

2016–2017 PRELIMINARY 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.

Dates in red need to be verified with appropriate office or department and may be subject to change.

FALL SEMESTER 2016

August 1	M	Payment due for fall 2016
August 20–28	S–Su	Welcome Week
August 22	M	<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
		Students begin submitting applications for fall graduation
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 1	S	Freshman spring 2017 semester admission application deadline
October 3	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 14	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 21	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (mid-term)
October 21–23	F–Su	<i>All-American Weekend</i>
October 22	S	<i>Writing Proficiency Examination</i>
November 1	T	Undergraduate transfer spring 2017 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
November 7	M	Spring 2017 priority registration for graduate students begins. <i>Payment is due December 18, 2016</i>
November 9	W	Spring 2017 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. <i>Payment is due December 18, 2016</i>
November 11	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
November 15	T	Early Decision I freshman fall 2017 semester admission and financial aid application deadline
November 22	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet
November 23–27	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
November 30	W	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
December 6	T	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
December 9	F	Fall classes end
		Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates
		<i>Spring 2017 priority registration ends. Payment is due December 18, 2016</i>
December 12–13	M–T	Fall final examinations
December 14	W	Fall study day; no classes
December 15–17	Th–S	Fall final examinations
December 17	S	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
December 18	Su	<i>Payment due for spring 2017 priority registration</i>
December 19	M	Fall final examinations (for Wednesday classes)
December 15–22	Th–Th	Fall final grades due
December 21	W	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2016 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
December 22	Th	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2016 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
December 23–	F–Su	Winter break; university offices closed
January 1		

SPRING SEMESTER 2017

January 9	M	WCL: First day of classes
January 12–15	Th–Su	Winter Welcome
January 13	F	Last day to register for spring 2017 without a late fee
January 15	Su	Regular Decision freshman fall 2017 semester admission application deadline Early Decision II freshman fall 2017 semester admission and financial aid application deadline Early Decision I candidate reply date
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 Students begin submitting applications for spring graduation
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 30	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 4	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
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 15	W	Freshman fall 2017 semester financial aid application deadline
February 20	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 1	W	Undergraduate transfer student admission and financial aid priority application deadline for fall 2017 semester Early Decision II candidate reply date
March 10	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (mid-term)
March 12–19	Su–Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 25	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
April 1	S	Summer 2017 admission application deadline for students living in the United States
April 3	M	Fall 2017 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2017 Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 5	W	Fall 2017 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2017 Summer 2017 registration begins. Payment is due May 1, 2017
April 25	T	WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)
May 1	M	Spring classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates Financial aid application deadline for fall 2017 continuing undergraduate students Undergraduate transfer fall 2017 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the United States Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen Payment due for summer sessions 2017 WCL: Examinations begin
May 2	T	Spring study day; no classes
May 3–9	W–T	Spring final examinations
May 6–12	S–F	Spring final grades due
May 12–14	F–Su	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 13		WCL: Examinations end
May 14	Su	Official Degree Award Date
May 21	Su	WCL Spring Commencement Ceremony WCL: Official Degree Award Date

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 Students begin submitting applications for summer graduation
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	Undergraduate transfer fall 2017 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
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 Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2017 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
August 18	F	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2017 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>