

# COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

## Academic Calendar 2015–2016

### Autumn Term 2015

August	
17 and 18	1 <sup>st</sup> year JD Registration & Orientation
18	LLM Registration & Orientation
19-September 4	1 <sup>st</sup> year JD classes in <i>Legal Methods (LM)</i> and in <i>Legal Practice Workshop (LPW)</i> . <i>LPW</i> continues throughout the fall term). <i>Legal Methods</i> final exam on Sept. 25
19-September 4	Classes in LLM <i>Introduction to American Law (IAL)</i> and in <i>Legal Research &amp; Writing (LRW)</i> . LLM <i>LRW</i> continues throughout the fall term). <i>IAL</i> final exam on Sept. 25
31	Start of Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) - only voluntary changes until Sept. 8
September	
1	<b>October 2015 Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding 2014-15 written work granted an extension
4	End of classes in 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> and LLM <i>Introduction to American Law (IAL)</i>
7	<b>Labor Day - No classes</b>
8 (Tuesday)	First day of classes in term-long Law courses. First day of classes at other divisions of the University.
8-18	Law School Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) continues; action required on wait-list notifications
18	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition
18	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to register for Major Writing Credit
24	<i>Legal Methods</i> Study Day – No 1L classes
25	Final exams for 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> and LLM <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
October	
1	<b>October 2015 LLM Degree Candidates:</b> Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
15	Final date to drop a Fall 2015 Law course (the notation of W will be recorded for these late drops)
15	LLM Writing Project registration deadline for fall term writing projects
15	Final date to submit outstanding 2014-15 written work that was granted an extension ( <b>Grades due by Nov. 15</b> )
21	Conferral of October degrees
November	
26-27	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes</b>
December	
1	<b>May 2016 Degree Candidates:</b> Degree applications due
4 (Friday)	Last day of 1L classes
5-10	1L study period (1L Exams Dec. 11-22)
11-22	1L exams
11 (Friday)	Last day of upper-year Law classes
12-13	Upper-year study days (Upper-year Exams Dec. 14-22)
14	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
14-22	Upper-year exams
22	Fall 2015 term ends; due date for submission of Fall 2015 written work
31	<b>February 2016 Degree Candidates:</b> Deadline to submit outstanding written work; last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies

### Spring Term 2016

January	
11	Start of Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) - only voluntary changes until January 19
15	Fall 2015 grades due
18	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes</b>
19 (Tuesday)	First day of all Law School classes. First day of classes at other divisions of the University
19-26	Law School Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) continues; action required on wait-list notification
26	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition
26	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to register for Minor Writing Credit
February	
1	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to submit first draft of Major Writing Credit paper
1	LLM Writing Project registration deadline for spring term writing projects
10	Conferral of February 2016 degrees
15	Final date to drop a Spring 2016 Law course (the notation of W will be recorded for these late drops)
March	
14-18	<b>Spring Recess - No Classes</b>
April	
1	<b>3L's:</b> Deadline to submit final draft of Major Writing Credit paper
1	<b>All students:</b> Deadline to submit all outstanding Fall 2015 written work that was granted an extension
27 (Wednesday)	Last day of Law School classes
27	<b>May 2016 Degree Candidates (JD &amp; LLM):</b> Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2016 written work
27	<b>May 2016 LLM Degree Candidates:</b> Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
28-May 1	Upper-year study period (Exams May 2-13)
28-May 3	1L study period (Exams May 4-13)
May	
2	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
2-13	Upper-year exams
4-13	1L exams
13	Last day of exams for all Law courses
13	<b>Continuing students:</b> Due date for submission of Spring 2016 written work
13	Grades due for May 2017 degree candidates
13	Spring 2016 term ends
18 (Wednesday)	<b>University Commencement &amp; Degree Conferral</b>
19 (Thursday)	Law School Graduation Ceremony
June	
15	Spring 2016 grades due for continuing students