

Proposal to Adjust the Spring Semester 2021 Academic Calendar

Amid concerns that a typical spring break, when many travel far and wide, would result in an unmanageable outbreak of COVID-19 when they return to campus, the University Committee proposes the following changes to the spring 2021 academic calendar. These changes are intended to discourage long distance travel, and are proposed for spring semester 2021 only. Instruction would begin nearly a week later. Under this proposal, campus would cancel any classes scheduled for Saturday, March 27 (the first day of Passover) as well as have one long weekend, from Friday, April 2 through Sunday, April 4, in lieu of the normal spring break.

Comparison of the academic calendar approved February 2019 and the proposed changes

Calendar marker	Approved academic calendar	Proposed academic calendar
End of winter break	Monday, January 18, 2021	Sunday, January 24, 2021
Start of instruction	Tuesday, January 19, 2021	Monday, January 25, 2021
Spring break	Saturday, March 27 – Sunday, April 4, 2021	No classes: Saturday, March 27, Friday & Saturday, April 2-3 2021
Last day of instruction	Friday, April 30, 2021	Friday, April 30, 2021
MWF days	41	41
TR days	28	28