

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**  
**Academic Calendar 2011–2012**

**Autumn Term 2011**

**Spring Term 2012**

**August**

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<b>15-16</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> year J.D. Registration & Orientation
<b>15</b>	LL.M. Registration & Orientation
<b>16-Sept. 2</b>	Intensive <i>Comparative Introduction to American Law (CIAL)</i> classes (LL.M. students); Part I of <i>CIAL</i> final exam on Sept. 2; Part II <i>CIAL</i> exam on Sept. 16
<b>17-Sept. 2</b>	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. 23
<b>17-Sept. 2</b>	Intensive upperyear courses; Final Exams on Sept. 23.
<b>29</b>	Change of Program (Add/Drop) period begins (only voluntary changes until Sept. 6)

**September**

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<b>2</b>	End of classes in: 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> ; LL.M. <i>CIAL</i> ; Intensive upperyear courses.
<b>2</b>	Final Exam Part I for <i>CIAL</i> (LL.M.'s)
<b>5</b>	<b>Labor Day. No classes</b>
<b>6</b>	First day of all other Law classes for 1L and upperyear courses. First day of classes at other divisions of the University.
<b>6-13</b>	Law School Change of Program (Add/Drop) Period continues. Action required on wait-list notifications.
<b>13</b>	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date, changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
<b>13</b>	Deadline for 3L's to register for Major Writing Credit.
<b>16</b>	Final Exam Part II for <i>CIAL</i> (LL.M.'s)
<b>22-23</b>	<i>Legal Methods</i> Study Day and Exam. No 1L classes
<b>23</b>	Final exams for 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> course and for intensive upperyear courses.

**October**

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<b>1</b>	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.
<b>15</b>	Final deadline for submission of outstanding written work from the 2010-11 academic year; <b>Grades due by Nov. 15</b>
<b>19</b>	Conferral of October degrees

**November**

**24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday. No Classes**

**December**

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<b>2</b>	Last day of 1L classes; May degree applications due
<b>3-8</b>	1L study period (Exams Dec. 9-21)
<b>9</b>	Last day of upperyear Law classes;
<b>9-21</b>	1L exams
<b>10-11</b>	Upperyear study days (Exams Dec. 12-21)
<b>12-21</b>	Upperyear exams
<b>12</b>	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
<b>21</b>	Fall term ends. Due date for submission of Fall 2011 written work.
<b>31</b>	Deadline for work still outstanding (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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<b>9</b>	Change of Program (Add/Drop) period begins (only voluntary changes until January 17)
<b>16</b>	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed. No Classes</b>
<b>17 (Tuesday)</b>	First day of all Law School classes. First day of classes at other divisions of the University.
<b>17-24</b>	Law School Change of Program (Add/Drop) Period continues. Action required on wait-list notifications.
<b>24</b>	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date, changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition.
<b>24</b>	Deadline for May 2012 JD candidates to register for Minor Writing Credit.

**February**

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<b>1</b>	Major Writing Credit: Due date for May 2012 JD candidates to submit first draft of paper.
<b>8</b>	Conferral of February degrees

**March**

**12-16 Spring Break. No classes**

**April**

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<b>1</b>	Major Writing Credit: Deadline for May 2012 JD candidates to submit final draft of paper.
<b>1</b>	All students: Deadline for submission of outstanding Fall 2011 written work.
<b>25</b>	Graduating students: Deadline for submission of Spring 2012 written work.
<b>25 (Wednesday)</b>	Last day of Law School classes
<b>26-29</b>	Upperyear study period (Exams April 30-May 11)
<b>26-30</b>	1L study period (Exams May 1-11)
<b>30</b>	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
<b>30-May 11</b>	Upperyear exams

**May**

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<b>1</b>	Last day to file final copy of LL.M. Essay in Graduate Legal Studies office for May degree.
<b>1-11</b>	1L exams
<b>11</b>	Last day of exams for all Law courses
<b>11</b>	Continuing students: Due date for submission of Spring 2012 written work.
<b>11</b>	Spring term ends
<b>16 (Wednesday)</b>	<b>University Commencement &amp; Degree Conferral</b>
<b>17 (Thursday)</b>	Law School Graduation Ceremony