



November 9, 2020

Dear Members of the University Community,

In preparation for Intersession and Spring 2021, I want to share information with you about changes to the academic calendar and about our plans for instruction.

Academic Calendar

Intersession

No changes have been made to the schedule for Intersession. Classes begin on Monday, January 4. The last day remains Tuesday, January 26.

Spring 2021

Anticipating continued national challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have revised the Spring 2021 academic calendar for all undergraduate and campus-based graduate programs. Classes in the revised Spring 2021 calendar begin on Monday, February 1, and conclude (as originally planned) on Friday, May 21.

The calendar for online graduate classes and programs will continue as originally planned.

The revised 2020-2021 academic-year calendar has been posted to the [Registrar's website](#). You will notice that we have made the following modifications to the traditional calendar:

- Classes begin on Monday, February 1.

- The week that was previously scheduled for Spring Break has been cancelled. Two additional days of no classes have been built into the calendar: Tuesday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 24.
- The Easter holiday break will be held as scheduled: Thursday, April 1 through Monday, April 5. Wednesday, April 7 will run as a regular Wednesday class session (not on a Monday as originally planned).
- Mid-term grades are due by noon: Wednesday, March 24
- Final exams begin on Monday, May 17
- Final exams conclude on Friday, May 21
- Final grades are due by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24
- Graduate Commencement remains on Saturday, May 29
- Undergraduate Commencement remains on Sunday, May 30

[Julie Ferguson](#), Registrar, and I are available should you have any questions about the calendar.

Plans for Instruction

Following the Royal Flex Program introduced in the Fall Semester, Intersession and Spring courses will be offered in five instructional approaches:

- Fully Face-to-Face (FTOF)
- Rotational Face-to-Face & A/Synchronous Instruction (ROT)
- Face-to-Face with A/Synchronous Instruction (FFSY)
- Hybrid Face-to Face & Synchronous Remote Instruction (HYBR)
- Remote Instruction (REM)

Students can determine the instructional approach of their courses by referring to the course schedule. Modalities are subject to change through the start of the Intersession and Spring terms.

The flexibility and understanding displayed by our students, faculty, and staff this entire year have been remarkable examples of what makes our academic community so special.

Best wishes to all as we finish this semester.

Sincerely,

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