

# 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	<b>BISON WEEK</b>	Orientation, Academic Advisement and Course Registration for all New Undergraduate Students
Monday - Friday	August 10	September 4	<b>LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD --</b> Continuing Students	\$175 Late Registration Fee assessed
Monday	August 17	-	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	
Friday	August 21	-	<b>DEADLINE –</b> 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	-	<b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER –</b> Fall 2026  <b>DEADLINE—</b> Withdrawal 100% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (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).</li> <li>• Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive <b>100% refund</b> of tuition/fees.</li> <li>• To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and</li> </ul>

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

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Friday	October 24	-	<b>DEADLINE–</b> Withdrawal 25% Refund	Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive <b>25% refund</b> 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> )
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### Spring 2027 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
	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>		
Saturday	November 7	-	<b>EXAM DATE</b>	Senior Comprehensive Examination in major fields for College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) prospective graduates.
Wednesday	November 11	-	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE</b>	University Closed – <b>Veterans Day Observed</b>

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Friday	November 13	-	<b>DEADLINE—</b> Last day to Withdrawal ( <b>No Refund</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Last day to withdraw from a Fall 2026 course</b></li> <li>• <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>)</li> <li>• <b>Deadline for prospective Fall 2026 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday	November 25	-	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE--</b> Half Day  <b>DEADLINE –</b> Spring/ Summer Grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Classes &amp; university services suspended at noon;</b> Formal classes end for Fall 2026</li> <li>• Deadline for students to clear Spring 2026 and Summer 2026 incomplete grades</li> </ul>
Thursday - Sunday	November 26	November 29	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE</b>	University Closed - <b>Thanksgiving Recess</b>
Monday - Wednesday	November 30	December 2	<b>READING PERIOD</b>	Reading Period
Wednesday	December 2	-	<b>DEADLINE -</b> 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	<b>DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS</b>	Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. ( <a href="#">2026-2027 Final Exam Schedule</a> )
Monday - Friday	December 7	December 11	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b>	Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. ( <a href="#">2026-2027 Final Exam Schedule</a> )

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Wednesday	December 16	-	<b>FALL (FIRST) 2026 SEMESTER ENDS</b>  <b>GRADUATION DATE</b>	Official <b>GRADUATION DATE</b> 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	-	<b>ORIENTATION</b>	<b>Orientation, Academic Advisement, Course Registration</b>
Thursday - Friday	January 7	January 29	<b>LATE REGISTRATION—</b> Continuing Students	<b>\$175 Late Registration Fee</b> assessed for all new registration
Monday	January 11	-	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	Formal Classes Begin
Friday	January 15	-	<b>DEADLINE –</b> Intra-University Transfers	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-university Transfers for Spring 2027 in Office of the Registrar
Monday	January 18	-	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE</b>	University Closed – <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>
Friday	January 22	-	<b>DEADLINE –</b> Graduation Recommendations	Deadline for receipt of Fall 2026 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar

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Friday	January 29	-	<b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER—</b> Spring 2027  <b>DEADLINE –</b> Withdrawals 100% Refund	<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.)</b>  Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive <b>100% refund</b> 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>
Monday	February 1	-	<b>DEADLINE—</b> Instructors	Deadline for instructors to verify course participation in BisonHub for Spring 2027 classes
Monday	February 8	-	<b>GRADUATION APPLICATION OPENS--</b>  Spring 2027	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for SPRING 2027 prospective candidates
Friday	February 12	-	<b>ENROLLMENT CENSUS</b>  <b>DEADLINE—</b> Withdrawal 50% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary Enrollment Census Date</li> </ul> Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive <b>50% refund</b> 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"> <li><a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a></li> </ul>
Monday	February 15	-	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE</b>	University Closed – <b>Presidents Day</b>
Monday	March 1	-	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>	Summer 2027 Registration begins for Continuing Students via BisonHub.

