

Drake University Law School Academic Year Calendar 2025-26

Summer Term 2025

May Interim:	Monday, May 19 – Friday, May 30
Memorial Day:	Monday, May 26 (No classes)
Summer in Nantes (France):	TBD
Juneteenth:	Thursday, June 19 (No classes)
Summer Session:	Monday, June 2 – Friday, August 1
Independence Day:	Friday, July 4 (No classes)
August Interim:	Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 22

Fall Semester, 2025

1L Orientation:	Tuesday, August 19 - Friday, August 22
Legal Clinic Orientation:	Friday, August 22
Classes begin:	Monday, August 25
<i>University begins:</i>	<i>Monday, August 25</i>
Last day to add class:	Tuesday, September 2
Last day to drop class w/o W:	Sunday, September 7
Labor Day:	Monday, September 1 (No Classes)
Fall Break:	Monday, October 13 – Tuesday, October 14
Last day to drop class with W:	Sunday, October 26
Thanksgiving Break:	Wednesday, November 26 – Sunday, November 30
Classes End:	Thursday, December 4
Study Days:	Friday, December 5 – Sunday, December 7
Exam Period:	Monday, December 8 – Thursday, December 18
Snow Day Make Up Exams:	Friday, December 19 (if needed)

J-Term 2026

Monday, January 5 – Friday, January 23

Spring Semester, 2026

Legal Clinic Orientation:	Thursday, January 15 – Friday, January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:	Monday, January 19 (No Classes)
Classes begin:	Tuesday, January 20
<i>University begins:</i>	<i>Monday, January 26</i>
Last day to add class:	Monday, January 26
Last day to drop class w/o W:	Tuesday, February 3
Last day to drop class with W:	Sunday, March 22
Trial Practicum	TBD
Spring Break:	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 20
Classes End:	Thursday, April 30
Study Days:	Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3
Exam Period:	Monday, May 4 – Thursday, May 14
Law Commencement:	Saturday, May 16
<i>University Commencement</i>	<i>Sunday, May 17</i>