



**University Senate
PROPOSAL FORM**

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Title of Proposal:	University Calendar Year Adjustment
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Constituency (faculty, staff, undergraduate, graduate):	Undergraduate
Description of issue/concern/policy in question:	The UMD calendar year is very different from a lot of other schools. I believe it could be changed to better suit its students.
Description of action/changes you would like to see implemented and why:	I think most people would enjoy when breaks line up more if every date was moved earlier by a full week. Therefore we would start one week earlier for each semester and be let out one week earlier each semester. Spring break could either remain the same or also be moved earlier one week so that it would line up better with other universities.
Suggestions for how your proposal could be put into practice:	Find out when students believe breaks should be as this is our university and our experience that we pay for.
Additional Information:	Most people I talk to about this hate the way our breaks line up. I don't know if our breaks are weird because of budgetary issues but I don't see how moving everything forward/backward would affect budget as we'd remain in school the same amount of time.

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