

F1AlumAgree

I like that there are more days of class after Thanksgiving break and before exams, which motivates students to attend and finish the semester strongly.

I think that the orientation period can span the weekend since the students are there and ready to absorb information about Cornell. I also believe that the study period is very long and means that Cornell releases for break much later than other schools.

It is unnecessary to have 13 days to study for exams. 11 should be fine and most other schools have less. (I would keep it to over 10 days though since Cornell exams tend to be more high stress than other schools) I would not recommend shortening fall break or Thanksgiving Break, students really need that breather (too many professors assign homework over that period anyway)... However I would definitely advocate for having class during Labor Day. It's too early in the semester for students or professors to need a break.

This framework could reduce stress over the Thanksgiving break. Under the current Fall Calendar, final projects and final homework sets are often assigned before the break, causing students to work during their vacations. With final exams right after the break as well, some are already studying or anxious during this period as well. Do not reduce fall break to one day, this would defeat the purpose.

It provides a better start date/orientation days. It simplifies the end of the semester class/test schedule

Longer summer, and the December dates make more sense

The exam period looks more streamlined and efficient. I like that the study days are kept before the exam period. Those are very important.

Generally, I think that moving the summer start toward the end of August and the December break further towards Christmas is a good thing, as long as there is still a significant break before the start of the spring semester in January (I think F1+S3 would make the winter break too short, especially for students who take winter semester courses). I would be concerned though that moving the break later in December could make it more expensive for student who need to travel to go home (i.e. more expensive flights closer to Christmas).

I like that classes would start later. Cornell started earlier than the average college in the area. I like having off Labor Day. It allows students to get a taste of classes after summer, and a brief breather before the full blown semester. (However, if Labor Day falls between orientation and the start of classes it's a waste.) I like the 4-day weekend for Fall break because it allows a nice break and the option to travel off campus to get away for a few days. I like the full day off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Many people took the full day off only when we had a half-day. It's nice to have a travel day before the holiday. I like that there's more class days after Thanksgiving. Only 1 week of classes after Thanksgiving always seemed to make those classes less worthwhile. The shorter study/exam period seems to align with more other colleges. I have mixed feelings about it. A shorter period means higher stress rates for a shorter period a time. Students have less time to study for each exam, but that is true for everyone. There is a higher probability of exam conflicts or too many exams (3+) in a short period of time (24 hours).

Longer summer for internships

Having more time between Thanksgiving and Final Exams can help create more meaningful learning. Once concern is the final exam stress that could be increased due to shortening exam and study period.

Last 7 days class time much more valuable

Shorter study/exam day period.

Primary reason: Makes Thanksgiving break more likely to be enjoyed, not as a time for end-of-the-semester work.

I think that increasing the period of class time between Thanksgiving break and the study period will make said class period more conducive to actually learning (versus simply killing time before the semester ends, as that period often felt in many of the classes I was in).

The exam prep period is a little too long

more time between thanksgiving and finals. in my experience, mid-reviews for studio projects were due the week before thanksgiving, leaving just a week or so between mid-reviews and final reviews. having more time between thanksgiving break and finals would make thanksgiving more restful.

It makes the period of classes after Thanksgiving break more meaningful.

Leaving earlier for the winter is better. More time to study for exams. Summer is not significantly shorter.

I favor shifting the calendar and shortening winter break since it's too short to get a job or anything, but otherwise it's long.

Longer summer, more time for internships. Also, having two weeks after Thanksgiving means final projects aren't being forced over Thanksgiving.

Shorter study period, more time to travel for the holidays.

fewer exam days

Agree with less August classes, but not sure about Reducing study period.

Only having 1 week between Thanksgiving and finals meant people often felt forced to study during break.

While I don't agree with shortening the exam period and the latest last exam date being so late (i.e. dec 22nd), I do like that there are more days between thanksgiving break and the start of exams. This will allow students to actually get a restful and rejuvenating break instead of feeling like they need to start studying for finals or finish all their final class projects so they can start studying for finals when they get back. Be cautious when shortening the exam period. Students who have 5 final exams in 5 classes may feel completely overwhelmed by having 5 exams so close together. Sometimes, a day in between spurts of exams is incredibly helpful for both one's psychological and academic well-being.

Under previous: •Winter break unnecessarily long •Too little instructional time after Thanksgiving break •Never got that much use out of preparatory period's length

More time after Thanksgiving break would I think keep students motivated for another week after the break. Cutting into winter break is fine; the break is already long enough

3 day thanksgiving is probably ok and shortening study exam period is good

It allows students easier/less stressed opportunities to return home during the winter break, and definitely improved the value of the last class days.

more time to get home for holidays at the end of the semester, exams can be more spread out and hopefully reducing the probability of multiple exams on one day, dislike the idea of reducing fall break or not having labor day off.

It seems preferable to have an extra week of instruction between Thanksgiving break and final exams so students do not feel pressured to work and prepare during their break.