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Friday	March 5	-	<b>CHARTER DAY CONVOCATION</b>  <b>DEADLINE—</b> Instructors  <b>DEADLINE—</b> Withdrawal 25% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 A.M. (Classes suspended from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.)</b></li> <li>• Deadline for instructors to submit Interim/Midterm grades via BisonHub</li> <li>• 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>)</li> </ul>
Saturday - Sunday	March 6	March 14	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE</b>	University Closed - <b>Spring Recess</b>
Friday	March 12	-	<b>ENROLLMENT CENSUS</b>	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	-	<b>EXAMS –COAS</b>	Senior Comprehensive Examinations for major fields College of Arts and Sciences prospective graduates
Friday	April 2	-	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE</b>	<b>University Closed – Mental Health Day</b>
Friday	April 9	-	<b>LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW—</b> Spring 2027 No Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Last day to withdraw from a Spring 2027 course</b></li> <li>• <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></li> </ul>
Friday	April 9	-	<b>DEADLINE—</b> Apply for Graduation	Deadline for prospective Spring 2027 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonHub
Tuesday - Thursday	April 20	April 22	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b>	Final Examinations for Prospective Spring 2027 Graduates
Monday	April 26	-	<b>CLASSES END</b>  <b>DEADLINE—</b> Instructors  <b>DEADLINE—</b> Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal Classes End</li> <li>• Deadline for Instructors to Submit Grades for Spring 2027 Prospective Graduates</li> <li>• Deadline for Students to Clear Fall 2026 Incomplete Grades</li> </ul>
Tuesday - Wednesday	April 27	April 28	<b>READING PERIOD</b>	Reading Period
Wednesday	April 28	-	<b>DEADLINE—</b> 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	<b>DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS</b>  <b>DEADLINE—</b> Instructors	Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. ( <a href="#">2026-2027 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule</a> )
Monday - Friday	May 3	May 7	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b>  <b>DEADLINE—</b> Instructors	Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonHub is five (5) calendar days after the scheduled final examination. ( <a href="#">2026-2027 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule</a> )
Friday	May 7	-	<b>SEMESTER ENDS</b>	Spring 2027 Semester ends
Saturday	May 8	-	<b>COMMENCEMENT</b>	Upper Quadrangle - Main Campus, 10:00 A.M. Official <b>Graduation Date</b> for all Spring 2027 degree recipients
Friday	May 28	-	<b>DEADLINE -- GRADUATION</b> 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	-	<b>SUMMER SESSION--</b> Overview  <b>DEADLINE –</b> Withdrawal 100% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summer Session I, Summer 10-Week Session:</b></li> <li>• Last day to Add/Drop without a grade of “W”</li> <li>• Change from one section to another</li> <li>• Change from credit to audit or audit to credit</li> <li>• Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive <b>100% refund</b> 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>)</li> </ul>
Friday	May 21	-	<b>SUMMER SESSION I</b>  <b>DEADLINE –</b> Withdrawal 50% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summer Session I:</b> Deadline for faculty to verify participation in courses in BisonHub for Summer 2027</li> <li>• Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive <b>50% refund</b> 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>)</li> </ul>
Friday	May 28	-	<b>SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION</b>  <b>DEADLINE –</b> Withdrawal 50% Refund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summer 10-Week Session:</b> Deadline for faculty to verify participation in courses in BisonHub for Summer 2027</li> <li>• Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive <b>25% refund</b> of tuition/fees. To fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an</li> </ul>

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Monday	May 31	-	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University Closed – <b>Memorial Day</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday	June 1	-	<b>GRADUATION APPLICATION OPEN—</b> Sumer 2027	Graduation Application available via BisonHub for SUMMER 2027 prospective candidates
Friday	June 4	-	<b>DEADLINE WITHDRAWAL—</b> Summer Session I – No Refund	<p><b>Summer Session I:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day to withdraw from a course</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer Session I:</b>                  Last day to complete a total withdrawal from the university for <b>Summer Session I (No Refunds)</b> to fully withdraw from the university students must drop all courses via BisonHub and Request an an Institutional Withdrawal  <a href="https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal">https://howard.edu/registrar/withdrawal</a></p>
Friday	June 11	-	<b>SUMMER 10-WEEK SESSION</b>	<b>Summer 10-Week Session:</b>
			<b>DEADLINE WITHDRAWAL—</b> Summer Session 10 Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to withdraw from the university to receive <b>25% refund</b> 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></li> </ul>

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Tuesday	June 15	-	<b>CLASSES END— SUMMER SESSION 1</b>	<b>Summer Session I classes end</b>
Wednesday - Saturday	June 16	<b>June 19</b>	<b>FINAL EXAMS— SUMMER SESSION I</b>  <b>DEADLINE— Instructors</b>	<b>Summer Session I:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Exams</li> </ul> <b>Summer Session I:</b> 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) ( <a href="#">2026-2027 Academic Calendar Final Exam Schedule</a> )
Friday	June 18	-	<b>UNIVERSITY CLOSURE</b>	<b>University closure - Juneteenth</b>
Friday	June 18	-	<b>SUMMER 10- WEEK SESSION</b>  <b>DEADLINE— Withdrawal</b>	<b>Summer 10-Week Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day to withdraw from a course</li> </ul> <b>Summer 10-Week Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day to complete a total withdrawal from the university for <b>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>)</li> </ul>

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

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

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