

## 2013–2014 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/](http://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](http://www.american.edu/finance/studentaccounts/Refunds-for-Course-Drops-and-Withdrawals.cfm).

### FALL SEMESTER 2013

August 1	Th	Payment due for fall 2013
August 17–25	S–Su	Welcome Week
August 23	F	Last day to register for fall without a late fee
August 26	M	Fall classes begin <i>WCL: First day of classes</i> Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins Students begin submitting applications for fall graduation
August 30	F	Late registration for fall ends
September 1	Su	Undergraduate transfer spring 2014 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the U.S.
September 2	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed
September 4	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
September 9	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 16	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund
September 23	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
September 30	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 1	T	Freshman spring 2014 semester admission application deadline
October 11	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 18	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (mid-term)
October 18–20	F–Su	All-American Weekend
October 25	F	Spring 2014 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment due December 18, 2013
October 26	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
October 28	M	Spring 2014 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment due December 18, 2013
November 1	F	Undergraduate transfer spring 2014 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
November 8	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
November 15	F	Early Decision I freshman fall 2014 semester admission and financial aid application deadline
November 26	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet
November 27– December 1	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
December 4	W	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
December 6	F	Fall classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates Spring 2014 priority registration ends. Payment due December 18, 2013 Undergraduate freshman payments are due January 4, 2014 President's Receptions for August 2013 graduates and December 2013 applicants (rsvp required)
December 9–10	M–T	Fall final examinations
December 10	T	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
December 11	W	Fall study day; no classes
December 12–14	Th–S	Fall final examinations
December 16	M	Fall final examinations (for Wednesday classes)
December 12–19	Th–Th	Fall final grades due
December 18	W	Payment due for spring 2014 priority registration
December 19	Th	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2013 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
December 21	S	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i> <i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2013 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
December 24– January 1	T–W	Winter break; university offices closed

## SPRING SEMESTER 2014

January 4	S	Undergraduate freshman Spring 2014 priority registration payments are due
January 6	M	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
January 9–12	Th–Su	Winter Welcome
January 10	F	Last day to register for spring 2014 without a late fee
January 13	M	Spring classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins Students begin submitting applications for spring graduation
January 15	W	Regular Decision freshman fall 2014 semester admission application deadline Early Decision II freshman fall 2014 semester admission and financial aid application deadline Early Decision I candidate reply date
January 17	F	Late registration for spring ends
January 20	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes, university offices closed
January 22	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
January 27	M	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	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
February 3	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund
February 10	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
February 15	S	Freshman fall 2014 semester financial aid application deadline
February 17	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 1	S	Undergraduate transfer student admission and financial aid priority application deadline for fall 2014 semester Early Decision II candidate reply date
March 7	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (mid-term)
March 9–16	Su–Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 21	F	Fall 2014 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment due August 1, 2014
March 22	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
March 24	M	Fall 2014 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2014 Summer 2014 registration begins. Payment is due May 1, 2014
March 31	M	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 1	T	Summer 2014 admission application deadline for students living in the United States
April 21	M	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
April 28	M	Spring classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates <i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
April 29	T	Spring study day; no classes
April 30–May 6	W–T	Spring final examinations
May 1	Th	Payment due for summer sessions 2014 Financial aid application deadline for fall 2014 continuing undergraduate students Undergraduate transfer fall 2014 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the United States Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen
May 3–9	S–F	Spring final grades due
May 9	F	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 10	S	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i> Commencement Ceremonies: School of Communication (9:00 a.m.) Kogod School of Business (1:00 p.m.) School of International Service (4:30 p.m.)
May 11	Su	Commencement Ceremonies: School of Public Affairs (9:00 a.m.) College of Arts and Sciences (1:00 p.m.)
May 11	Su	Official Degree Award Date
May 18	Su	<i>WCL Spring Commencement Ceremony</i> <i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date</i>

## SUMMER SESSIONS 2014 (Dates subject to change)

For Summer 2014 Add/Drop, Withdrawal, and Refund dates, see [www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm](http://www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm).

May 12	M	7-week (A) and Online Learning I (E) sessions begin Students begin submitting applications for summer graduation
May 19	M	First 6-week (B) and 3-week (C) sessions begin
May 23	F	Last day to add a summer internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
May 26	M	Memorial Day; no classes, university offices closed
May 27	T	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
May 31	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
June 5	Th	3-week (C) session ends
June 26	Th	7-week (A), first 6-week (B), and Online Learning I (E) sessions end
June 30	M	Second 6-week (D) and On-Line Learning II (F) sessions begin
July 1	T	Undergraduate transfer fall 2014 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
July 3	Th	Fall 2014 priority registration ends. Payment due August 1, 2014
July 4	F	Independence Day; no classes, university offices closed
July 18	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
July 24	Th	<i>WCL: Last day of classes</i>
July 28	M	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
August 1	F	Payment due for fall 2014 priority registration <i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
August 7	Th	Second 6-week (D) session ends Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for summer degree candidates
August 14	Th	Online Learning II (F) session ends; end of summer sessions Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2014 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
August 18	M	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2014 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>