Spring Semester Calendar Change & Education Abroad

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Dear UWL Students, Staff, and Faculty,

UWL has adopted a different Spring semester instructional calendar for Spring 2021 based on public health recommendations associated with COVID.

- Spring Semester Instruction* will now begin on **Feb. 1, 2021**. This means we are starting one week later into the spring.
 - The purpose is to allow for one more winter week where we can reduce the overlap of flu season and COVID.
- There will be no Spring Break.
 - The purpose is to reduce potential spread of the virus in and out of the region by reducing travel.
- Finals week will run May 10-14, 2021.
- Commencement (if it can be held) will be on Sunday, May 16, 2021.
- Spring calendar regarding teaching https://www.uwlax.edu/records/dates-and-deadlines/#tab-spring
- Education Abroad We are very sorry to let you all know that due to COVID, UWL will not be sponsoring any faculty-led programs or education abroad for J-term or Spring. Although travel is limited there are many new virtual global learning opportunities for students. For more information visit: www.uwlax.edu/iee

Everyone understands that is challenging to run a full semester with no official break but there was strong agreement that this is best during the pandemic.

* Move in dates/expectations will be communicated to students who live on campus in a separate email later in the semester; however, students should expect to be tested and/or show proof of testing similar to the "Eagles Return Safely" plan from last week.

Sincerely, Betsy Morgan Provost



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