

# HOWARD UNIVERSITY

## 2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

(Excluding Dentistry, Law, Medicine and  
Nontraditional Programs)

### FALL (FIRST) SEMESTER 2025

August 11, Monday to August 15, Friday	<b>BISON WEEK ORIENTATION, ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT AND COURSE REGISTRATION</b> , for all New Undergraduate Students
<b>August 18, Monday</b>	<b>FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN</b>
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	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Labor Day Observed</b>
September 5, Friday	<b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR FALL 2025</b> (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 ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> )
September 8, Monday	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for <b>FALL 2025</b> 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 ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> )
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	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Mental Health Day</b>
October 17, Friday	Graduation Application deadline for <b>FALL 2025</b> 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	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Veterans Day Observed</b>
November 14, Friday	<b>LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A FALL 2025 COURSE</b> <b>LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY</b> (No refunds) To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> ) <b>Deadline for prospective Fall 2025 Graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub</b>
November 26, Wednesday	<b>Classes &amp; University Services Suspended at NOON; FORMAL CLASSES END FOR FALL 2025</b> <b>DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS TO CLEAR SPRING AND SUMMER 2025 INCOMPLETE GRADES</b>
November 27, Thursday to November 30, Sunday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED - THANKSGIVING RECESS</b>
December 1, Monday 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. ( <a href="#">2025-2026 Final Exam Schedule</a> )
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. ( <a href="#">2025-2026 Final Exam Schedule</a> )
December 16, Tuesday	<b>FALL (FIRST) 2025 SEMESTER ENDS</b> Official <b>GRADUATION DATE</b> for Fall 2025 degree recipients

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December 17, Wednesday to January 1, Thursday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – WINTER RECESS</b>
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## SPRING (SECOND) SEMESTER 2026

January 6, Tuesday	ORIENTATION, ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT, COURSE REGISTRATION
January 12, Monday	<b>FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN</b>
January 16, Friday	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-University Transfers for Spring 2026 in Office of the Registrar
January 19, Monday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>
January 23, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Fall 2025 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar
January 30, Friday	<p><b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR SPRING 2026.</b> (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 (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</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 <b>SPRING 2026</b> 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 (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</p>
February 16, Monday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Presidents' Day</b>
March 2, Monday	Summer 2026 Registration begins for Continuing Students via BisonHub.
March 6, Friday	<p><b>CHARTER DAY CONVOCATION</b></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 (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</p>
March 7, Saturday to March 15, Sunday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – SPRING RECESS</b>
March 13, Friday	Final Enrollment Census Date

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## Fall 2026 Registration for Continuing Students

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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	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – MENTAL HEALTH DAY</b>
April 10, Friday	<b>LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A SPRING 2026 COURSE</b> <b>LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY</b> (No refunds) To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> )
April 17, Friday	Deadline for prospective Spring 2026 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub
April 21, Tuesday to April 23, Thursday	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE SPRING 2026 GRADUATES</b>
April 27, Monday	<b>FORMAL CLASSES END</b> <b>DEADLINE FOR INSTRUCTORS TO SUBMIT GRADES FOR SPRING 2026 PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES</b> <b>DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS TO CLEAR FALL 2026 INCOMPLETE GRADES</b>
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. ( <a href="#">2025-2026 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule</a> )
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. ( <a href="#">2025-2026 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule</a> )
May 8, Friday	<b>SECOND SEMESTER ENDS</b>
May 9, Saturday	COMMENCEMENT Upper Quadrangle - Main Campus, 10:00 A.M. Official <b>GRADUATION DATE</b> 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	<p><b>SUMMER SESSION I, SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN</b></p> <p><b>SUMMER SESSION I, SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: LAST DAY TO ADD/DROP, REGISTRATION WITH NO PENALTY</b> 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)</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 (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</p>
May 22, Friday	<p><b>SUMMER SESSION I:</b> 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 (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</p> <p><b>SUMMER SESSION I: Deadline for faculty to verify participation in courses in BisonHub for Summer 2026</b></p>
May 26, Monday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Memorial Day</b>
May 29, Friday	<p><b>SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION:</b> 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 (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</p>
May 29, Friday	<p><b>SUMMER SESSION I:</b> 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 (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</p> <p><b>SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: Deadline for faculty to verify participation in courses in BisonHub for Summer 2026</b></p>
June 1, Monday	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for <b>SUMMER 2026</b> prospective candidates
June 5, Friday	<p><b>SUMMER SESSION I: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE</b></p> <p><b>SUMMER SESSION I: LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY FOR SUMMER SESSION I (No Refunds)</b> To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</p>
June 12, Friday	<p><b>SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION:</b> 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 (<a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a>)</p>
June 16, Tuesday	<b>FORMAL CLASSES END – SUMMER SESSION I</b>

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June 17, Wednesday to June 20, Saturday	<b>SUMMER SESSION I: FINAL EXAMS</b> <b>SUMMER SESSION I:</b> Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is 3 calendar days after the scheduled final examination. ( <a href="#">2025-2026 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule</a> )
June 19, Friday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Juneteenth</b>
June 19, Friday	<b>SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE</b> <b>SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION: LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (No Refunds)</b> To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> )
June 21, Sunday	<b>SUMMER SESSION I ENDS</b>
June 22, Monday	<b>SUMMER SESSION II: FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN</b> <b>SUMMER SESSION II: LAST DAY TO ADD/DROP, REGISTRATION WITH NO PENALTY</b> (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 ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> )
June 26, Friday	<b>SUMMER SESSION II:</b> 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 ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> ) <b>Deadline for faculty to submit verify participation in SUMMER SESSION II courses via BisonHub</b>
July 2, Thursday	Final Summer Enrollment Census
July 3, Friday	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSED – Independence Day Observed</b>
July 3, Friday	<b>SUMMER SESSION II:</b> 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 ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> )
July 11, Friday	Deadline for prospective Summer 2026 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub <b>SUMMER SESSION II: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE</b> <b>SUMMER SESSION II: LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (No Refunds)</b> To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal ( <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a> )
July 21, Tuesday	<b>FORMAL CLASSES END - SUMMER SESSION II; SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION</b>
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. ( <a href="#">2025-2026 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule</a> )
July 25, Saturday	<b>SUMMER SEMESTER ENDS</b> Official <b>GRADUATION DATE</b> 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**

<b>Event</b>	<b>New Date</b>	<b>Original Date</b>
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