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UTD shakes up schedule

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Students at UTD can expect a few changes in the academic calendar this year as spring break will be moved, summer graduation will be eliminated and "dead days" will be added prior to final exams.

UTD's spring break will be changed this year to coincide with spring break at other Texas universities, such as UT Austin.

Thanks to the change, students can better coordinate time with friends at other universities.

According to university officials, the change in spring break timing was student-driven.

"Sometimes, students wonder if their voices get heard. Well, they got heard in a big way," said UTD president David Daniel.

The date of spring break has not yet been officially released.

Another change students can expect is the addition of two free days for study following the last day of class. Many universities commonly allow students so-called "dead days" between the last day of class and the start of exams to prepare for their tests.

The addition of "dead days" prior to exams is another change to the academic calendar that was influenced by student input.

"I reminded people that students had expressed an interest in dead days," Daniel said.

Summer graduation has also been eliminated from UTD's schedule. Students who complete the requirements for their degree will participate in graduation ceremonies the following Fall semester.

The decision to do away with summer graduation was based on time constraints and the quality of the ceremony, according to university officials.

"Time doesn't allow us to do [the graduation ceremony] with the quality that we want," Daniel said, "Most universities I'm familiar with do not have summer graduation."

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