

## 2018–2019 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 2018

August 1	W	Payment due for fall 2018
August 18–26	S–Su	Welcome Week
August 20	M	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
August 24	F	Last day to register for fall without a late fee
August 27	M	Fall classes begin
		Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins
August 31	F	Late registration for fall ends
September 3	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed
September 5	W	<b>Mathematics Equivalency Examination</b>
September 10	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
		Last day to add a fall course, internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
September 17	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund
September 24	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
October 1	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 12	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 19–21	F–Su	<b>All-American Weekend</b>
October 22	M	Spring 2019 priority registration for graduate students begins.
October 25	Th	Spring 2019 priority registration for undergraduate students begins.
October 27	S	<b>Writing Proficiency Examination</b>
October 31	T	Last day to apply for graduation for fall 2018
November 2	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (end of the 10 <sup>th</sup> week)
November 9	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
November 20	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet
November 21–25	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
November 28	W	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
December 4	T	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
December 7	F	Fall classes end
		Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates
December 8–9	S–Su	Fall Study Days
December 10–15	M–S	Fall final examinations; grades are due 72 hours following the exam
December 15	S	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
December 16	Su	Fall Commencement Ceremony for August and December graduates (10:00 a.m.)
December 18	F	<b>Payment due for spring 2019 priority registration</b>
December 21	F	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2018 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
December 31	M	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2018 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
December 24–	M–T	Winter break; university offices closed
January 1		

## SPRING SEMESTER 2019

January 7	M	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
January 10–13	Th–Su	<b>Winter Welcome</b>
January 11	F	Last day to register for spring 2019 without a late fee
January 14	M	Spring classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins
January 18	F	Late registration for spring ends
January 21	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes, university offices closed
January 23	W	<b>Mathematics Equivalency Examination</b>
January 28	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	F	Last day to apply for graduation in spring 2019
February 2	S	<b>Writing Proficiency Examination</b>
February 4	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund
February 11	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
February 18	M	<b>Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office</b>
March 10–17	Su–Su	<b>Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday</b>
March 22	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (end of the 10 <sup>th</sup> week)
March 23	S	<b>Writing Proficiency Examination</b>
March 25	M	Summer 2019 registration for graduate students begins.
March 28	Th	Fall 2019 priority registration for graduate students begins.
April 1	M	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 4	Th	Fall 2019 priority registration for undergraduate students begins.
April 22	M	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
April 29	M	Spring classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates <i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
April 30	T	Spring study day
May 1–7	W–T	Spring final examinations; grades are due 72 hours following the exam
May 10–12	F–Su	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 11		<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
May 12	Su	Official Degree Award Date
May 19	Su	<i>WCL Spring Commencement Ceremony</i> <i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date</i>

## SUMMER SESSIONS 2019 (Dates subject to change)

For Summer 2019 Add/Drop, Withdrawal, and Refund dates, see [www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm](http://www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm).

May 13	M	7-week (A) and Online Learning I (E) sessions begin
May 20	M	Students begin submitting applications for summer graduation
May 24	F	First 6-week (B) and 3-week (C) sessions begin
May 27	F	Last day to add a summer internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
May 27	M	Memorial Day; no classes, university offices closed
May 28	T	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
June 1	S	<i>Writing Proficiency Examination</i>
June 6	Th	3-week (C) session ends
June 27	Th	7-week (A), first 6-week (B) and Online Learning I (E) sessions end
July 1	M	Last day to apply for graduation in summer 2019
		Second 6-week (D) and Online Learning II (F) sessions begin
July 4	Th	Independence Day; no classes, university offices closed
July 5	F	Fall 2019 priority registration ends. <b>Payment is due August 1, 2019</b>
July 19	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
July 25	Th	<i>WCL: Last day of classes</i>
July 29	M	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
August 1	Th	<b>Payment due for fall 2019 priority registration</b>
August 2	F	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
August 8	Th	Second 6-week (D) session ends
		Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for summer degree candidates
August 15	Th	Online Learning II (F) session ends, end of summer sessions
August 18	Su	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2019 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
August 25	Su	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2019 diplomas; no event associated with this date)