

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW
2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR
JD, LL.M, JSD PROGRAMS

Fall Semester 2025 -	
August 20 – December 18	
Tues., August 12 – Tues., August 19	LLM Orientation
TBD	1L Orientation
Wed., August 20	Monday Schedule, First day of 1L and Upper-Level classes
Wed., August 27	Last day for LL.M and continuing JD students to drop fall classes with a full tuition refund (for students withdrawing from the program or registered for less than full-time) Last day for LL.M and continuing JD students to waitlist for fall classes Last day for August entry 1L students to withdraw from the program with full tuition refund
Thurs., August 28	Last day for LL.M and continuing JD students to register for fall classes
Mon., September 1	Labor Day – University closed; no classes; building closed
Tues., September 2	Last day to drop courses without a “W” being recorded on the student’s transcript
Mon., September 22	No classes after 4PM - Eve of Rosh Hashanah
Tues., September 23-Wed., September 24	Rosh Hashanah – University closed; no classes; building closed
Tues., September 30	Last day to apply for a January 2026 degree (all programs) Last day for LL.M January 2026 degree candidates to submit a concentration application
Wed., October 1	No classes after 4PM – Eve of Yom Kippur
Thurs., October 2	Yom Kippur – University closed; no classes; building closed
Fri., October 3	No classes; building open
Mon., October 6	No classes; building open - Eve of Sukkot
Tues., October 7-Wed., October 8	Sukkot – University closed; no classes; building closed
Mon., October 13	Tuesday Schedule - No classes after 4PM – Eve of Shemini Atzeret

Tues., October 14 – Wed., October 15	Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah – University closed; no classes; building closed
Thurs., October 16	Wednesday schedule
Thurs., November 27-Fri., November 28	Thanksgiving break; no classes; building closed
Thurs., December 04	Last day of Fall classes – No classes after 4PM Last day to withdraw from a Fall course with a “W”
Fri., December 05	Reading day or makeup day (if needed)
Mon., December 8 – Thurs., December 18	Final examinations
Winter Session 2026	
(January 4-January 18)	
Thurs., January 1	New Year’s Day – University closed; no classes; building closed
Sun., January 4 – Sun., January 18	Winter session classes (exact dates and offerings will be finalized in the fall)
Fri., January 2	Last day to drop a winter course with a full refund and without a “W”
Spring Semester 2026	
(January 20–May 14)	
Mon., January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. holiday – University closed; no classes; building closed
Tues, January 20	First day of Spring classes
Mon., January 26	Last day for LL.M and continuing JD students to drop Spring classes with a full tuition refund (for students withdrawing from the program or registered for less than full time)
	Last day for LLM and continuing JD students to waitlist for Spring classes
Tues., January 27	Last day to add a Spring class
Fri., January 30	Last day to apply for a May 2026 degree
Mon., February 2	Last day to drop Spring courses without a “W” being recorded on the student’s transcript
Thurs., February 19 – Fri., February 20	Winter Break; no classes; building open
Tues., March 31	Thursday schedule
Wed., April 1	Friday schedule; No classes after 4pm – Eve of Passover
Thurs., April 2 – Sun., April 12	Spring Break/Passover – no classes; building closed on April 2-3 and April 8-9
Fri., May 1	Last day of Spring classes
	Last day to withdraw from a Spring course with a “W”
Mon., May 4	Reading day or makeup day (if needed)
Tues., May 5 – Fri., May 15	Final examinations