



HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

FALL SEMESTER 2026

Table with 2 columns: *Date(s) and Event/Deadline. Rows include dates from July 31 to August 28 with corresponding events like Orientation for 1L, LL.M., transfer, and exchange students; Pinning Ceremony; Recommended Deadline for Fall 2026 ADA Accommodation Requests; DEADLINE – Students Externship Application Deadline; First day of classes – 1L students only; Orientation for clinics; All Clinic and Externship Orientation – MANDATORY; First day of classes – 2L and 3L students; Late registration and Add/Drop period; DEADLINE – Withdrawal (100% Refund).



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

*Date(s)	Event/Deadline
August 17 through October 16	3L Degree Audits with the Office of Academic Affairs. Click here to schedule an appointment to ensure compliance with all graduation requirements (see Student Handbook).
September 11, Tuesday	DEADLINE – Instructors Deadline for instructors to verify course participation in BisonHub for Fall 2026.
September 4, Friday	DEADLINE – Accommodations for Fall 2026 Midterms Provide a copy of approval letter from HU OSS to the HUSL Office of Student Affairs (OSA) for approved, non-emergency ADA accommodations. Click here for additional information.
September 7, Monday	University Closed – Labor Day Observed
September 14, Monday	Graduation Application Opens Graduation Application available via BisonHub for December 2026 prospective graduates.
September 14, Monday	Office of Career Services Orientation – 1Ls ONLY
September 18	Opening Convocation , Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 AM (Classes suspended from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
September 18	DEADLINE – Withdrawal (50% Refund) Deadline to withdraw from the University to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the University, students must drop all courses via BisonHub and request an Institutional Withdrawal .
September 28 – October 2 1L midterm week	Fall 1L Assessments and Exams All assessments occur during class time.
October 2, Friday	DEADLINE – Alternate Exam Date Requests Deadline to send Fall 2026 final exam conflicts alternate exam day requests. See Alternate Exam Request form .



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

*Date(s)	Event/Deadline
October 2, Friday	Preliminary Enrollment Census Data
October 5 – 9	Upper-Class Assessments and Exams All assessments occur during class time. Alternate exam day requests are not applicable for midterm assessments.
October 9, Monday	University Closed – Mental Health Day
October 17, Friday	Final Enrollment Census Data
October 24, Friday	Deadline - Students Independent Study Proposals, Petitions to Study Away (includes study abroad, visiting another institution or participating in an exchange program) for Spring 2027 and Summer 2027. See Student Handbook for additional information.
October 24, Friday	Deadline – Withdrawal (25% Refund) Deadline to withdraw from the University to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the University, students must drop all courses via BisonHub and request an Institutional Withdrawal .
November 10, Tuesday	Accommodations Deadline for Fall 2026 Final Exams Provide a copy of approval letter from HU OSS to the HUSL Office of Student Affairs (OSA) for approved, non-emergency ADA accommodations. Click here for additional information.
November 11, Wednesday	University Closed - Veteran’s Day Observed



HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

Table with 2 columns: *Date(s) and Event/Deadline. Rows include: November 13, Friday (Deadline - Last Day to Withdraw), November 13, Friday (Graduation Application Deadline), November 17, Tuesday (Spring 2027 Course Registration - 3Ls ONLY), November 19, Thursday (Spring 2027 Course Registration - 2Ls and LLMS), November 20, Friday (FORMAL CLASSES END FOR 1L STUDENTS ONLY), November 25, Wednesday (FORMAL CLASSES END FOR ALL 2L and 3L STUDENTS), November 26, Thursday to November 29, Sunday (University Closed - Thanksgiving Recess).



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

*Date(s)	Event/Deadline
November 27, Friday to November 30, Monday	Reading Period
December 2, Wednesday	Deadline – Instructors Deadline for instructors to input grade changes in BisonHub for removal of spring 2026 and summer 2026 incomplete grades.
December 1, Tuesday to December 11, Friday	Final examinations period
December 16, Wednesday	FALL 2026 SEMESTER ENDS
December 16, Wednesday	Official GRADUATION DATE for Fall 2026 degree recipients.
December 16, Wednesday to January 1, Friday	University Closed – Winter Recess



HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

SPRING SEMESTER 2027

Table with 2 columns: Date(s) and Event/Deadline. Rows include: January 4, Monday (FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN FOR ALL STUDENTS); January 4, Monday to January 15, Friday (Late registration and Add/Drop period); January 5, Tuesday (Recommended Deadline for Spring 2027 ADA Accommodation Requests); January 6, Wednesday (Spring Clinic and Externship Orientation); January 18, Monday (University Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); January 22, Friday (Deadline for receipt of Fall 2026 graduation recommendations); January 22, Friday (Spring 1L Orientation - MANDATORY); January 15, Friday (DEADLINE - Withdrawal (100% Refund)); January 26, Tuesday (Accommodations Deadline for Spring 2027 midterm assessments).



