

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

(Excluding Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Nontraditional Programs)

Fall Semester 2025 (First Semester)

Day	Date(s)		Event	Description
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
Monday - Friday	August 11	August 15	Bison Week	Orientation, Academic Advisement and Course Registration for all New Undergraduate Students
Monday	August 18	-	Formal Classes Begin	
Friday	August 22	-	Deadline – Intrauniversity Transfers	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-university Transfer for Fall 2026 in the Office of the Registrar
Monday	September 1	-	University Closure	University Closed – Labor Day Observed

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Friday	September 5	-	Last Day to Register for Fall 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (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)
Monday	September 8	-	Graduation Application Opens	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for Fall 2025 prospective candidates.
Friday	September 12	-	Deadline – Instructors	Deadline for instructors to verify course participation in BisonHub for Fall 2025
Friday	September 19	-	Opening Convocation	Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 A.M. (<i>*Classes Suspended from 10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.</i>)
Friday	October 3	-	Enrollment Census	Preliminary Enrollment Census Date
Friday	October 10	-	Deadline – Instructors	Deadline for instructors to submit Interim/Midterm Grades in BisonHub for Fall 2026
Monday	October 13	-	University Closure	University Closed – Mental Health Day
Friday	October 17	-	Deadline – Graduation Application	Graduation Application deadline for Fall 2025 prospective candidates.
Friday	October 17	-	Enrollment Census	Final Enrollment Census

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Friday	October 24	-	Deadline – Withdrawal from University	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
Saturday	October 25	-	Exam Date	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

Day	Date(s)		Event	Description
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
Tuesday	November 11	-	University Closure	University Closed – Veterans Day Observed

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Friday	November 14	-	Deadline – Withdrawal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Last day to withdraw from a Fall 2025 course</i> • <i>Last day to complete a withdrawal from the university</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) • Deadline for prospective Fall 2025 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub
Wednesday	November 26	-	University Closure- Half Day/ Deadline – Spring/ Summer Grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes & university services suspended at noon; Formal classes end for Fall 2025 • Deadline for students to clear Spring and Summer 2025 incomplete grades
Thursday - Sunday	November 27	November 30	University Closure	University Closed - Thanksgiving Recess
Monday - Wednesday	December 1	December 3	Reading Period	Reading Period
Wednesday	December 3	-	Deadline - Instructors	Deadline for Instructors to submit Grade Changes in BisonHub for removal of Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 Incomplete grades
Thursday - Friday	December 4	December 5	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)
Monday - Friday	December 8	December 12	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)

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Tuesday	December 16	-	Fall (First) 2025 Semester Ends	Official Graduation Date for Fall 2025 degree recipients
Wednesday - Thursday	December 17	January 1	University Closure	University Closed - Winter Recess

Spring (Second) Semester 2026

Day	Date(s)		Event	Description
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
Tuesday	January 6	-	Orientation	Orientation, Academic Advisement, Course Registration
Monday	January 12	-	Formal Classes Begin	Formal Classes Begin
Friday	January 16	-	Deadline – Intra-University Transfers	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-university Transfers for Spring 2026 in Office of the Registrar
Monday	January 19	-	University Closure	University Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Friday	January 23	-	Deadline – Graduation	Deadline for receipt of Fall 2025 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar

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Friday	January 30	-	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.)
			Deadline – Withdrawals	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)
Monday	February 2	-	Deadline – Instructors	Deadline for instructors to verify course participation in BisonHub for Spring 2026 classes
Monday	February 9	-	Spring 2026 Graduation Application Opens	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for SPRING 2026 prospective candidates
Friday	February 13	-	Enrollment Census	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Enrollment Census Date • Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the
			Deadline – Withdrawal	university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
Monday	February 16	-	University Closure	University Closed – Presidents Day
Monday	March 2	-	Course Registration Opens	Summer 2026 Registration begins for Continuing Students via BisonHub.

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Friday	March 6	-	Charter Day Convocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 A.M. (Classes suspended from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) • Deadline for instructors to submit Interim/Midterm grades via BisonHub • 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)
Saturday - Sunday	March 7	March 15	University Closure	University Closed - Spring Recess
Friday	March 13	-	Enrollment Census	Final Enrollment Census Date

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

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Saturday	March 28	-	Exams –COAS	Senior Comprehensive Examinations for major fields College of Arts and Sciences prospective graduates
Friday	April 3	-	University Closure	University Closed – Mental Health Day
Friday	April 10	-		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Last day to withdraw from a Spring 2026 course</i> • <i>Last day to complete a total withdrawal from the University.</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)
Friday	April 17	-	Deadline – Apply for Graduation	Deadline for prospective Spring 2026 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub
Tuesday - Thursday	April 21	April 23	Final Exams	Final Examinations for Prospective Spring 2026 Graduates
Monday	April 27	-	Deadline – Instructors / Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Formal Classes End</i> • Deadline for Instructors to Submit Grades for Spring 2026 Prospective Graduates • Deadline for Students to Clear Fall 2026 Incomplete Grades
Tuesday - Wednesday	April 28	April 29	Reading Period	Reading Period

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Wednesday	April 29	-	Deadline – Instructors	Deadline for Instructors to submit Grade Changes in BisonHub for removal of Fall 2025 Incomplete grades
Thursday - Friday	April 30	May 1	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)
Monday - Friday	May 4	May 8	Final 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)
Friday	May 8	-	End of Semester	<i>Second Semester Ends</i>
Saturday	May 9	-	Commencement	Upper Quadrangle - Main Campus, 10:00 A.M. Official Graduation Date for all Spring 2026 degree recipients
Friday	May 29	-	Deadline – Graduation Recommendations	Deadline for receipt of Spring 2026 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar

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

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Monday	May 18	-	Summer Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
				<p>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)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
Friday	May 22	-	Summer Session I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Monday	May 26	-	University Closure	University Closed – Memorial Day

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Friday	May 29	-	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)
Friday	May 29	-	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
Monday	June 1	-	Graduation Application Opens	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for SUMMER 2026 prospective candidates

Friday	June 5	-	Summer Session I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day to Withdraw from a Course • <i>Last Day to Complete a Total Withdrawal from the University for Summer Session I</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)
Friday	June 12	-	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)

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Tuesday	June 16	-	Formal Classes End – Summer Session I	Formal Classes End – Summer Session I
Wednesday - Saturday	June 17	June 20	Summer Session I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
Friday	June 19		University Closure	University Closed - Juneteenth
Friday	June 19	-	Summer Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
Sunday	June 21	-	Summer Session Ends	Summer Session I Ends

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
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Friday	June 26	-	Summer Session II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Thursday	July 2	-	Enrollment Census	Final Summer Enrollment Census
Friday	July 3	-	University Closure	University Closed – Independence Day Observed
Friday	July 3	-		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
Friday	July 11	-	Deadline – Apply for Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for prospective Summer 2026 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub Summer Session II: Last Day to Withdraw from a Course

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			Summer Session II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
Tuesday	July 21	-	Formal Classes End – Session II; Summer 10-Week Session	Formal Classes End – Session II; Summer 10Week Session
Saturday	July 25	-	Summer Semester Ends	Official Graduation Date for Summer 2026 degree recipients
Friday	August 7	-	Deadline – Graduation	Deadline for receipt of Summer 2026 Graduation Recommendations to the Office of the Registrar

Document Revisions

Event	New Date	Date
End of Formal Classes	11/26/25	12/1/25
Reading Period Start	12/1/25	12/2/25
Reading Period End	12/3/25	12/4/25

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