

# F1FacDisagree

I think F1 is preferable to F2; however, the short time between the end of the semester and the Christmas holiday in both schedules could make travel difficult for students, faculty, and staff with families that live far away.

It is already a nearly unmanageable scramble to get exams marked and grades turned in and then to get ready for the holidays. Moving this process later in December could make the task completely unmanageable. I believe the scramble is particularly difficult for women faculty, since women typically manage more of holiday preparation. Also, the exam period should not be shortened. Our students learn an incredible amount during study period, but I notice how much less they learn if they have exams for other classes that are close to the exam for mine.

Keep December class time short.

Going too late into December. Summer is not too short.

If you're going to have a fall break of one day, why have one?

Classes will run too close to winter holidays. No matter what the schedule, the last 7 class days will have diminished value.

The current fall semester calendar has worked for a long time and everything is fine. If F1 were adopted, this would make Christmas travel more difficult for students.

12/22 for last exam is too late.

I like the idea of reducing Study/Exam period, but F1 does not address the missing-of-class right before Thanksgiving

Last exam date is too late. Dec. 22 as an exam date for large lecture classes could result in grad students and faculty working into Christmas.

A fall break of one day does not make sense.

Reducing the fall break to one day and giving up Labor Day as time off reduces the breaks we had previously. Also does not address that there is usually an unofficial break in September or October anyway because of religious holidays. On a practical level I like the exam period changes though.

Exams held on Dec 22 will mean grading on Christmas Eve.

Exam period ends too late. It will be impossible to grade large classes holding finals at the end of the period. Most TAs are gone by that date, especially those traveling internationally.

I prefer the current schedule, which starts the long winter break sooner, giving more time before the busy holiday season, after a long, hard semester, and I don't like the idea of compressing crowds trying to get out of Ithaca into even fewer days

Starts too late Christmas break too close to Christmas Day

I think the earlier Dec end of the present calendar is attractive. I'm reconciled to our late Aug start.

I'd rather start earlier in August than go later in December.

Starting the semester that late and moving the last exam day back makes holiday travel much more difficult, and you are forcing students to be here longer during the most unpleasant part of the year. Furthermore, it is expected that most summer jobs would end well before the end of August anyway. Reducing the study period makes sense.

Compressing the study period seems like it would increase student stress. Pushing the academic calendar further into December will hinder research activities (travel, service on panels, etc.)

Semester goes on too late. Fall break should be removed.

Summer is not too short. It is just fine as it is. It is more important to have a reasonable winter break in order to be able to do research abroad.

I feel that it is better to start the last week of August and finish a week earlier in December for holiday travel and

family purposes.

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Students have a difficult time re-grouping / diving back into coursework after Breaks: F1 reduces the number of class days after Thanksgiving too much, making it difficult for students to rally at the end. It also puts Thanksgiving at risk: students might not go home / take a break if they have to complete all work for their classes in those 5 days after Thanksgiving (since many profs ask for a deliverable that last week of classes...)

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Last exam day can be very close to Christmas.

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Classes after Txgiving are virtually useless as the students begin the review process--adding more after Txgiving will mean more useless classes. It also pushes the exams way too close to the holidays which will add to student stress.

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puts exams too late. should not reduce fall break holding classes on labor day is fine

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I like the idea of ending classes earlier in December and that the spring semester should start one week earlier so the students can be finished and start their summer internships. Many times our students start two to three weeks later than their counterparts from other universities.

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Student off-campus interview season in early-mid December. Employers will likely not move their schedules to accommodate; offers will flow from Cornell to other universities.

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runs later into december

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Like the extra class days after Thanksgiving break to provide the ability to wrap up the course more completely. But don't like starting on Monday as students aren't ready at the beginning of the year, especially if they are new to the campus and are going through orientations.

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I like the longer winter break for doing research overseas.

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I think the Summer is too long already and the breaks too short for students. The study/exam period is important for students and should not be shortened.

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Thanksgiving break should be a full week.

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Those holding exams on the last day of class will have very little time to post grades without clashing with the Winter Holidays. One day for Fall break sounds short for students, holding classes on Labor Day will affect particularly faculty, as their families in many cases get the day off. Having Labor Day off was an improvement compared to past schedules.

