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

Friday, December 6  Instruction ends

Wednesday, December 11  Final examinations begin

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