

Drake University Law School

Academic Calendar for 2027-2028

Summer Term 2026	
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
Fall Term 2026	
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	Tuesday, Sept. 1
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
J-Term 2027	
Interdisciplinary courses	Monday, Jan. 4 through Friday, Jan. 22
Spring Semester 2027	
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 through 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