Cornell Law School
2016-17 Academic Calendar

Fall Term 16

Monday, August 8  ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION for new LL.M. students and mandatory Graduate Program instruction begins *Introduction to the American Legal System* [one-year Master’s program]

Thursday, August 18  ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION for all new J.D. students [three-year J.D. program]

Wednesday, August 24  Fall term instruction begins

*Note: Law School classes will be held on Labor Day; Monday, September 5, 2016*

Saturday, October 8  Fall recess begins

Monday, October 17  Instruction resumes

Wednesday, November 23  Thanksgiving recess begins

Monday, November 28  Instruction resumes

Friday, December 2  Instruction ends

Wednesday, December 7  Final examinations begin

Friday, December 16  Final examinations end

Spring Term 17

Monday, January 16  No Classes - Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday, January 17  Lawyering Program instruction begins for first-year students

Monday, January 23  Spring term instruction begins in all other courses

Saturday, April 1  Spring recess begins

Monday, April 10  Instruction resumes

Friday, April 28  Spring term instruction ends

Wednesday, May 3  Final examinations for upperclass students begin

Thursday, May 4  Final examinations for first-year students begin

Friday, May 13  Final examinations for upperclass students end

Sunday, May 14  Law School Convocation

Tuesday, May 16  Final examinations for first-year students end

Sunday, May 28  University Commencement