



OFFICE OF THE  
*Senior Vice President & Provost*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors and Chairs - Norman Campus

FROM: Jill Irvine  
Interim Senior Vice President and Provost

DATE: January 13, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 Spring Non-Instructional Days

Please inform the faculty in your academic units that Friday, March 5 and Tuesday, April 6 have been designated as non-instructional days for the upcoming spring semester. This decision has been made in consultation with students and faculty, as adjustments to the academic calendar have been needed in response to COVID-19.

Only the compressed format courses scheduled for Friday will meet on March 5. All classes on the Norman campus will meet Thursday, March 4 and Monday, March 8. Similarly, all classes on the Norman campus will meet Monday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 7.

As a reminder, the Norman campus, including Norman campus programs in Tulsa, previously announced the decision to extend winter break by one week, with classes beginning Monday, January 25. The Norman campus will not offer a traditional Spring Break in 2021. With these changes, we remain on track to end the spring semester as planned on Friday, May 14. The complete academic calendar for the spring 2021 for Norman campus programs is available [here](#) for use in course planning and syllabus development.

The OU Norman campus is also extending the student [attendance policy](#) to apply to the spring 2021 semester. It is important that our actions and decisions continue to support community health, and this attendance policy ensures that students are not penalized due to absence from class. This policy should be included in course syllabi.

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