

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

(Excluding Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Nontraditional Programs)

Fall Semester 2026 (First Semester)

Day	Date(s)		Event	Description
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
Monday - Friday	August 10	August 14	BISON WEEK	Orientation, Academic Advisement and Course Registration for all New Undergraduate Students
Monday - Friday	August 10	September 4	LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD -- Continuing Students	\$175 Late Registration Fee assessed
Monday	August 17	-	CLASSES BEGIN	
Friday	August 21	-	DEADLINE – Intra-University Transfers	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-University Transfer for Fall 2026 in the Office of the Registrar
Friday	September 4	-	LAST DAY TO REGISTER – Fall 2026 DEADLINE— Withdrawal 100% Refund	<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

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				Request an Institutional Withdrawal https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal
Monday	September 7		UNIVERSITY CLOSURE--	University Closed – Labor Day Observed
Friday	September 11	-	DEADLINE – Instructors	Deadline for instructors to verify course participation in BisonHub for Fall 2026
Monday	September 14	-	GRADUATION APPLICATION OPEN	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for FALL 2026 prospective candidates.
Friday	September 18	-	OPENING CONVOCATION	Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 A.M. (*Classes Suspended from 10:00 A.M.– 1:00 P.M.)
Friday	September 18	-	DEADLINE— Withdrawal 50% Refund	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	October 2	-	ENROLLMENT CENSUS	Preliminary Enrollment Census Date
Friday	October 9	-	DEADLINE – Instructors	Deadline for instructors to submit Interim/Midterm Grades in BisonHub for Fall 2026
Monday	October 9	-	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University Closed – Mental Health Day
Friday	October 17	-	FINAL ENROLLMENT CENSUS	Final Enrollment Census

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Friday	October 24	-	DEADLINE– Withdrawal 25% Refund	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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Spring 2026 Registration for Continuing Students

Day	Date	Classification
Monday	October 26	Senior
Tuesday	October 27	Junior
Wednesday	October 28	Sophomore
Thursday	October 29	Freshman & Unclassified
Friday	October 30	Graduate

Day	Date(s)		Event	Description
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Saturday	November 7	-	EXAM DATE	Senior Comprehensive Examination in major fields for College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) prospective graduates.
Wednesday	November 11	-	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University Closed – Veterans Day Observed

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Friday	November 13	-	DEADLINE— Last day to Withdrawal (No Refund)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day to withdraw from a Fall 2026 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 2026 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub
Wednesday	November 25	-	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 2026 • Deadline for students to clear Spring 2026 and Summer 2026 incomplete grades
Thursday - Sunday	November 26	November 29	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University Closed - Thanksgiving Recess
Monday - Wednesday	November 30	December 2	READING PERIOD	Reading Period
Wednesday	December 2	-	DEADLINE - Instructors	Deadline for Instructors to submit Grade Changes in BisonHub for removal of Spring 2026 and Summer 2026 Incomplete grades
Thursday - Friday	December 3	December 4	DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS	Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2026-2027 Final Exam Schedule)
Monday - Friday	December 7	December 11	FINAL EXAMINATIONS	Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2026-2027 Final Exam Schedule)

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Wednesday	December 16	-	FALL (FIRST) 2026 SEMESTER ENDS GRADUATION DATE	Official GRADUATION DATE for Fall 2026 degree recipients
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Spring (Second) Semester 2027

Day	Date(s)		Event	Description
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
Tuesday	January 7	-	ORIENTATION	Orientation, Academic Advisement, Course Registration
Thursday - Friday	January 7	January 29	LATE REGISTRATION— Continuing Students	\$175 Late Registration Fee assessed for all new registration
Monday	January 11	-	CLASSES BEGIN	Formal Classes Begin
Friday	January 15	-	DEADLINE – Intra-University Transfers	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-university Transfers for Spring 2027 in Office of the Registrar
Monday	January 18	-	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Friday	January 22	-	DEADLINE – Graduation Recommendations	Deadline for receipt of Fall 2026 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar

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Friday	January 29	-	LAST DAY TO REGISTER— Spring 2027 DEADLINE – Withdrawals 100% Refund	(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	February 1	-	DEADLINE— Instructors	Deadline for instructors to verify course participation in BisonHub for Spring 2027 classes
Monday	February 8	-	GRADUATION APPLICATION OPENS-- Spring 2027	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for SPRING 2027 prospective candidates
Friday	February 12	-	ENROLLMENT CENSUS DEADLINE— Withdrawal 50% Refund	<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 university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal
Monday	February 15	-	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University Closed – Presidents Day
Monday	March 1	-	REGISTRATION OPENS	Summer 2027 Registration begins for Continuing Students via BisonHub.

