

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**  
**Academic Calendar 2008–2009**

**Autumn Term 2008**

**Spring Term 2009**

**August**

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| 11-12 | 1 <sup>st</sup> year J.D. Registration & Orientation   |
| 13-29 | 1 <sup>st</sup> year J.D. classes in <i>Legal Methods (LM)</i> and in <i>Legal Practice Workshop (Legal Practice Workshop)</i> continues throughout the fall term); <i>LM</i> Final Exam on Sept. 26 |
| 11    | LL.M. Registration & Orientation   |
| 12-29 | Intensive <i>Comparative Introduction to American Law (CIAL)</i> classes (Civil Law LL.M. students); Part I of <i>CIAL</i> final exam on Aug. 29; Part II on Sept. 19                                |
| 25-29 | One-week <i>Intensive Professional Responsibility</i> classes; Final exam on Sept. 12  |
| 25    | Change of Program (Add/Drop) period begins (only voluntary changes until Sept. 2)  |
| 29    | End of classes in: 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> ; <i>Intensive Professional Responsibility</i> ; LL.M. <i>CIAL</i> .  |
| 29    | <i>CIAL</i> Final Exam Part I (LL.M.'s)  |

**September**

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| 1     | <b>Labor Day. No classes</b>   |
| 2     | First day of all other Law classes for 1L and upper-year courses. First day of classes at other divisions of the University  |
| 2-9   | Law School Change of Program (Add/Drop) Period continues. Action required on wait-list notifications.  |
| 9     | End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date, changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition. Deadline for 3L's to register for Major Writing Credit. |
| 12    | Final Exam for <i>Intensive Professional Responsibility</i>  |
| 19    | <i>CIAL</i> Final Exam Part II (LL.M.'s)   |
| 25-26 | <i>Legal Methods</i> Study Day and Exam. No 1L classes   |
| 26    | Final exam for 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> course  |

**October**

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| 1  | All work for the October degree must be submitted by this date. Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay in Graduate Legal Studies Office for October degree |
| 15 | Final deadline for submission of outstanding written work from the 2007-08 academic year   |
| 15 | Conferral of October degrees   |

**November**

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**27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday. No Classes**

**December**

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| 2     | Last day of 1L classes  |
| 3-8   | 1L study period (Exams Dec. 9-18)   |
| 8     | Last day of upper-year Law classes; Last day of classes at other divisions of the University  |
| 9     | Upper-year study day (Exams Dec. 10-18)   |
| 9-18  | 1L exams  |
| 10-18 | Upper-year exams  |
| 18    | Fall term ends; deadline for submission of Fall 2008 written work;  |
| 18    | Due date for outstanding work (all February candidates). Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay in Graduate Legal Studies Office for February degree. |

**January**

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| 5     | Change of Program (Add/Drop) period begins (only voluntary changes until January 12)   |
| 12    | First day of all Law School classes  |
| 12-20 | Law School Change of Program (Add/Drop) Period continues. Action required on wait-list notifications.                            |
| 19    | <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed. No Classes</b>   |
| 20    | First day of classes at other divisions of the University  |
| 20    | End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date, changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition. |
| 20    | Deadline for May 2009 JD candidates to register for Minor Writing Credit   |

**February**

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| 1  | Major Writing Credit: due date for May 2009 JD candidates to submit first draft of paper |
| 11 | Conferral of February degrees  |

**March**

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**16-20 Spring Break. No classes**

**April**

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| 1        | Major Writing Credit: deadline for May 2009 JD candidates to submit final draft of paper |
| 1        | Graduating students: Deadline for submission of outstanding Fall 2008 written work       |
| 27       | Graduating students: Deadline for submission of Spring 2009 written work                 |
| 27       | Last day of Law School classes   |
| 28-30    | Upper-year study period  |
| 28-May 4 | 1L study period  |

**May**

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| 1    | Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay in Graduate Legal Studies office for May degree. |
| 1-15 | Upper-year exams  |
| 4    | Last day of classes at other divisions of the University                                    |
| 5-15 | 1L exams  |
| 15   | Last day of exams   |
| 15   | Continuing students: Deadline for submission of Spring 2009 written work                    |
| 15   | Spring term ends  |
| 20   | <b>University Commencement &amp; Degree Conferral</b>                                       |
| 21   | Law School Graduation Ceremony  |

December 2007