

LAW SCHOOL CALENDAR

2024-2025 Academic Calendar

The Law School operates on a semester calendar, with optional terms during the Winter and Summer break periods. The Law School reserves the right to make changes in this calendar. A detailed current calendar can be found at https://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/acad_calendar/

Fall Semester 2024

Date	Event
August 2024	
2-6	Fall bidding - round 1
9-13	Fall bidding - round 2
9	Summer classes end
12-16	Summer term exams
16-19	Last chance to cancel Fall bids
22	Fall open enrollment (through Sep 6)
23	Orientation
26	Fall semester classes begin
30	Last day to drop a clinic
September 2024	
2	Labor Day Holiday - no classes
6	Last day to add any law course; last day to drop any law course other than clinic
13	Summer grades post
October 2024	
9	Follow Thursday schedule
10	Follow Friday schedule
11	Fall Break - no classes
15-16	Winter Intersession bidding
18-21	Last chance to cancel Winter bids
November 2024	
1-5	Spring bidding - round 1
5	Day of Civi Service - no classes
8-12	Spring bidding - round 2
27	Fall semester classes end
28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday - no classes
December 2024	
2-6	Reading period
7-19	Fall semester exams

Winter Intersession 2025

Intersession offers 2L, 3L, and LLM students the option to enroll in one class during the Winter break. 1L and Tax students are not eligible for Intersession courses. Intersession is an optional term that does not count toward the residence requirement.

Date	Event
December 2024	
20-Jan 12	Winter Break
20	Winter Intersession courses begin

January 2025	
12	Winter Intersession courses end

Spring Semester 2025

Date	Event
January 2025	
8-24	Spring open enrollment
13	Spring semester classes begin
17	Fall grades post
17	Last day to drop clinic
20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - no classes
24	Last day to add any law course; last day to drop any law course other than clinic
February 2025	
7	Winter grades post
March 2025	
22-31	Spring Break - no classes
April 2025	
1	Spring semester classes resume (follow Monday schedule)
22	Spring classes end
23-25	Review sessions and reading period
26 - May 8	Spring semester exams

Summer Term 2025

Summer Term offers 1L and 2L students the option of enrolling in up to two courses during the break. Summer is an optional term that does not count toward the JD residence requirement.

Date	Event
May 2025	
8	Spring semester exams end
16	Law School Convocation ceremony
June 2025	
2	Summer practica classes begin
6	Spring grades post
20	Degree conferral
16	Summer term non-practica classes begin
19	Juneteenth Holiday - no classes
July 2025	
4	Independence Day Holiday - no classes
August 2025	
8	Summer term classes end
13-15	Summer term exams
25	Fall semester classes begin