



FACULTY SENATE

## Spring 2021 Academic Calendar COVID 19 Changes Faculty Senate Resolution

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Whereas the University of Vermont Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws states in section 1 (authority) that the Faculty Senate is empowered to approve the Academic Calendar prepared by the Registrar<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas the State of Vermont COVID 19 mandatory guidance for "College and University Campus Learning" states that "Institutions **must modify their academic calendars to reduce the instances of students traveling outside of Vermont and returning to the campus.** Some best practices include ending in-person learning before Thanksgiving; **bringing students back to campus for second semester later than usual**; eliminating short January terms; **and eliminating spring break.**"<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas traditional UVM semesters have 15 weeks of instruction in the Fall and 16 weeks of instruction in the Spring;

Whereas according to guidance from the Office of the U.S. Department of Education<sup>3</sup> on Federal Student Aid only 15 weeks of instruction for a total of 30 weeks for the academic year are required;

Whereas mid-semester three-day weekends invite travel to and from Vermont running contrary to current guidance from the Vermont Department of Health during this pandemic;

Whereas students, faculty and staff benefit from breaks in instruction during the semester to catch up on homework, projects, grading, non-instructional responsibilities and personal obligations;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Spring 2021 University of Vermont Academic Calendar will:

1. Start on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Have classes on February 15<sup>th</sup> - President's day.
3. Not have a spring break recess.
4. Continue to not have classes on Vermont Town Meeting Day.
5. Have a reading/respice day of no classes on Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. Have the last day of classes be on Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup>.
7. Have a modified final exam week with exams on Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.uvm.edu/faculty\\_senate/faculty\\_senate\\_constitution\\_and\\_bylaws](https://www.uvm.edu/faculty_senate/faculty_senate_constitution_and_bylaws)

<sup>2</sup> <https://accd.vermont.gov/content/restart-plan-college-and-university-campus-learning>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ifap.ed.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/2019-10/1920FSAHbkVol3Ch1.pdf>

### Current Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Jan						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Feb	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Mar	28	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Apr	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
May	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

- First Day of Classes: January 19<sup>th</sup>
- President's Day: Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
- Town Meeting Day: Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Spring Break: Mar 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of Classes: May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Final Exams: May 10 to 14

### Proposed Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Jan						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Feb	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
May	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

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- President's Day: ~~Feb 15<sup>th</sup>~~
- Town Meeting Day: Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Reading/Respite Day: Mar 24<sup>th</sup> & April 15<sup>th</sup>
- ~~Spring Break: Mar 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>~~
- Last Day of Classes: May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Final Exams: May 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>

