

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

(Excluding Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Nontraditional Programs)

Fall Semester 2026 (First Semester)

| Day | Date(s) | | Event | Description |
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| | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | | |
| Saturday - Friday | August 1 | September 4 | LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD -- Continuing Students | \$175 Late Registration Fee assessed |
| Monday - Friday | August 10 | August 14 | BISON WEEK | Orientation, Academic Advisement and Course Registration for all New Undergraduate Students |
| 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 |
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| Monday | October 26 | Senior |
| Tuesday | October 27 | Junior |
| Wednesday | October 28 | Sophomore |
| Thursday | October 29 | Freshman & Unclassified |
| Friday | October 30 | Graduate |

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| | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | | |
| 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; 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 | Official GRADUATION DATE for Fall 2026 degree recipients |
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Spring (Second) Semester 2027

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| Friday - Friday | January 1 | January 29 | LATE REGISTRATION— Continuing Students | \$175 Late Registration Fee assessed for all new registration |
| 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 | 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

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| 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"> • 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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| | | | | Institutional Withdrawal (https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal) |
| 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 | |
| | | | DEADLINE WITHDRAWAL— Summer Session 10 Week | <p>Summer 10-Week Session:</p> <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"> 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: 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 | Official 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

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