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If the last day of exams is December 22nd, that's too late for large classes to have a final exam. In large lectures, (say Math 1920 in the Fall, which has about 600 students across all sections), it takes at least 3 days to grade all exams, figure out final grades, and submit them. (It works better if you take 4 days.) I don't think we can expect graduate students to grade on Christmas day, for example.

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I like having Orientation on at least some weekdays- it avoids paying student services staff overtime. I'm also not sure why the summer needs to be longer. I do like the extra days of instruction after Thanksgiving and the shortened exam and study period.

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1) Students needs a longer fall break 2) If the last exam is December 22, faculty will be grading exams over the holidays, cutting into family time. 3)Staff deserve to have a Labor Day holiday so I hope you will not eliminate that day off.

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Prefer to have a bit of time for research between the end of classes and the holidays.

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Semester begins too soon and ends too early.

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Burnout is real and breaks do not need to be eliminated or condensed. All of this tinkering with the calendar after such an exhaustive process 5 years ago seems so unnecessary.

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Winter break becomes too short.

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Orientation days are still on the weekend, giving students & staff little time to deal with administrative issues.

Too close to Christmas.

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Ending semester later in December is not an improvement; having a chance to catch up on research before Xmas is a big plus in the current calendar.

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It better to start early in au and have one more week break in Dec.

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Large size classes depend on TAs and undergraduate consultants for grading. Having exams that push late, almost up toward Christmas, will make it very hard to keep this staff in town for grading. Also, I have returned to this page after looking ahead. These options are a DISASTER when combined with the Spring calendars that move earlier. S3 and S4 are completely unworkable unless we leave fall the same. The fact that we cannot choose Fall unchanged+S4 on the final page is a major oversight. Personally, I think there is nothing wrong with Fall, and forcing a change on Fall greatly hurts our choices for Spring semester (which is the bad semester)

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Starts too early.

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A little too early

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Classes begin too late - well after many peer institutions. Exams end too late - Dec 22nd is too close to holidays. There isn't enough time for faculty to finish grading or students to travel.

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1) Semester ends way too late for international students and faculty and others who have to travel far, and at great expense, for the break; correspondingly, it raises the cost of air fare for those forced by the university to travel at the peak travel time leading up to Christmas. 2) It does not address the need to add an extra weekday to orientation. You cannot call staff meetings or faculty or see all of your graduate and undergraduate students in a single Monday.

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start - one week - then break day is not good

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Helps students with internships a little, but creates more pressure to give exam before scheduled time. Increase pressure from Graduate TAs who want to leave and from students who want to leave Ithaca. If you have an exam scheduled late in this period going to have a lot of trouble getting grades in on time and a lot of students who discover they have "conflicts".

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Students are more "fresh" and ready for the semester. They are more in need of a break by the end of the term.

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It will shorten the winter break (as well as the time for potential winter sessions)

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Later start date comes with little benefit.

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It doesn't make sense to have exams too close to Christmas.

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F2 finishes too close to Christmas.

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A 2-day fall break and finishing as early as possible in December are very important for me.

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prefer to spend fewer winter days in Ithaca

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Exams too close to Christmas which creates a grading problem especially when TAs are involved

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Fall break should be replaced with a full week at Thanksgiving. Other changes work

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too close to the winter holidays. not sure if post thanksgiving time would be used productively love the fact that exam period is shorter

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Summer is not too short-by mid-August most students are bored with their summer jobs and ready for a change. You can't possibly be thinking of holding exams on Saturday and Sunday are you???? 6 straight days of exams without a weekend break? If you do say not many exams will be scheduled on the weekend, then you will be cramming all exams into 4 days? Is there enough space. Are you going to hold December graduation ceremony in the middle of exam period? Plus, on a scheduled exam day? You will have to use another venue than Barton Hall? What happens if Xmas Day falls on a Wednesday or Thursday and not on a Sunday, like last fall? Will you shorten the

time between final exams and Xmas Day itself to a mere 2-3 days??

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F1 shortens the winter break. The winter break is important for faculty to prepare for the spring semester and to do research.

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Starts too Early

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Too late

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Moving the August days into December shortens the winter break which is already short for international travel. If one uses the winter break for research in countries in which summer is unbearably hot, it truly matters. I'd rather start the fall semester earlier and have a week-long fall break - it will help students relax.