Cornell Law School  
2020-21 Academic Calendar

Fall Term 20

Monday, August 10  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 17  ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION for all new J.D. students [three-year J.D. program]

Tuesday, August 25  Fall term instruction begins (First day of classes will follow a Monday schedule)

Monday, September 7  No Classes - Labor Day

Saturday, October 10  Fall recess begins

Monday, October 19  Instruction resumes

Wednesday, October 21  1L Practice Exam

Wednesday, November 25  Thanksgiving recess begins

Monday, November 30  Instruction resumes

Friday, December 4  Instruction ends

Wednesday, December 9  Final examinations begin

Monday, December 21  Final examinations end

Spring Term 21

Monday, January 18  No Classes - Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday, January 19  Lawyering Program instruction begins for first-year students

Monday, January 25  Spring term instruction begins in all other courses

Saturday, April 3  Spring break begins

Monday, April 12  Instruction resumes

Friday, April 30  Spring term instruction ends

Wednesday, May 5  Final examinations for upper-class students begin

Wednesday, May 5  Final examinations for first-year students begin

Friday, May 14  Final examinations for upper-class students end

Saturday, May 15  Law School Convocation

Monday, May 17  Final examinations for first-year students end

Sunday, May 30  University Commencement