BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR
JD, LLM, JSD PROGRAMS

Summer 2026 - 1L	
May 26 - August 10	
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day - University closed; no classes; building closed
Tues., May 26 - Mon., August 10	1L May/Summer session
Tues., May 26 - Wed., May 27	1L May/Summer Orientation
Wed., May 27 - Fri., May 29	Foundations of Legal Analysis and the Judicial Process
Mon., June 1	Last day for May entry 1L students to drop summer classes with a full tuition refund
Fri., June 19	Juneteenth - no classes; building open
Fri., July 3	Independence Day Observed - University closed; no classes; building closed
Summer 2026 - Upper Level	
May 19 - August 23	
Tues., May 19 - Sun., August 23	Upper-level Summer session
Mon., May 18	Last day to drop or waitlist for a Summer course online with a full tuition refund.
Tues., May 19	Last morning to add Summer classes online.
Varying Dates	After online registration closes, please submit an add/drop form to the Registrar's Office to add or drop a course. Students can add and drop Summer courses without penalty until the day before each Summer course begins. Students will not be allowed to register for courses that have already begun. Students will receive a "W" if they drop a course once it has begun.
Thurs., May 21	Eve of Shavuot - no classes after 4PM
Fri., May 22	Shavuot - University closed; no classes; building closed
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day - University closed; no classes; building closed
Sun., May 31	Class of 2026 Commencement
Fri., June 19	Juneteenth - no classes; building open
Fri., July 3	Independence Day Observed - University closed; no classes; building closed

Fall Semester 2026

August 24 - December 15

Mon., August 17 - Sun., August 23	LLM Orientation
Tues., August 18 - Fri., August 21	1L Orientation
Wed., August 19 - Fri., August 21	1L Fall-entering students: Foundations of Legal Analysis and the Judicial Process
Mon., August 24	First day of 1L and upper-level classes
Mon., August 31	Last day for August entry 1L students to withdraw from the program with full tuition refund
Mon., August 31	Last day for LLM 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 LLM and continuing JD students to waitlist for Fall classes
Tues., September 1	Last day for LLM and continuing JD students to register for Fall classes
Mon., September 7	Labor Day - University closed; no classes; building closed
Tues., September 8	Monday schedule Last day to drop courses without a "W" being recorded on the student's transcript
Fri., September 11	Eve of Rosh Hashanah - no classes after 4PM; offices close at 1PM
Sat., September 12 - Sun., September 13	Rosh Hashanah - University closed; no classes; building closed
Sun., September 20	Eve of Yom Kippur - no classes after 4PM
Mon., September 21	Yom Kippur - University closed; no classes; building closed
Fri., September 25	Eve of Sukkot - no classes after 4PM; offices close at 1PM
Sat., September 26 - Sun., September 27	Sukkot - University closed; no classes; building closed
Wed., September 30	Last day to apply for a January 2027 degree (all programs) Last day for LLM January 2027 degree candidates to submit a concentration application
Fri., October 2	Eve of Shemini Atzeret - no classes after 4PM; offices close at 1PM
Sat., October 3 - Sun., October 4	Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah - University closed; no classes; building closed
Fri., October 30	Fall Holiday - no classes; building open
Wed., November 25	Friday schedule; Last day of Fall classes Last day to withdraw from a Fall course with a "W"
Thurs., November 26 - Fri., November 27	Thanksgiving break - no classes; building closed

Mon., November 30 - Tues., December 1	Reading days or makeup days (if needed)
Wed., December 2 - Mon., December 14	Final examinations
Winter Session 2027	
January 3 - January 17	
Fri., January 1	New Year's Day - University closed; no classes; building closed
Sun., January 3 - Sun., January 17	Winter session classes (Exact dates and offerings will be finalized in the Fall)
Sun., January 3	Last day to drop a winter course with a full refund and without a "W"
Spring Semester 2027	
January 19 - May 17	
Mon., January 11 - Sun., January 17 (*end date tentative*)	LLM Orientation
Mon., January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. holiday - University closed; no classes; building closed
Tues., January 19	First day of Spring classes
Mon., January 25	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 26	Last day to add a Spring class
Fri., January 29	Last day to apply for a May 2027 degree
Mon., February 1	Last day to drop Spring courses without a "W" being recorded on the student's transcript
Thurs., March 25	Friday schedule
Fri., March 26	Spring Holiday - no classes; building open
Tues., April 20	Thursday Schedule
Wed., April 21	Friday schedule Eve of Passover - no classes after 4PM; offices close at 1PM Last day of Spring classes
Thurs., April 22 - Thurs., April 29	Spring Break/Passover - no classes; building closed on April 22-23 and April 28-29; offices close at 1PM on April 27
Fri., April 30 - Mon., May 3	Reading days or makeup days (if needed)
Tues., May 4 - Fri., May 14	Final examinations
Sunday, May 23	Class of 2027 Commencement