

Dear Penn State Law and SIA Students,

The University [announced](#) its plan for Spring 2021 this morning. The key changes will be the semester starting a week later on January 18 and the elimination of spring break. Note that the University will observe Martin Luther King, Jr. day on January 18, the first day of classes.

I anticipate that both schools will follow the rest of the University with a January 18 start and elimination of spring break. SIA's schedule generally aligns with that of the university. Dean Engle and I have discussed this shift for Penn State Law, and since the late start is balanced by the elimination of spring break, that will also work well for the law school. The primary likely Penn State Law divergence, which we will work out with the University, is that the law school generally ends classes earlier than the rest of the university, ends exams later, and holds Commencement a week later. Once we have worked through those details with the University, we will be in touch with an update.

Thank you for your patience and support for each other as we navigate this very unusual year.

Best,
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