesday December 13, Friday	<b>Final examinations- see schedule below</b>
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	<b>FIRST SEMESTER ENDS</b>
December 14, Saturday	<b>Official GRADUATION DATE for Fall 2024 degree recipients</b>
December 23, Monday to January 3, Friday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED- WINTER RECESS</b>

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**FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**  
**FALL 2024**

**(dated: August 6, 2024)**

You may seek an alternative exam day **only** if you have more than one exam scheduled on the same day. If you are eligible, request an alternate exam by filling out the Alternate Exam Day Request form on the Office of Academic Affairs TWEN site.

**Students given an alternate exam date can expect to take the alternate exam on any of the test dates during the final exam period, including Saturday.** Students should expect to take an alternate exam on any of the final exam dates and should keep this entire time open. Alternate dates are based on capacity and personnel availability, not on student preference. Alternate exam dates are for upper-level students. Alternate exam dates are not provided for personal or professional conflicts. You will be given your alternate exam date as soon as possible after the deadline.

**Take-home exams will be provided to students on or before the last day of classes or as provided by your professor. Take home exams will be DUE during the final exam period and not during reading period. Take home exams will be for no fewer than 12 hours. Take home exams will not create an exam conflict. If you have any questions, please email your professor and Dean Olivares as soon as possible.**

**Take Home Exams:**

Corporate Federal Income Taxation: Donnelly & Stevenson

Government Contracts: Norwood & Napoleon

Environmental Law: Waterhouse

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**In-person, proctored exams:**

**Tuesday, December 3**

Constitutional Law II: Motala §3

Commercial Law: Mtima

Criminal Investigation & Trial Procedure (aka Criminal Procedure II): Nunn

Securities Regulation I: Nichols

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**Wednesday, December 4**

Contracts (1L): M. McDougall §1

Bruckner §2

Thomas §3

Patent Law: Burwell

Sports Law: Ashe

Federal Criminal Civil Rights: Kurland

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**Thursday, December 5**

Professional Responsibility §1: Worthy

Wills, Trusts & Estates: Terry

Introduction to IP: Mtima

Money Managers as Fiduciaries: Barbash & Berman

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**Friday, December 6**

Torts (1L): cunningham §1

Dark §2

Olivares §3

Private Equity & Hedge Funds: Walter & Fowler

Family Law: Woodall

Immigration Law: Gupta

\*This is the only day with a conflict with other upper-level classes\*

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**Monday, December 9**

Professional Responsibility §2: Williams Brewer

Business Organizations: Rogers

Trademark Law: Hampton

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**Tuesday, December 10**

Legislation Regulation (1L): Waterhouse § 1

Worthy § 2

Williams Brewer § 3

Federal Income Tax: Thomas

Evidence: Powell § 1

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**Wednesday, December 11**

Constitutional Law II- Powell § 2

Antitrust: Mark & Woolery

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**Thursday, December 12**

Criminal Procedure I: Ross

Evidence: Murphy § 2

Constitutional Law II: Chisolm § 1

International Law: Motala

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**Friday, December 13**

Civil Procedure I (1L): Gavil § 1

La Rue § 2

Laing § 3

Advanced Civil Procedure: Gavil

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**END OF EXAMS**

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**SPRING SEMESTER 2025**

January 6, Monday	<b>FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN FOR ALL STUDENTS</b>  <b>Spring Clinic and Externship Orientation (times and location TBD).</b>
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: <a href="#">Accommodations   Howard University School of Law</a> . Note that students must recertify with HU OSS every semester and then provide an approval letter to HUSL OSA by the deadline below.
January 6, Monday to January 17, Friday	<b>Late Registration/Add/Drop period.</b>  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	<b>Externship Application deadline for Spring 2025</b> Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis up until the deadline or until the class is full, whichever is earlier.
January 20, Monday	<b>University Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Day &amp; Inauguration Day</b>
January 24, Friday	<b>Deadline to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees.</b> <b>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.</b>  <b>Deadline for receipt of Fall 2024 graduation recommendations in the Office of the Registrar.</b>
January 24, Friday	Spring 1L Orientation- 1Ls are mandated to attend. 1L courses that conflict with the orientation schedule are cancelled.
January 29, Wednesday	<b>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.</b>
February 7, Friday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED- Mental Health Day</b>
February 4, Tuesday	<b>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 <u>midterm</u> assessments.</b> For complete

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February 14, Friday	<b>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.</b>  Preliminary Enrollment Census Date
February 17, Monday	<b>University Closed – President’s Day Observed</b>
February 17- February 27	<b>Fall Midterm assessments and exams - All assessments occur during this time.</b> 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.  <b>1L schedule:</b> <b>Criminal Law (Section 1): Wednesday, February 19</b> <b>Criminal Law (Sections 2 &amp; 3): Thursday, February 20</b> <b>Property (all sections): Tuesday, February 25</b> <b>Constitutional Law I (all sections): Thursday, February 27</b> <b>Contracts (occurs during Fall 2024 final exam period)</b>
February 28, Friday	<b>Charter Day Convocation</b> – Cramton Auditorium 11:00 A.M. (Classes suspended 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.)  <b>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.</b>
March 1, Saturday to March 9, Sunday	<b>Howard University School of Law closed – Spring Break</b>
March 9, Sunday	Final Enrollment Census Date
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.

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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	<b>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.</b>
April 8, Tuesday	<b>Fall 2025 registration begins for current 2L students.</b>
April 10, Thursday	<b>Fall 2025 registration for current 1L and LLM students.</b>
April 14, Monday	<b>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.</b> 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	<b>Formal Classes End</b>
April 24, Thursday to April 28, Monday	Reading Period
April 25, Friday	<b>Deadline for students to clear Fall 2024 incomplete grades with instructors. Note that no student can graduate with an Incomplete or a blank grade.</b>
April 29, Tuesday to May 8, Thursday	<b>Final Examinations - see schedule below.</b>
May 2, Friday	Deadline for Records office to submit special grade reports to 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.

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May 9, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Spring 2024 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar.
May 9, Friday	<b>Baccalaureate</b> – Howard University School of Law—Dunbarton Chapel, 11:00 A.M.
May 10, Saturday	<p><b>Commencement</b>  TBD, 10:00 A.M</p> <p><b>School of Law Hooding Ceremony</b>  Burr Gymnasium - Main Campus, 2:30 P.M.</p>

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**SPRING 2025 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**  
**TBD by November 2024**

**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	<b>First day of first week of classes (but see note above)</b>
May 19, Monday	<b>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.</b>
May 23, Friday	<b>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.</b>
May 26, Monday	<b>University Closed – Memorial Day</b>
May 30, Friday	<b>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.</b>
June 6, Friday	<b>LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE</b>  <b>Last day to complete a total withdrawal from the University</b> (Summer session only)
June 19, Thursday	<b>University Closed- Juneteenth Observed</b>
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.

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July 4, Friday	<b>University Closed – Independence Day Observed</b>
July 7, Monday	Last week of doctrinal classes.
July 14, Monday	Last week for externship classes.
July 11, Friday to July 14, Monday	Reading Period
July 14 week	<b>Final Examinations</b>
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.