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Dear Students:

Six weeks into our fall semester, I know that many of you are wondering about our plans for Spring 2021. **Please expect that we will continue to operate during the spring semester much as we have this fall, combining virtual and in-person student experiences as optimally as possible, with flexible arrangements and modalities.** I know I speak for all of the College of Law's faculty and staff when I say we truly regret that we'll not have the opportunity to see many of you and to teach, learn, work and meet in person.

Just as we adjusted our calendar this semester, as you read last week in the message below, the University has officially revised its Spring 2021 calendar, **which differs from the College of Law's.**

Here is the new Spring 2021 calendar for the College of Law:

- **Registration** for Spring 2021 classes will begin Monday, **November 9, 2020**, and continue through Sunday, January 3, 2021.
- The Spring 2021 semester will start **Tuesday, January 19, 2021** and continue without interruption until it ends on Thursday, May 6.
- ***There will be no spring break.***
- The schedule adjustment period will begin the first day of classes, Tuesday, January 19 and end Monday, January 25, 2021.
- The financial deadline to drop courses/last day to academically drop courses is Tuesday, February 9, 2021.
- The last day to change to audit/declare pass-fail grading option (2L/3L/LLM) is Monday, March 8, 2021.

[You can find the full-year, updated 2020-2021 Academic Calendar on the College of Law website at this link.](#) Please refer to this calendar when planning for the Spring 2021 semester.

Additional information regarding course registration for the Spring 2021 semester will be forthcoming from the College of Law Registrar's Office in October.

Also, please know that we will share information on the COVID-19 protocols for returning to campus in January and for ongoing COVID-19 surveillance as soon as we are able. We have learned a great deal on this front this fall, and I have asked SU's public health team for their help in delivering clear and concise guidance as early as possible. Of course, we must remain flexible as the pandemic continues to evolve. Thank you in advance for your continued patience

and understanding.

To the Class of 2021, I know that commencement is also on your mind, as it is mine. As Chancellor Syverud noted in his message below, it is too early to set the format of our graduation ceremony. Rest assured, however, that we are imagining all possibilities. I know that some of you are in touch with Director of Student Affairs Sarah Collins on this important topic. I encourage you to continue to stay in touch with her and we will keep you posted on plans for the 2021 commencement as public health guidance continues to evolve

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy and let's finish out this semester without having to change our current instructional format.

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