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Friday	March 5	-	CHARTER DAY CONVOCATION DEADLINE— Instructors DEADLINE— Withdrawal 25% Refund	<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 6	March 14	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University Closed - Spring Recess
Friday	March 12	-	ENROLLMENT CENSUS	Final Enrollment Census Date

Fall 2026 Registration for Continuing Students

Day	Date	Classification
Monday	March 22	Senior
Tuesday	March 23	Junior
Wednesday	March 24	Sophomore
Thursday	March 25	Freshman & Unclassified
Friday	March 26	Graduate

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Saturday	March 27	-	EXAMS –COAS	Senior Comprehensive Examinations for major fields College of Arts and Sciences prospective graduates
Friday	April 2	-	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University Closed – Mental Health Day
Friday	April 9	-	LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW— Spring 2027 No Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day to withdraw from a Spring 2027 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)
Friday	April 9	-	DEADLINE— Apply for Graduation	Deadline for prospective Spring 2027 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub
Tuesday - Thursday	April 20	April 22	FINAL EXAMINATIONS	Final Examinations for Prospective Spring 2027 Graduates
Monday	April 26	-	CLASSES END DEADLINE— Instructors DEADLINE— Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Classes End • Deadline for Instructors to Submit Grades for Spring 2027 Prospective Graduates • Deadline for Students to Clear Fall 2026 Incomplete Grades
Tuesday - Wednesday	April 27	April 28	READING PERIOD	Reading Period
Wednesday	April 28	-	DEADLINE— Instructors	Deadline for Instructors to submit Grade Changes in BisonHub for removal of Fall 2026 Incomplete grades

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Thursday - Friday	April 29	April 30	DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS DEADLINE— Instructors	Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2026-2027 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule)
Monday - Friday	May 3	May 7	FINAL EXAMINATIONS DEADLINE— Instructors	Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2026-2027 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule)
Friday	May 7	-	SEMESTER ENDS	Spring 2027 Semester ends
Saturday	May 8	-	COMMENCEMENT	Upper Quadrangle - Main Campus, 10:00 A.M. Official Graduation Date for all Spring 2027 degree recipients
Friday	May 28	-	DEADLINE -- GRADUATION Recommendations	Deadline for receipt of Spring 2027 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar

Summer Semester 2027

Summer Session I: May 17 – June 20

Summer Session II: June 21 – July 24

Summer 10-Week Session: May 17 – July 24

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Monday	May 17	-	SUMMER SESSION-- Overview DEADLINE – Withdrawal 100% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Session I, Summer 10-Week Session: • Last day to Add/Drop 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)
Friday	May 21	-	SUMMER SESSION I DEADLINE – Withdrawal 50% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Session I: Deadline for faculty to verify participation in courses in BisonHub for Summer 2027 • 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 28	-	SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION DEADLINE – Withdrawal 50% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 10-Week Session: Deadline for faculty to verify participation in courses in BisonHub for Summer 2027 • 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

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Monday	May 31	-	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Closed – Memorial Day
Tuesday	June 1	-	GRADUATION APPLICATION OPEN— Sumer 2027	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for SUMMER 2027 prospective candidates
Friday	June 4	-	DEADLINE WITHDRAWAL— Summer Session I – No Refund	<p>Summer Session I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to withdraw from a course <p>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 an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)</p>
Friday	June 11	-	SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION	Summer 10-Week Session:
			DEADLINE WITHDRAWAL— Summer Session 10 Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 15	-	CLASSES END— SUMMER SESSION 1	Summer Session I classes end
Wednesday - Saturday	June 16	June 19	FINAL EXAMS— SUMMER SESSION I DEADLINE— Instructors	Summer Session I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) (2026-2027 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule)
Friday	June 18	-	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University closure - Juneteenth
Friday	June 18	-	SUMMER 10- WEEK SESSION DEADLINE— Withdrawal	Summer 10-Week Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to withdraw from a course Summer 10-Week Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)

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Friday	June 20	-	SUMMER I SESSION ENDS	Summer Session I ends
Monday	June 21	-	SUMMER II SESSIONS BEGIN DEADLINE— Withdrawal 100% Refund	Summer II Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal classes begin Summer II Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to Add/Drop without a grade of “W” Change from one section to another Change from credit to audit or audit to credit <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) (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
Friday	June 25	-	SUMMER SESSION II DEADLINE— Faculty DEADLINE— Withdrawal 50% Refund	Summer Session II: Formal classes begin Deadline for faculty to verify participation in Summer Session II courses via BisonHub 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 drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal) (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)

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Friday	July 2	-	ENROLLMENT CENSUS	Formal Enrollment Census
Friday	July 2	-	SUMMER SESSION II DEADLINE— Withdrawal 25% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal)
Monday	July 5	-	UNIVERSITY CLOSURE	University Closure—Independence Day Observed
Friday	July 9	-	DEADLINE GRADUATION— Summer 2027 – No Refunds	<p>Summer Session II: Last day to withdraw from a course</p> <p>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)</p>
Tuesday	July 20	-	SUMMER SESSION II CLASSES END SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION CLASSES END	<p>Summer Session II classes end</p> <p>Summer 10-Week Session Classes end</p>

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Wednesday - Friday	July 21	July 23	FINAL EXAMINATIONS— Summer Session II DEADLINE – Instructors	Summer Session II Final Examinations Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is 3 calendar days after the scheduled final examination. (2026-2027 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule)
Saturday	July 24	-	SUMMER SESSION ENDS GRADUATION DATE	Summer Session Ends Official GRADUATION DATE for Summer 2027 degree recipients
Friday	August 6	-	DEADLINE— GRADUATION Recommendations	Deadline for receipt of Summer 2027 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
Entire Document – 2026-2027 Calendar	3/26/26	3/26/26

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