



December 24, 2020

RE: Grace Christian University's Spring 2021 Plan - UPDATED

Dear Grace Students,

Last week, December 18, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services issued an [updated Epidemic Order](#). This order allows for in-person learning at Colleges and Universities. At the same time, the State of Michigan has asked Colleges and Universities to delay the beginning of in-person learning.

In cooperation with this request, **Grace will begin Spring 2021 classes in person on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.** Offices will be closed on January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Through the work of the Academic Office, Grace is able to adjust the Spring 2021 start date while **maintaining previously scheduled breaks**, including Reading Break (February 24-25), Spring Break (March 7-13), and Easter Break (April 2-4). Commencement is scheduled for May 1, 2021.

Campus housing and food service will continue to open as previously scheduled.

Foodservice will begin with lunch on January 8, 2021. We understand that travel plans, work arrangements, and other commitments may require students to return to campus before January 16. If, however, you can wait until January 16 to arrive on campus, we encourage you to do so.

Be ready to go on January 19! You can do a few things to be ready: be sure you have all textbooks in hand - don't wait. As syllabi are posted in Blackboard, get a headstart on your reading. And continue to pray that God will give you the health and strength for high capacity learning in 2021.

God Bless you as you prepare for Spring 2021,

Brian Sherstad
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