

Dear Oles,

The college's extended spring break and shift to distance learning through at least April 17 require adjustments to the academic calendar and our policies. We're writing to share the changes we've made.

We also want to take a moment to acknowledge that this semester will be different. At times, it will be difficult. It will certainly not be perfect, but we are committed to doing everything we can to promote flexibility and help you continue to make progress toward your degree. Let's support each other and work together.

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Academic Calendar

We will maintain the academic calendar in regard to dates for the conclusion of classes, the finals period, and commencement. The extended spring break effectively shortens the instructional period. Professors will be making adjustments to their syllabi and will be in contact with you directly about how this impacts your courses.

Calendar (Please also refer to the calendar for April & May 2020 at the end of this document.)

Mon.-Fri., Ap. 6-10	Quiet Week for Advising
Fri., Mon.-Tue., Ap. 10, 13-14	Pre-registration Period
Thur., Apr. 16	All HOLDS must be removed
Fri., Ap. 17	8:30 a.m. Fall Web Registration Opens
Tue., Ap. 21	10:00 a.m. Fall Web Registration Closes*
Wed., May 13	Last day of classes
	Last day to drop or make S/U changes to grading
Thur., May 14	Reading Day
Fri. – Sat., May 15-16	Final exams (no change in the schedule for finals)
Mon. – Wed., May 18 – 20	Final exams (no change in the schedule for finals)
Sun., May 24	Commencement **

*See calendar below for Fall 2020-21 semester registration Drop/Add Period.

**The college will determine at a later date whether it is safe for Commencement to take place on campus and as scheduled.

Selecting S/U Option or Dropping a Spring 2020 Course

Students may elect Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U)** grading for any or all of their spring 2020 courses with an extended deadline of the last day of classes, Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

S/U grades awarded in Spring 2020 will be counted in all categories of General Education as well as in all Majors and Concentrations. An S/U grade will not count in GPA calculations.

The deadline for dropping courses has also been extended to May 13, 2020. Should a student want to drop a spring 2020 course, they can do so now electronically and until the extended deadline, the last day of classes, Wed., May 13.

** Students who are considering medical or graduate/professional school should connect with the appropriate faculty member or advisor to make informed decisions BEFORE dropping a course or electing S/U grading, as this option may affect how the graduate school calculates the GPA. Some graduate schools, for example, assume that a grade of S replaces a C or C- grade.

Students may elect the S/U option or drop a course in SIS on the left and under Forms and Links. The form includes a hyperlink to the instructor email address so that the student can reach out as needed. Students, however, do not need to notify faculty or ask permission to make either of these selections. To receive credit for a course, the S/U grading threshold is C- and above (see the college catalog, "[Graded and Marking System](#)" regarding the differences between what is considered passing for S/U and letter grades). If a student chooses to drop a course, the instructor will be notified once the drop has been processed.

Determining Completion of Graduation Requirements

For the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021, the Registrar will be given leeway, while adhering to the minimum state standards, to make adjustments to overall degree requirements including credit limits, General Education requirements, and Major/Concentration requirements. For juniors and seniors, please know that we'll work to offer maximum flexibility for both students and instructors. Please continue to check DegreePath and, for seniors, fill out your graduation application if you haven't already done so.

Advising

The schedule for Quiet Week for Advising, registration/course submission and the Add/Drop period for Summer and Fall course registration remains unchanged. For more information, please review my March 17 email and [Google slides](#) regarding online advising. Students will register with course submission as they have in the past.

Further Questions?

Contact Registrar [Ericka Peterson](#).

APRIL 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Quiet Week for Advising	7 Quiet Week for Advising	8 Quiet Week for Advising	9 Quiet Week for Advising	10 Quiet Week for Advising AND Pre-registration period	11
12	13 Pre-registration period	14 Pre-registration period	15	16 All HOLDS must be removed	17 Fall Web registration opens 8:30 am	18
19	20	21 Fall Web registration closes 10:00 am	22	23	24 Drop/Add Period Seniors	25
26	27 Drop/Add Period Juniors	28 Drop/Add Period Sophomores	29	30		

MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Last Day of TTh Classes	13 Last Day of MWF Classes	14 Reading Day	15 Final Exams	16 Final Exams
17	18 Final Exams	19 Final Exams	20 Final Exams	21	22	23
24 Commencement	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6