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

Date(s)	Event/Deadline
February 8, Monday	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for Spring 2027 prospective graduates.
February 12, Friday	DEADLINE – Withdrawal (50% Refund) Deadline to withdraw from the University to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the University, students must drop all courses via BisonHub and request an Institutional Withdrawal . Preliminary Enrollment Census Date
February 15, Monday	University Closed – President’s Day Observed
February 16, Tuesday to February 25, Thursday	Spring midterm assessments and exams (ALL STUDENTS). All assessments occur during class time. Alternate exam day requests are not applicable for midterm assessments.
March 1, Monday	Summer 2027 Course Registration Summer 2027 Registration begins for continuing students and continues through the summer deadline. Note that financial aid awards are tentatively set to disburse in June 2027, after all spring 2027 grades are posted. If a student is near the academic probation minimum of 75 or 2.00 GPA, they should be aware that they are ineligible for summer financial if they are below a 75 or 2.00 GPA. Moreover, students in danger of academic dismissal should not register for summer classes.
March 5, Friday	Charter Day Convocation – Cramton Auditorium (Time: TBD)
March 5, Friday	DEADLINE – Withdrawal (25% Refund) Deadline to withdraw from the University to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the University, students must drop all courses via BisonHub and request an Institutional Withdrawal .



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

Date(s)	Event/Deadline
March 5, Friday	DEADLINE – Alternate Exam Date Requests Deadline to send Spring 2027 final exam conflicts alternate exam day requests. See Alternate Exam Request form .
March 6, Saturday to March 14, Sunday	Howard University School of Law Closed – Spring Break
March 12, Friday	Final Enrollment Census Date
March 19, Friday	Deadline for Petitions for Readmission – Fall 2027 Deadline for petitions for readmission for Fall 2027. Review provisions and information in the Student Handbook.
March 22, Monday	Deadline for Independent Study Proposals and Petitions to Study Away (includes study abroad, visiting another institution or participating in an exchange program) for Fall 2027 and Summer 2027. See Student Handbook for additional information.
March 30, Tuesday	Fall 2027 Course Registration – Current 2Ls ONLY Fall 2027 registration begins for current 2L students.
April 1, Thursday	Fall 2027 Course Registration – Current 1Ls and LLMS Fall 2027 registration begins for current 1L and LLM students.
April 2, Friday	University Closed – Mental Health Day
April 6, Tuesday	Accommodations Deadline for Spring 2027 final exams: Provide a copy of approval letter from HU OSS to the HUSL Office of Student Affairs (OSA) for approved, non-emergency ADA accommodations. Click here for additional information.



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

Date(s)	Event/Deadline
April 9, Friday	Deadline – Last Day to Withdraw (No Refund) Last day to complete a withdrawal from the University (no refunds). To fully withdraw from the University, students must drop all courses via BisonHub and request an Institutional Withdrawal .
April 9, Friday	Deadline to Apply for Graduation (Spring 2027 Graduates) Deadline for prospective Spring 2027 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub (fees apply).
April 21, Wednesday	Formal Classes End
April 22, Thursday to April 26, Monday	Reading Period
April 26, Monday	Deadline – Students Deadline for students to clear Fall 2026 incomplete grades with instructors. Note that no student can graduate with an Incomplete or a blank grade.
April 27, Tuesday to May 6, Thursday	Final examinations period
April 28, Wednesday	Deadline – Instructors Deadline for instructors to input grade changes in BisonHub for removal of Fall 2026 incomplete grades.
May 5 to May 6	Graduation clearance for spring graduates.
May 7, Friday	Spring Semester Ends
May 7, Friday	Baccalaureate – Howard University School of Law, Dunbarton Chapel, Time TBD Note: Due to capacity limitations, guest tickets will be required. The HUSL Office of Student Affairs will provide detailed information and distribution procedures during the spring semester.



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

Date(s)	Event/Deadline
May 7, Friday or 8, Saturday, exact date and time TBD by the University	Hooding Ceremony - Howard University School of Law Note: Due to capacity limitations, guest tickets will be required. The HUSL Office of Student Affairs will provide detailed information and distribution procedures during the spring semester.
May 8, Saturday	Commencement - Howard University Place TBD, 10:00 AM Note: Due to capacity limitations, guest tickets will be required. The HUSL Office of Student Affairs will provide detailed information and distribution procedures during the spring semester.
May 28, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Spring 2027 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar.



HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

SUMMER SEMESTER 2027 (SCHOOL OF LAW ONLY)

Note that students will not receive financial aid for summer school until all spring 2027 grades are posted; this typically occurs around mid-June. Therefore, students should plan their budgets accordingly. Please communicate with finaidlaw@howard.edu for other eligibility guidelines for summer aid.

Table with 2 columns: *Date(s) and Event/Deadline. Rows include registration deadlines, withdrawal deadlines (100%, 50%, 25% refund), Memorial Day closure, and graduation application availability.

Table with 2 columns: *Date(s) and Event/Deadline. Row includes: June 5, Friday - Deadline - Last Day to Withdraw (No Refund)



**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday. Please visit the Howard University financial aid website for updates and deadlines concerning financial aid. Certain dates intend to correspond to the Howard University Academic Calendar and may change pursuant to changes therein. Consult HU main campus calendar by searching on the HU website. Please contact the relevant HUSL office or team if you have further questions.

	Last day to complete a withdrawal from the University (no refunds). To fully withdraw from the University, students must drop all courses via BisonHub and request an Institutional Withdrawal .
June 18, Friday	University Closed – Juneteenth
July 5, Monday	University Closed – Independence Day Observed
July 6, Tuesday	Last week of doctrinal classes
July 12, Monday	Last week of externship classes
July 9, Friday to July 12, Monday	Reading Period
Week of July 12	Final examinations period
July 16, Friday	Summer 2027 Semester Ends (School of Law)
July 24, Saturday	Official GRADUATION DATE for Summer 2027 degree recipients.
August 6, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Summer 2027 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar.