

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
2014-2015 ACADEMIC CALENDAR
(EXCEPT DENTISTRY, LAW, AND MEDICINE)

*Date Policy: Deadlines are listed according to the calendar date on which they fall, even if that date falls on a weekend or is a legal holiday. Such deadlines must be met by close of business of the business day immediately following a weekend or legal holiday.

FALL (FIRST) SEMESTER 2014

May 1, Thursday	Fall 2014 Payment Plan Opens. (Installment payments are due on the 5th or 20th of each month based on the selection. The first payment will commence in June or in the month proceeding payment plan enrollment.)
May 16, Friday	Deadline for receipt of all required Financial Aid documents for Fall 2014 Consideration. Documents include (but not limited to) Verification, Independent Status Petition, Special Circumstances Appeal, Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal, College Enrollment Verification, Authorization to Apply Title IV Funds
July 1, Tuesday	Payment-in-full due for Fall 2014 (ALL STUDENTS)
August 14, Thursday to August 16, Saturday	Residence Halls open for check-in of new residents at 8:00 A.M.
August 15, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Summer 2014 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar
August 18, Monday to August 20, Wednesday	ORIENTATION, ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT, COURSE REGISTRATION, and PAYMENT of tuition/fees for all New Students and Former Students Returning (FSR)
August 21, Thursday to August 22, Friday	Residence Halls open for Continuing Students at 9:00 A.M. (No Weekend Residence Hall Check-in)
August 21, Thursday to August 29, Friday	LATE REGISTRATION/ CHANGE OF PROGRAM PERIOD (Add or drop a course without a grade of a "W," change from one section to another, change from credit to audit or audit to credit)

August 21, Thursday to August 29, Friday	Consortium Registration
August 25, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN
August 25, Monday	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-University Transfers for Fall 2014 in the Office of the Registrar
August 25, Monday	Initial Financial Aid disbursement for Fall 2014 (Undergraduate and Graduate students).
August 25, Monday	First day to request institutional short-term emergency loan if validated
August 29, Friday	Deadline to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees*
August 29, Friday	Payment-in-full is due for students who register for the first time during the late registration period
August 29, Friday	Deadline for students checking out of Residence Halls to receive a prorated (daily rate) refund of their housing charges. (Students will be assessed 50% of housing charge upon checking out after this date)
August 29, Friday	Financial Aid files closed for determination of credit hours for Fall 2014 aid disbursements
August 30, Saturday	COURSE WITHDRAWAL FEE EFFECTIVE*
September 1, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Labor Day Observed
September 6, Friday	Deadline for students to add, change or cancel meal plan charges
September 15, Monday to December 5, Friday	Graduation Application available via BisonWeb for prospective December 2014 candidates
September 26, Friday	OPENING CONVOCATION Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 A.M. (Classes suspended 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.)
September 29, Monday	Deadline for students checking out of Residence Halls to receive 50% refund of housing charges

- September 29, Monday Deadline for students checking out of meal mandated Residence Halls and/or withdrawing from the University to receive 50% of meal plan charges
- October 3, Friday Deadline to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees
- October 3, Friday Preliminary Enrollment Census Date
- October 10, Friday Deadline for instructors to submit Midterm, Unofficial Withdrawal (UW) and Never Reported (NR) status reports via BisonWeb for Fall 2014
- October 13, Monday UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Columbus Day Observed
- October 20, Monday Deadline for students checking out of Residence Halls to receive 25% refund of housing charges
- October 20, Monday Deadline for students checking out of meal mandated Residence Halls and/or withdrawing from the University to receive 25% of meal plan charges
- October 24, Friday Deadline to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees
(Last day for tuition/fees refunds)
- October 24, Friday Final Enrollment Census Date
- October 27, Monday Spring 2015 Registration begins for Continuing Students

BisonWeb is available for registration from **9AM** to **midnight** each day.

DAY	DATE	CLASSIFICATION
Monday	October 27	Senior
Tuesday	October 28	Junior
Wednesday	October 29	Sophomore
Thursday	October 30	Freshman & Unclassified
Friday	October 31	Graduate

November 1, Saturday	Senior Comprehensive Examinations in major fields for College of Arts and Sciences prospective December 2014, May 2015 and Summer 2015 graduates
November 1, Saturday	Spring 2015 Payment Plan Opens. (Installment payments are due on the 5th or 20th of each month based on the selection. The first payment will commence in December or in the month proceeding payment plan enrollment.)
November 1, Saturday	Fall 2015 Early Action admission application deadline
November 7, Friday	LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE

November 7, Friday	LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY
November 7, Friday	LAST DAY TO REQUEST INSTITUTIONAL SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY LOAN
November 11, Tuesday 2014	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Veterans' Day Observed
November 26, Wednesday	Classes Suspended at NOON
November 27, Thursday To November 30, Sunday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - THANKSGIVING RECESS
December 1, Monday	Students without a financial hold may begin to pay \$200 Advanced Payment for RSVP Housing Deposit for the 2015-2016 academic year. (Continuing students only)
December 1, Monday to December 3, Wednesday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER 2014 GRADUATES
December 4, Thursday	DEADLINE FOR INSTRUCTORS TO SUBMIT FINAL GRADES FOR PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER 2014 GRADUATES
December 4, Thursday	Deadline for students to clear Spring 2014 incomplete grades with instructors
December 4, Thursday	Deadline for payment of institutional short-term emergency loans
December 4, Thursday	FORMAL CLASSES END
December 5, Friday	Deadline for prospective December 2014 Graduates to apply for graduation via BisonWeb
December 5, Friday	READING PERIOD BEGINS
December 6, Saturday to December 12, Friday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS (Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonWeb is five calendar days after the scheduled final examination)

December 8, Monday to December 9, Tuesday	DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS (Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonWeb is five calendar days after the scheduled final examination)
December 12, Friday	FIRST SEMESTER ENDS
December 12, Friday	Deadline for academic deans to submit Special Grade Reports to the Office of the Registrar for removal of Spring 2014 incomplete grades
December 13, Saturday	Residence Halls close at NOON
December 19, Friday	Deadline for Spring 2015 Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeals to the Office of Financial Aid
December 29, Monday	Payment-in-full due for Spring 2015 (ALL Students)
December 22, Monday to January 2, Friday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - WINTER BREAK

SPRING (SECOND) SEMESTER 2015

January 1, Thursday	2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available
January 5, Monday	Spring Waitlist for University Housing available on BisonWeb at 12:00 P.M.
January 8, Thursday	Residence Halls open for New Residents at 10:00 A.M.
January 8, Thursday and January 9, Friday	ORIENTATION, ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT, COURSE REGISTRATION, and PAYMENT of tuition/fees for all New Students and Former Students Returning (FSR)
January 9, Friday	Residence Halls open for check-in of Continuing Students at 10:00 A.M.
January 12, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN
January 12, Monday	Deadline for receipt of approved applications for Intra-University Transfers for Spring 2015 in Office of the Registrar

January 12, Monday	Initial Financial Aid disbursement for Spring 2015 (Undergraduate and Graduate students)
January 12, Monday to January 16, Friday	Consortium Registration
January 12, Monday to January 16, Friday	LATE REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF PROGRAM PERIOD (Add or drop a course without a grade of "W," change from one section to another, change from credit to audit or audit to credit)
January 16, Friday	Payment-in-full is due for students who register for the first time during the late registration period
January 16, Friday	Deadline for students checking out of Residence Halls to receive a prorated (daily rate) refund of their housing charges. (Students will be assessed 50% of housing charge upon checkout after this date)
January 16, Friday	Deadline for receipt of December 2014 Graduation Recommendations in the Office of the Registrar
January 16, Friday	Deadline to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees*
January 17, Saturday	COURSE WITHDRAWAL FEE EFFECTIVE*
January 19, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed
January 20, Tuesday	Financial Aid files closed for determination of credit hours for Spring 2015 aid disbursements
January 23, Friday	Deadline for students to add, change or cancel meal plan charges
January 23, Friday	Deadline for students checking out of Residence Halls to receive 50% refund of housing charges
January 23, Friday	Deadline for students checking out of meal mandated Residence Halls and/or withdrawing from the University to receive 50% of meal plan charges
January 23, Friday	Proof of Employment & Community Service deadline for RSVP points

February 1, Sunday	Priority deadline for receipt of 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for Prospective and Continuing Students
February 6, Friday	Deadline to pay \$200 Advanced Rent Payment for 2015-2016. (Continuing Students Only)
February 13, Friday	Deadline for prospective Spring 2015 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonWeb
February 15, Sunday	Traditional Action deadline for receipt of applications for admission for Fall 2015
February 16, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Presidents' Day Observed
February 17, Tuesday	Review RSVP points for Housing Selection 2015-2016
February 20, Friday	Deadline to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees
February 20, Friday	Preliminary Enrollment Census date
February 20, Friday	Deadline for students checking out of Residence Halls to receive 25% refund of housing charges
February 20, Friday	Deadline for students checking out of meal mandated Residence Halls and/or withdrawing from the University to receive 25% of meal plan charges
February 23, Monday to February 25, Wednesday	Eligible students can make online housing selections for those who submitted their Advanced Rent Payment. (Continuing Students Only)
March 5, Thursday	Deadline for instructors to submit Midterm, Unofficial Withdrawal (UW) and Never Reported (NR) status reports via BisonWeb for Spring 2015
March 6, Friday	CHARTER DAY CONVOCATION Cramton Auditorium, 11:00 A.M. (Classes suspended 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.)
March 13, Friday	Deadline to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees (Last day for tuition/fees refunds)

March 13, Friday	Final Enrollment Census date
March 14, Saturday to March 22, Sunday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - SPRING RECESS
March 28, Saturday	Senior Comprehensive Examination in major fields for College of Arts and Sciences prospective May, Summer, and December 2015 graduates
March 30, Monday	Summer & Fall 2015 Registration begins for Continuing Students
April 1, Wednesday	Deadline for receipt of Financial Aid applications for Summer 2015
April 1, Wednesday to July 1, Wednesday	Graduation Application available via BisonWeb for Summer 2015 prospective candidates
April 3, Friday	LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE
April 3, Friday	LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY
April 4, Saturday	Deadline for Request for Financial Aid Award adjustment for Spring 2015
April 17, Friday	Deadline for receipt of Housing applications for Continuing Students for Summer 2015
April 20, Monday to April 22, Wednesday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES
April 23, Thursday	DEADLINE FOR INSTRUCTORS TO SUBMIT GRADES FOR PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES
April 23, Thursday	FORMAL CLASSES END
April 23, Thursday	Deadline for students to clear Fall 2014 incomplete grades with instructors

April 24, Friday	READING PERIOD BEGINS
April 25, Saturday to May 1, Friday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS (Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonWeb is 5 calendar days after the scheduled final examination)
April 27, Monday to April 28, Tuesday	DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS (Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonWeb is five calendar days after the scheduled final examination)
May 1, Friday	SECOND SEMESTER ENDS
May 1, Friday	Deadline for academic deans to submit Special Grade Reports to the Office of the Registrar for removal of incomplete grades for Fall 2014
May 7, Thursday	Deadline for receipt of May 2015 Graduation Recommendations in Office of the Registrar
May 9, Saturday	COMMENCEMENT Upper Quadrangle - Main Campus, 10:00 A.M.
May 10, Sunday	Residence Halls close at 5:00 P.M.
May 11, Monday	Evaluate Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for 2015-2016.
May 15, Friday	Deadline for receipt of all required Financial Aid Documents for Fall 2015 consideration. Documents include (but not limited to) Verification, Independent Status Petition, Special Circumstances Appeal, College Enrollment Verification, Authorization to Apply Title IV Funds
May 25, Monday	Deadline for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeals for the 2015-2016 academic year.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

SESSION I: May 26 to June 26
Registration: May 21 & 22

SESSION II: June 29 to July 31
Registration: June 25 & 26

SUMMER SESSION I

May 21, Thursday to May 22, Friday	REGISTRATION for all students; Payment in-full is due upon registration
May 23, Saturday	Residence Halls open for check-in of Summer Session I residents
May 25, Monday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Memorial Day Observed
May 26, Tuesday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN
May 26, Tuesday	Initial Financial Aid disbursement for Summer 2015 Session I (Undergraduate and Graduate Students)
May 26, Tuesday	Deadline to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees
May 26, Tuesday to May 28, Thursday	LATE REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF PROGRAM PERIOD (Add or drop a course without a grade of "W," change from one section to another, change from credit to auditor audit to credit)
May 26, Tuesday to May 28, Thursday	Consortium Registration
May 31, Sunday	Deadline to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees
June 1, Monday	Financial Aid files closed for determination of credit hours for Summer 2015 aid disbursements
June 5, Friday	Deadline to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees
June 9, Tuesday	LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE

June 24, Wednesday	FORMAL CLASSES END
June 24, Wednesday	LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (for Session 1)
June 25, Thursday to June 26, Friday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS (Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonWeb is 3 calendar days after the scheduled final examination)
June 26, Friday	Residence Halls close for Summer Session I residents
June 27, Saturday	Deadline for faculty to submit Unofficial Withdrawal (UW) and Never Reported (NR) status reports via BisonWeb for Summer Session I 2015
June 28, Sunday	FIRST FIVE-WEEK SUMMER SESSION ENDS
June 28, Sunday	Official GRADUATION DATE for Summer 2015 degree recipients in the Colleges of Dentistry and Medicine only

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FOR SESSION I

June 25, Thursday	6:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
June 25, Thursday	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
June 26, Friday	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
June 27, Saturday	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
June 25, Thursday	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
June 26, Friday	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
June 25, Thursday	2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
June 26, Friday	2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
June 25, Thursday	6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
June 26, Friday	6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

SUMMER SESSION II

June 25, Thursday and June 26, Friday	REGISTRATION for all students; Payment in-full is due upon registration
June 27, Saturday	Residence Halls open for check-in for Summer Session II residents at 10:00 A.M.
June 29, Monday	FORMAL CLASSES BEGIN
June 29, Monday	Initial Financial Aid disbursement for Summer 2015 Session II (Undergraduate and Graduate students).
June 29, Monday	Deadline to receive 100% refund of tuition/fees
June 29, Monday to June 30, Tuesday	LATE REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF PROGRAM PERIOD (Add or drop a course without a grade of "W," change from one section to another, change from credit to audit or audit to credit)
June 29, Monday to June 30, Tuesday	Consortium Registration
July 1, Wednesday	Deadline for prospective Summer 2015 graduates to apply for graduation via BisonWeb
July 3, Friday	UNIVERSITY CLOSED - Independence Day Observed
July 4, Saturday	Deadline to receive 50% refund of tuition/fees*
July 8, Wednesday	LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE
July 8, Wednesday	Deadline to receive 25% refund of tuition/fees
July 13, Monday	Financial Aid files closed for determination of credit hours for Summer 2015 aid disbursements
July 29, Wednesday	FORMAL CLASSES END
July 29, Wednesday	LAST DAY TO COMPLETE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (for Summer Session II)

July 29, Wednesday to July 31, Friday	FINAL EXAMINATIONS (Deadline for instructors to submit final grades via BisonWeb is 3 calendar days after the scheduled final examination)
July 30, Thursday	Deadline for faculty to submit Unofficial Withdrawal (UW) and Never Reported (NR) status reports via BisonWeb for Summer Session II 2015
July 31, Friday	SECOND FIVE-WEEK SUMMER SESSION ENDS
August 1, Saturday	Residence Halls close for Summer Session II residents

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FOR SESSION II

July 29, Wednesday	6:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
July 29, Wednesday	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
July 30, Thursday	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
July 31, Friday	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
July 29, Wednesday	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
July 30, Thursday	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
July 29, Wednesday	2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
July 30, Thursday	2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
July 29, Wednesday	6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
July 30, Thursday	6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

DOCUMENT REVISIONS

Revision Date	Changes Made
10/7/14	Corrected date for the Formal Classes End date for Summer Session II
	Corrected Residence Life RSVP Points Housing Selection Date