

# Drake University Law School

## Academic Calendar for 2026-2027

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| <b>Summer Term 2026</b>                  |                                            |
| Classes Begin                            | Monday, May 18                             |
| Summer in France (Nantes)                | Monday, May 18 through Tuesday, June 23    |
| Memorial Day (no classes)                | Monday, May 25                             |
| Juneteenth (no classes)                  | Friday, June 19                            |
| Independence Day (no classes)            | Friday, July 3                             |
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| <b>Fall Term 2026</b>                    |                                            |
| 1L Orientation                           | Tuesday, Aug. 18-Friday, Aug. 21           |
| Legal Clinic Orientation                 | Thursday, Aug. 20 and Friday, Aug. 21      |
| Law Classes Begin                        | Monday, Aug. 24                            |
| <i>University Begins</i>                 | Monday, Aug. 24                            |
| Last day to add class                    | Sunday, Aug. 30                            |
| Last day to drop class w/o W             | Sunday, Sept. 6                            |
| Labor Day (no classes)                   | Monday, Sept. 7                            |
| Fall Break                               | Monday, Oct. 12 and Tuesday, Oct. 13       |
| Last day to drop class with W            | Sunday, Oct. 25                            |
| Thanksgiving Break                       | Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 29 |
| Classes End                              | Thursday, Dec. 3                           |
| Study Days                               | Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 6      |
| Exam Period                              | Monday, Dec. 7 through Thursday, Dec. 17   |
| Snow Day Make-up Exams (if needed)       | Friday, Dec. 18                            |
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| <b>J-Term 2027</b>                       |                                            |
| Interdisciplinary courses                | Monday, Jan. 4 through Friday, Jan. 22     |
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| <b>Spring Semester 2027</b>              |                                            |
| Legal Clinic Orientation                 | Thursday, Jan. 14 and Friday, Jan. 15      |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no classes) | Monday, Jan. 18                            |
| Law Classes Begin                        | Tuesday, Jan. 19                           |
| <i>University Begins</i>                 | Monday, Jan. 25                            |
| Last day to add class                    | Monday, Jan. 25                            |
| Last day to drop class w/o W             | Tuesday, Feb. 2                            |
| Last day to drop class with W            | Sunday, Mar. 21                            |
| Trial Practicum                          | TBD                                        |
| Spring Break                             | Monday, March 15 to Friday, March 19       |
| Classes End                              | Thursday, April 29                         |
| Study Days                               | Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2     |
| Exam Period                              | Monday, May 3 through Thursday, May 13     |
| Law Commencement                         | Friday, May 14                             |
| <i>University Commencement</i>           | Saturday, May 15                           |