

## 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/](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).

*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
September 1	F	Late registration for fall ends
September 4	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed
September 6	W	<b>Mathematics Equivalency Examination</b>
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 2	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 13	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 20–22	F–Su	<b>All-American Weekend</b>
October 21	S	<b>Writing Proficiency Examination</b>
October 31	T	Last day to apply for graduation in fall 2016
November 3	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (end of the 10 <sup>th</sup> week)
November 6	M	Spring 2018 priority registration for graduate students begins. <b>Payment is due December 18, 2017</b>
November 8	W	Spring 2018 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. <b>Payment is due December 18, 2017</b>
November 10	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
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. <b>Payment is due December 18, 2017</b>
December 11–18	M–M	Fall final examinations; grades are due 72 hours following the exam
December 13	W	Fall study day
December 16	S	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
December 18	M	<b>Payment due for spring 2018 priority registration</b>
December 21	Th	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2017 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
December 31	Su	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2017 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
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
January 16	T	Spring classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins
January 22	M	Late registration for spring ends
January 24	W	<b>Mathematics Equivalency Examination</b>
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 1	Th	Last day to apply for graduation in spring 2017
February 3	S	<b>Writing Proficiency Examination</b>
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 19	M	<b>Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office</b>
March 11–18	Su–Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 23	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (end of the 10 <sup>th</sup> week)
March 24	S	<b>Writing Proficiency Examination</b>
April 2	M	Fall 2018 priority registration for graduate students begins. <b>Payment is due August 1, 2018</b> Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 4	W	Fall 2018 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. <b>Payment is due August 1, 2018</b> Summer 2018 registration begins. <b>Payment is due May 1, 2018</b>
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 <i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
May 1	T	<b>Payment due for summer sessions 2018</b> Spring study day; no classes
May 2–8	W–T	<b>Spring final examinations; grades are due 72 hours following the exam</b>
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](http://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
May 29	T	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
June 2	S	<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	Last day to apply for graduation in summer 2018
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. <b>Payment is due August 1, 2018</b>
July 20	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
July 26	Th	<i>WCL: Last day of classes</i>
July 30	M	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
August 1	W	<b>Payment due for fall 2018 priority registration</b>
August 3	F	<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
August 18	S	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2018 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
August 26	Th	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2018 diplomas; no event associated with this date)