

2016–2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic calendar is divided into fall and spring semesters of approximately 15 weeks each and summer sessions of varying length. The last week of the fall and spring semesters is set aside for final examinations. The academic calendar for the Washington College of Law (WCL) of American University varies from this general schedule, and its key dates are noted below in italics. For the full WCL academic calendar, please go to: www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/.

The holidays and vacations observed by the university are noted below. Spring break is the week following the spring semester midterm. Classes continue until 10:40 p.m. the evening before a holiday or vacation period.

Note: The refund/withdrawal schedule applies to all courses with a standard schedule during a regular semester (fall/spring). Refunds/withdrawals for courses on nonstandard schedules (including MBA modules), as well as all summer session courses, are calculated proportionately based on the percentage of the course completed. For more information, please go to: www.american.edu/finance/studentaccounts/Refunds-for-Course-Drops-and-Withdrawals.cfm.

FALL SEMESTER 2016

August 1	M	Payment due for fall 2016
August 20–28	S–Su	Welcome Week
<i>August 22</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
August 26	F	Last day to register for fall without a late fee
August 29	M	Fall classes begin
		Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins
September 1	Th	Undergraduate transfer spring 2017 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the U.S.
September 2	F	Late registration for fall ends
September 5	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed
September 7	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
September 12	M	Last day to add a fall course, internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
		Last day to drop a fall course for a 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
September 19	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund
September 26	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
October 3	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 14	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 21–23	F–Su	All-American Weekend
October 29	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
October 31	M	Last day to apply for graduation in fall 2016
		Spring 2017 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due January 6, 2017
November 2	W	Spring 2017 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due January 6, 2017
November 4	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (end of the 10 th week)
November 9	W	Students begin submitting applications for spring graduation
November 11	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
November 22	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet
November 23–27	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
<i>November 30</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
<i>December 6</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
December 9	F	Fall classes end
		Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates
December 12–19	M–M	Fall final examinations; grades are due 72 hours following the exam
December 14	W	Fall study day
<i>December 17</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
December 21	W	Fall Commencement Ceremony for August and December 2016 graduates (1:00 p.m.)
<i>December 21</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2016 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
December 31	S	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2016 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
December 24–	S–M	Winter break; university offices closed
January 2		

SPRING SEMESTER 2017

January 6	F	Payment due for spring 2017
January 9	M	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
January 12–15	Th–Su	Winter Welcome
January 13	F	Last day to register for spring 2017 without a late fee
January 16	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes, university offices closed
January 17	T	Spring classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins
January 20	F	Inauguration Day; no classes, university offices closed
January 23	M	Late registration for spring ends
January 25	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
January 28	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
January 31	T	Last day to add a spring course, internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project Last day to drop a spring course for a 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
February 1	W	Last day to apply for graduation in spring 2017
February 6	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund
February 13	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
February 20	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 12–19	Su–Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 24	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (end of the 10 th week)
March 25	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
March 27	M	Summer 2017 registration begins.
March 30	Th	Fall 2017 priority registration for graduate students begins.
April 3	M	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 6	Th	Fall 2017 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Students begin submitting applications for summer and fall graduation
April 25	T	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
May 1	M	Spring classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates <i>Payment due for summer sessions 2017</i> <i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
May 2	T	Spring study day
May 3–9	W–T	Spring final examinations, grades are due 72 hours following the exam
May 12–14	F–Su	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 13		<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
May 14	Su	Official Degree Award Date
May 21	Su	<i>WCL Spring Commencement Ceremony</i> <i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date</i>

SUMMER SESSIONS 2017 (Dates subject to change)

For Summer 2017 Add/Drop, Withdrawal, and Refund dates, see www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm.

May 15	M	7-week (A) and Online Learning I (E) sessions begin
May 22	M	First 6-week (B) and 3-week (C) sessions begin
May 26	F	Last day to add a summer internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
May 29	M	Memorial Day; no classes, university offices closed
<i>May 30</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
<i>June 3</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Writing Proficiency Examination</i>
June 8	Th	3-week (C) session ends
June 29	Th	7-week (A), first 6-week (B) and Online I (E) sessions end
July 1	S	Last day to apply for graduation for summer 2017
July 3	M	Second 6-week (D) and Online Learning II (F) sessions begin
July 4	T	Independence Day; no classes, university offices closed
July 7	F	Fall 2017 priority registration ends. Payment is due August 1, 2017
July 21	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
<i>July 27</i>	<i>Th</i>	<i>WCL: Last day of classes</i>
<i>July 31</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
<i>August 1</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>Payment due for fall 2017 priority registration</i>
<i>August 4</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
August 10	Th	Second 6-week (D) session ends Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for summer degree candidates
August 17	Th	Online Learning II (F) session ends, end of summer sessions
<i>August 18</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2017 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
August 27	Su	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2017 diplomas; no event associated with this date)