Cornell Law School
2017-18 Academic Calendar

Fall Term 17

Monday, August 7
ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION for new LL.M. students and mandatory Graduate Program instruction begins (Introduction to the American Legal System)
[one-year Master’s program]

Monday, August 14
ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION for all new J.D. students
[three-year J.D. program]

Tuesday, August 22
Fall term instruction begins (First day of classes will follow a Monday schedule)

Monday, September 4
No Classes - Labor Day

Saturday, October 7
Fall recess begins

Monday, October 16
Instruction resumes

Wednesday, November 22
Thanksgiving recess begins

Monday, November 27
Instruction resumes

Friday, December 1
Instruction ends

Wednesday, December 6
Final examinations begin

Monday, December 18
Final examinations end

Spring Term 18

Monday, January 15
No Classes - Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 16
Lawyering Program instruction begins for first-year students

Monday, January 22
Spring term instruction begins in all other courses

Saturday, March 31
Spring recess begins

Monday, April 9
Instruction resumes

Friday, April 27
Spring term instruction ends

Wednesday, May 2
Final examinations begin

Friday, May 11
Final examinations for upper-class students end

Saturday, May 12
Law School Convocation

Tuesday, May 15
Final examinations for first-year students end

Sunday, May 27
University Commencement