

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2, 2017

TO: All UA Faculty and Staff

FROM: Michael M. Brewer, Chair of the Faculty; Library Dept. Head, Research/Learning
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RE: Academic Calendar Updates

At the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) meeting on April 6 – 7, 2017, a few changes were approved to the University of Arizona academic calendars, effective in Spring 2018. The changes—requested by Vincent Del Casino, Vice Provost for Digital Learning/Student Engagement and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Enrollment Management—were approved by the Faculty Senate on February 6, 2017. The new Spring start/end dates, Spring Break, and Final Exam weeks are as follows (changes in red):

Semester	Start Date	Spring Break	Final Exam Week
Spring 2018	January 10	March 5 – 9	May 4 - 10
Spring 2019	January 9	March 4 – 8	May 3 - 9
Spring 2020	January 15	March 9 – 13	May 8 - 14

These changes have been made to the UA Catalog - [Academic Calendars Website](#).

Rationale:

- The one-week shift in Spring Break allows faculty to offer two uninterrupted 7.5-week sessions, which are consistent with the Fall and more conducive to effective learning.
- The earlier start date for Spring '19 reflects those of Spring '18 and Spring '20, in that the semester begins immediately after Winter Session.
- The earlier end date for Spring '19 provides ample time for two 7-week Summer Sessions.

Please adjust the weekly schedule on your course syllabi for Spring 2018 classes accordingly.