

2017–2018 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 2017

August 1	T	Payment due for fall 2017
August 19–27	S–Su	Welcome Week
August 21	M	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
August 25	F	Last day to register for fall without a late fee
August 28	M	Fall classes begin
		Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins
		Students begin submitting applications for fall graduation
September 1	F	Undergraduate transfer spring 2018 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the U.S.
September 1	F	Late registration for fall ends
September 4	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed
September 6	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
September 11	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 18	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund
September 25	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
October 1	Su	Freshman spring 2018 semester admission application deadline
October 2	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 13	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 20	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (mid-term)
October 20–22	F–Su	All-American Weekend
October 21	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
November 1	W	Undergraduate transfer spring 2018 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
November 6	M	Spring 2018 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due December 18, 2017
November 8	W	Spring 2018 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due December 18, 2017
November 10	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
November 15	W	Early Decision I freshman fall 2018 semester admission and financial aid application deadline
November 21	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet
November 22–26	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
November 29	W	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
December 5	T	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
December 8	F	Fall classes end
		Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates
		Spring 2018 priority registration ends. Payment is due December 18, 2017
December 11–12	M–T	Fall final examinations
December 13	W	Fall study day; no classes
December 14–16	Th–S	Fall final examinations
December 16	S	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
December 18	M	Fall final examinations (for Wednesday classes)
December 18	M	Payment due for spring 2018 priority registration
December 14–21	Th–Th	Fall final grades due
December 21	Th	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2017 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
		<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2017 diplomas; no event associate with this date)</i>
December 23–	S–M	Winter break; university offices closed
January 1		

SPRING SEMESTER 2018

January 8	M	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
January 11–14	Th–Su	Winter Welcome
January 12	F	Last day to register for spring 2018 without a late fee
January 15	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes, university offices closed Regular Decision freshman fall 2018 semester admission application deadline Early Decision II freshman fall 2018 semester admission and financial aid application deadline Early Decision I candidate reply date
January 16	T	Spring classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins Students begin submitting applications for spring graduation
January 22	M	Late registration for spring ends
January 24	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
January 29	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 3	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
February 5	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund
February 12	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
February 15	Th	Freshman fall 2018 semester financial aid application deadline
February 19	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 1	Th	Undergraduate transfer student admission and financial aid priority application deadline for fall 2018 semester Early Decision II candidate reply date
March 9	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (mid-term)
March 11–18	Su–Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 24	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
April 1	Su	Summer 2018 admission application deadline for students living in the United States
April 2	M	Fall 2018 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2018 Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 4	W	Fall 2018 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2018 Summer 2018 registration begins. Payment is due May 1, 2018
April 23	M	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
April 30	M	Spring classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen <i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
May 1	T	Financial aid application deadline for fall 2018 continuing undergraduate students Undergraduate transfer fall 2018 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the United States Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen Payment due for summer sessions 2018 Spring study day; no classes
May 2–8	W–T	Spring final examinations
May 5–11	S–F	Spring final grades due
May 11–13	F–Su	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 12		<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
May 13	Su	Official Degree Award Date
May 20	Su	<i>WCL Spring Commencement Ceremony</i> <i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date</i>

SUMMER SESSIONS 2018 (Dates subject to change)

For Summer 2018 Add/Drop, Withdrawal, and Refund dates, see www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm.

May 14	M	7-week (A) and Online Learning I (E) sessions begin Students begin submitting applications for summer graduation
May 21	M	First 6-week (B) and 3-week (C) sessions begin
May 25	F	Last day to add a summer internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
May 28	M	Memorial Day; no classes, university offices closed
<i>May 29</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
<i>June 2</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Writing Proficiency Examination</i>
June 7	Th	3-week (C) session ends
June 28	Th	7-week (A), first 6-week (B) and Online Learning I (E) sessions end
July 1	Su	Undergraduate transfer fall 2018 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
July 2	M	Second 6-week (D) and Online Learning II (F) sessions begin
July 4	W	Independence Day; no classes, university offices closed
July 6	F	Fall 2018 priority registration ends. Payment is due August 1, 2018
July 20	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
<i>July 26</i>	<i>Th</i>	<i>WCL: Last day of classes</i>
<i>July 30</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
<i>August 1</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Payment due for fall 2018 priority registration</i>
<i>August 3</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
August 9	Th	Second 6-week (D) session ends Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for summer degree candidates
August 16	Th	Online Learning II (F) session ends, end of summer sessions Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2018 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
<i>August 18</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2018 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>