

2014–2015 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 2014

August 1	F	Payment due for fall 2014
August 16–24	S–Su	Welcome Week
August 22	F	Last day to register for fall without a late fee
August 25	M	Fall classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins Students begin submitting applications for fall graduation <i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
August 29	F	Late registration for fall ends
September 1	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed Undergraduate transfer spring 2015 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the U.S.
September 3	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
September 8	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 15	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund
September 22	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
September 29	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 1	W	Freshman spring 2015 semester admission application deadline
October 10	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 17	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (mid-term)
October 17–19	F–Su	All-American Weekend
October 25	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
November 1	S	Undergraduate transfer spring 2015 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
November 3	M	Spring 2015 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment due December 18, 2014
November 5	W	Spring 2015 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment due December 18, 2014
November 7	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
November 15	S	Early Decision I freshman fall 2015 semester admission and financial aid application deadline
November 25	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet.
November 26–30	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
December 3	W	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
December 5	F	Fall classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates Payment due December 18, 2014 President's Receptions for August 2014 graduates and December 2014 applicants (rsvp required)
December 8–9	M–T	Fall final examinations
December 9	T	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
December 10	W	Fall study day; no classes
December 11–13	Th–S	Fall final examinations
December 15	M	Fall final examinations (for Wednesday classes)
December 11–18	Th–Th	Fall final grades due
December 18	Th	Payment due for spring 2015
December 18	Th	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2014 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
December 20	S	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
December 21	Su	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2014 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
December 24–	W–F	Winter break; university offices closed
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SPRING SEMESTER 2015

January 7	W	WCL: First day of classes
January 8–11	Th–Su	Winter Welcome
January 9	F	Last day to register for spring 2015 without a late fee
January 12	M	Spring classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins Students begin submitting applications for spring graduation
January 15	Th	Regular Decision freshman fall 2015 semester admission application deadline Early Decision II freshman fall 2015 semester admission and financial aid application deadline Early Decision I candidate reply date
January 16	F	Late registration for spring ends
January 19	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes, university offices closed
January 21	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
January 26	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
January 31	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
February 2	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund
February 9	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
February 15	Su	Freshman fall 2015 semester financial aid application deadline
February 16	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 1	Su	Undergraduate transfer student admission and financial aid priority application deadline for fall 2015 semester Early Decision II candidate reply date
March 6	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (mid-term)
March 8–15	Su–Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 21	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
March 30	M	Fall 2015 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment due August 1, 2015 Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 1	W	Fall 2015 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2015 Summer 2015 registration begins. Payment is due May 1, 2015 Summer admission application deadline for students living in the United States
April 22	W	WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)
April 27	M	Spring classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates
April 28	T	Spring study day; no classes
April 28	T	WCL: Examinations begin
April 29–May 5	W–T	Spring final examinations
May 1	F	Financial aid application deadline for fall 2015 continuing undergraduate students Undergraduate transfer fall 2015 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the United States Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen Payment due for summer sessions 2015
May 2–8	S–F	Spring final grades due
May 8–10	F–Su	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 9	S	WCL: Examinations end
May 10	Su	Official Degree Award Date
May 17	Su	WCL Spring Commencement Ceremony WCL: Official Degree Award Date

SUMMER SESSIONS 2015 (Dates subject to change)

For Summer 2015 Add/Drop, Withdrawal, and Refund dates, see <http://www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm>.

May 11	M	7-week (A) and Online Learning I (E) sessions begin Students begin submitting applications for summer graduation
May 18	M	First 6-week (B) and 3-week (C) sessions begin
May 22	F	Last day to add a summer internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
May 25	M	Memorial Day; no classes, university offices closed
May 26	T	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
May 30	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
June 4	Th	3-week (C) session ends
June 25	Th	7-week (A), first 6-week (B), and Online Learning I (E) sessions end
June 29	M	Second 6-week (D) and Online Learning II (F) sessions begin
July 1	W	Undergraduate transfer fall 2015 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
July 2	Th	Fall 2015 priority registration ends. Payment due August 1, 2015
July 3	F	Independence Day (observed); no classes, university offices closed
July 17	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
July 23	Th	<i>WCL: Last day of classes</i>
July 27	M	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
July 31	F	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
August 1	S	Payment due for fall 2015 priority registration
August 6	Th	Second 6-week (D) session ends Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for summer degree candidates
August 13	Th	Online Learning II (F) session ends; end of summer sessions Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2015 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
August 18	T	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2015 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>