

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

(Excluding Dentistry, Law, Medicine and
Nontraditional Programs)

FALL (FIRST) SEMESTER 2025

August 11, Monday to August 15, Friday	BISON WEEK ORIENTATION, ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT AND COURSE REGISTRATION , for all New Undergraduate Students
August 18, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN
August 22, Friday	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-University Transfer for Fall 2026 in the Office of the Registrar
September 1, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Labor Day Observed
September 5, Friday	LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR FALL 2025 (Add or drop a course without a grade of "W," change from one section to another, change from credit to audit or audit to credit). Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
September 8, Monday	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for FALL 2025 prospective candidates.
September 12, Friday	Deadline for instructors to verify course participation in BisonHub for Fall 2025
September 19, Friday	OPENING CONVOCATION Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 A.M. (Classes Suspended from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.)
September 19, Friday	Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
October 3, Friday	Preliminary Enrollment Census Date
October 10, Friday	Deadline for instructors to submit Interim/Midterm Grades in BisonHub for Fall 2026
October 13, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Mental Health Day
October 17, Friday	Graduation Application deadline for FALL 2025 prospective candidates.
October 17, Friday	Final Enrollment Census
October 24, Friday	Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all

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October 25, Saturday	Senior Comprehensive Examination in major fields for College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) prospective graduates.

Spring 2026 Registration for Continuing Students

DAY	DATE	CLASSIFICATION
MONDAY	OCTOBER 27	SENIOR
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 28	JUNIOR
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 29	SOPHOMORE
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 30	FRESHMAN & UNCLASSIFIED
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 31	GRADUATE

November 11, Tuesday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Veterans Day Observed
November 14, Friday	LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A FALL 2025 COURSE LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (No refunds) To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal) Deadline for prospective Fall 2025 Graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub
November 26, Wednesday	Classes & University Services Suspended at NOON DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS TO CLEAR SPRING AND SUMMER 2025 INCOMPLETE GRADES
November 27, Thursday to November 30, Sunday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - THANKSGIVING RECESS
December 1, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES END FOR FALL 2025
December 2, Tuesday to December 3, Wednesday	Reading Period
December 3, Wednesday	Deadline for Instructors to submit Grade Changes in BisonHub for removal of Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 Incomplete grades
December 4, Thursday to December 5, Friday	DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2025-2026 Final Exam Schedule)
December 8, Monday to December 12, Friday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2025-2026 Final Exam Schedule)
December 16, Tuesday	FALL (FIRST) 2025 SEMESTER ENDS Official GRADUATION DATE for Fall 2025 degree recipients

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December 17, Wednesday to January 1, Thursday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – WINTER RECESS
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SPRING (SECOND) SEMESTER 2026

January 6, Tuesday	ORIENTATION, ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT, COURSE REGISTRATION
January 12, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN
January 16, Friday	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-University Transfers for Spring 2026 in Office of the Registrar
January 19, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 23, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Fall 2025 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar
January 30, Friday	<p>LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR SPRING 2026. (Add or drop a course without a grade of "W," change from one section to another, change from credit to audit or audit to credit).</p> <p>Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)</p>
February 2, Monday	Deadline for instructors to verify course participation in BisonHub for Spring 2026 classes
February 9, Monday	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for SPRING 2026 prospective candidates
February 13, Friday	<p>Preliminary Enrollment Census Date</p> <p>Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)</p>
February 16, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Presidents' Day
March 2, Monday	Summer 2026 Registration begins for Continuing Students via BisonHub.
March 6, Friday	<p>CHARTER DAY CONVOCATION</p> <p>Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 A.M. (Classes suspended from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.)</p> <p>Deadline for instructors to submit Interim/Midterm grades via BisonHub</p> <p>Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)</p>
March 7, Saturday to March 15, Sunday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – SPRING RECESS
March 13, Friday	Final Enrollment Census Date

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Fall 2026 Registration for Continuing Students