It's more worthwhile to have more days during the summer than during the winter break.

A lot of projects/assignments are given on the last week of classes, and this encourages us to actually be able to relax a little over Thanksgiving as opposed to working through all of the break.

Shorter study period

Longer summer is important because internships take up almost all of the summer already

It's better to have a few weeks after Thanksgiving break rather than just one, though I would make sure finals don't extend as far as the 22nd--doesn't give as many people time to get home for Christmas. Also, December graduates will have a harder time finishing finals and graduating if the term extends till the 22nd.

Finals period is longer than necessary, fall break and Thanksgiving work well, but could be better with a few extra class days following the latter.

I always enjoyed the structure of the fall semester- I felt the breaks were placed appropriately, and I liked that finals would occur shortly after Thanksgiving Break (although I see why educators might argue this has diminished benefit

for their instruction and classes). I also think finals for the new schedule are too close to Christmas, when holiday travel is most hectic.

Fall Study period used to be really long, I think it is better for it be more compact. I think that class should continue to be cancelled on labor day, and that Thanksgiving break should start on Wednesday.

Extending the summer would leave students with more flexibility for summer jobs or internships, some of which last until late August. I remember that the last week of classes after Thanksgiving break was always hectic since due dates for papers and projects typically were in the last week of classes. Most of my Thanksgiving break was often spent doing schoolwork so that I would not be completely swamped during those last days of classes. The F1 calendar would provide more time for end-of-the-semester assignments to be due and would spread out the workload. Additionally, this would solve the problem of reduced value of the last 7 class days, as mentioned above. Regarding the variation: I think that students would be unhappy with having Fall Break reduced to one day; doing so would make it very difficult for most students to travel home to see family/friends. An 11-day exam period is probably reasonable, as many students seem to believe that the exam period is too long.

More orientation days and study days are overall beneficial. It would drastically increase the quality of the quarter

Classes beginning on a Monday is a plus. The shortened study/exam period is also a plus.

If the October break remains two days and there are no classes on Labor Day, I would have preferred having more class time between thanksgiving and finals. Going home closer to Christmas doesn't matter so much.

Shifting things towards the end of December makes sense both for summer internships and for winter break. Don't need that much time before Christmas/holidays in the current calendar.

Exams being spread out across more days is an improvement. Losing one "study day" isn't as much of a problem as the potential to have 3 or more exams falling on the same day. I also think class starting on Monday rather than Tuesday is an improvement.

Having only a week of classes after Thanksgiving means that most semester final projects need to be worked on over Thanksgiving break. This takes away from family time and increases stress. It also very difficult for students traveling a long ways who are unable to come back from Thanksgiving break early to work on group projects.

Thanksgiving break is too close to winter break in current Fall calendar. F1 gives longer summer

The earlier start day is closer to other institutions. It allows athletic teams to start practicing sooner (which helps improve early season performance/cohesiveness). The study days reduce stress and allow students to finish essays before they start written exams for other classes. The extra time is very helpful for those in the Arts school who need to write essays as well as take written tests for science requirements.

There should be more than just a week between Thanksgiving and Exams.

Primarily because having just one week of class after Thanksgiving breaks the rhythm of the earlier parts of the semester, and therefore does diminish the value of those days.

extending summer and shortening exam period both make sense. Do not reduce fall break to 1 day. Holding class on Labor day might make sense.

Starting later in August is beneficial from a moving and heya perspective. Ending earlier in December is also better for traveling and holidays.

Shorter exam period is good.

I agree that the exam study period is far too long. That said, from my personal experience, I don't think that a later start date in August is totally necessary, especially if it comes at the cost of losing Labor Day or Fall Break. However, overall, I think that this revised schedule is an improvement.

Study period has been shortened, later return home for Christmas (which greatly impacts the student's ability to unwind before the holidays)

To make summer longer for students, especially incoming freshman is substantially important. They are about to embark on a (hopefully) 4 year journey to college life. they should be able to truly enjoy their final summer as a high school graduate.

more time before exams after thanksgiving break. that time was always a crunch.

These start dates are more in-line with other university calendars as well.

The study/exam periods always felt relatively long, especially for students who had multiple exams on a few days and were not doing much on the rest of the days. Also, I was always one of the first to head back to school in the summer.

Getting home earlier in december doesn't make a difference to me - there's no qualitative difference. Having a longer summer is advantageous for people doing internships whether it gives them a longer internship or more time to rest after their internship before transitioning back to school

Having an earlier labor day reduces the chances of that day being wasted time. A break so early in the academic year (F1 sometimes makes the first day of class labor day) won't cause as many disruptions. I agree that having more time after thanksgiving break would improve the usage and productivity of that time.

I like the later start in August and I like more than 1 week of classes after return from Thanksgiving.

More meaningful period after Thanksgiving. Longer summer. Better distribution of class days across the week.

Summer is too short