Cornell Law School
2019-20 Academic Calendar

**Fall Term 19**

- **Monday, August 12**: 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 19**: ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION for all new J.D. students
  - [three-year J.D. program]
- **Tuesday, August 27**: Fall term instruction begins *(First day of classes will follow a Monday schedule)*
- **Monday, September 2**: No Classes - Labor Day
- **Saturday, October 12**: Fall recess begins
- **Monday, October 21**: Instruction resumes
- **Wednesday, November 27**: Thanksgiving recess begins
- **Monday, December 2**: Instruction resumes
- **Monday, December 23**: Final examinations end

**Spring Term 20**

- **Tuesday, January 14**: Lawyering Program instruction begins for first-year students
- **Monday, January 20**: No Classes - Martin Luther King Day.
- **Tuesday, January 21**: Spring term instruction begins in all other courses
- **Saturday, March 28**: Spring recess begins
- **Monday, April 6**: Instruction resumes
- **Monday, April 27**: Spring term instruction ends
- **Thursday, April 30**: Final examinations for upper-class students begin
- **Friday, May 1**: Final examinations for first-year students begin
- **Friday, May 8**: Final examinations for upper-class students end
- **Saturday, May 9**: Law School Convocation
- **Monday, May 11**: Final examinations for first-year students end
- **Sunday, May 24**: University Commencement