DAY	DATE	CLASSIFICATION
MONDAY	MARCH 23	SENIOR
TUESDAY	MARCH 24	JUNIOR
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 25	SOPHOMORE
THURSDAY	MARCH 26	FRESHMAN & UNCLASSIFIED
FRIDAY	MARCH 27	GRADUATE

March 28, Saturday	Senior Comprehensive Examinations for major fields College of Arts and Sciences prospective graduates
April 3, Friday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – MENTAL HEALTH DAY
April 10, Friday	LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A SPRING 2026 COURSE LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (No refunds) To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
April 17, Friday	Deadline for prospective Spring 2026 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub
April 21, Tuesday to April 23, Thursday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE SPRING 2026 GRADUATES
April 27, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES END DEADLINE FOR INSTRUCTORS TO SUBMIT GRADES FOR SPRING 2026 PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS TO CLEAR FALL 2026 INCOMPLETE GRADES
April 28, Tuesday to April 29, Wednesday	Reading Period
April 29, Wednesday	Deadline for Instructors to submit Grade Changes in BisonHub for removal of Fall 2025 Incomplete grades
April 30, Thursday to May 1, Friday	DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2025-2026 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule)
May 4, Monday to May 8, Friday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2025-2026 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule)
May 8, Friday	SECOND SEMESTER ENDS
May 9, Saturday	COMMENCEMENT Upper Quadrangle - Main Campus, 10:00 A.M. Official GRADUATION DATE for all Spring 2026 degree recipients
May 29, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Spring 2026 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar

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SUMMER SEMESTER 2026

Summer Session I: May 18 – June 20

Summer Session II: June 22 – July 24

Summer 10-Week Session: May 18 – July 24

May 18, Monday	SUMMER SESSION I, SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN SUMMER SESSION I, SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: LAST DAY TO ADD/DROP, REGISTRATION WITH NO PENALTY for all students; Add or drop a course without a grade of "W," change from one section to another, change from credit to audit or audit to credit) Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
May 22, Friday	SUMMER SESSION I: Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal) SUMMER SESSION I: Deadline for faculty to verify participation in courses in BisonHub for Summer 2026
May 26, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Memorial Day
May 29, Friday	SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
May 29, Friday	SUMMER SESSION I: Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal) SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: Deadline for faculty to verify participation in courses in BisonHub for Summer 2026
June 1, Monday	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for SUMMER 2026 prospective candidates
June 5, Friday	SUMMER SESSION I: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE SUMMER SESSION I: LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY FOR SUMMER SESSION I (No Refunds) To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
June 12, Friday	SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
June 16, Tuesday	FORMAL CLASSES END – SUMMER SESSION I

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June 17, Wednesday to June 20, Saturday	SUMMER SESSION I: FINAL EXAMS SUMMER SESSION I: Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is 3 calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2025-2026 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule)
June 19, Friday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Juneteenth
June 19, Friday	SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (No Refunds) To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
June 21, Sunday	SUMMER SESSION I ENDS
June 22, Monday	SUMMER SESSION II: FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN SUMMER SESSION II: LAST DAY TO ADD/DROP, REGISTRATION WITH NO PENALTY (Add or drop a course without a grade of "W," change from one section to another, change from credit to audit or audit to credit) Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
June 26, Friday	SUMMER SESSION II: Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must do so via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal) Deadline for faculty to submit verify participation in SUMMER SESSION II courses via BisonHub
July 2, Thursday	Final Summer Enrollment Census
July 3, Friday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Independence Day Observed
July 3, Friday	SUMMER SESSION II: Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
July 11, Friday	Deadline for prospective Summer 2026 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub SUMMER SESSION II: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE SUMMER SESSION II: LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (No Refunds) To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
July 21, Tuesday	FORMAL CLASSES END - SUMMER SESSION II; SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION
July 22, Wednesday to July 24, Friday	Summer Session II Final Exams. Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is 3 calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2025-2026 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule)
July 25, Saturday	SUMMER SEMESTER ENDS Official GRADUATION DATE for Summer 2026 degree recipients

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August 7, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Summer 2026 Graduation Recommendations to the Office of the Registrar
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Document Revisions

Event	New Date	Original Date