

# F1GradAgree

The exam period is way too long and there are a large number of unnecessary study days. I much rather have an extra week of summer and take my exams a bit closer together. No downside at all here (unless you shorten the breaks). Always better to shorten the exam period than breaks.

I like a longer exam preparation period and I think for the first days it is particularly important.

Seems like a more efficient use of days

As a PhD student, I do not need the extra study days. Also, I would rather begin later and end later.

I don't like starting class before September

Fewer exam days

More time for summer

As a professional student, my summer internship is currently slated to go until ~3 days into the start of classes. I was informed by my summer employer that many other schools do not start until later, so therefore my internship program goes later. Having the later start date allows for more flexibility in who I can choose for my summer programs as well.

The semester duration is not changed significantly, while extending the summer by one week.

The December break is way too long

A slightly longer summer allows for more flexibility for internships and travel

A longer summer break is helpful for internships

I am in favor of longer summer break in exchange for shorter study period.

Shorter exam period

Helps prevent Thanksgiving break from undermining the last week of classes. Concern: Will the late final exam date interfere with the ability of students to readily travel home in time for the holidays (in particular, those with flights)?

Because you can actually accomplish things in class the last two weeks under the F2 framework.

Better for summer field work; Greater separation between Thanksgiving break and finals.

A longer summer break is more useful than a longer winter break (i.e. for summer employment). The start of classes is often challenging for freshmen, so it is helpful to have the Labour Day break after the first week to allow them to "catch their breath". Thanksgiving break is more useful with two weeks of class remaining than one.

The extended period after thanksgiving break feels like an actual return to classes, rather than a short time for review before exams

It will be beneficial to have more class days after thanksgiving break.

Although I'm indifferent on the first point, given that these break days are made up during the winter break, points six and seven are valid and the revised schedule would help alleviate those problems.

Fixes the issue of having only one week of classes after Thanksgiving break.

Reading period of current calendar is too long. Days of class in December hard to use productively when there are only four.

I like the extended summer and the shortened study time. I agree with having Labor Day off and a short fall break.

Moving the start of classes to later in August would be helpful to me. The work I do is field based, and it's difficult to have field responsibilities and classes, so the later that classes start the better for me.

the semester ends 2 days earlier but begins just one day earlier

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The semester begins too early. More class time is needed after Thanksgiving break.

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first full week of instruction is good

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better start to the semester. exam period is currently too long (from grad student perspective)

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The current calendar has too little instructional time after Thanksgiving.

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Currently we have an excessively long study period & the last seven class days after Thanksgiving break are not beneficial.

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Extending the summer break is better for internships, still get out enough days before Christmas, don't need 5 study days.

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Many internships I have investigated and summer work schedules are incompatible with the early start time proposed in the original calendar.

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I like that the winter break starts later (winter break is WAY TOO LONG currently, and starts too close to Thanksgiving). I like that there is more class time after Thanksgiving, and also that the academic year's classes start on a Monday.

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The biggest point for me is that there would be more time between Thanksgiving and the end of the semester to actually have useful instruction happening.

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I prefer another free week in August instead of December

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study period is too long now. beginning later in August/September makes sense

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Starting mid-week is hard; the study/exam period is too long in the current calendar.

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I agree that the study period is way too long. Thanksgiving break is a better if there are more instruction days after.

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As a student that uses studio projects for final exams, having more time to complete the design of the project after thanksgiving would make the end of the semester much less stressful.

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It makes it more worthwhile to have more class days after the Thanksgiving break and a later start to classes allows more time for summer internships. It also makes sense for orientation to cover a weekend and move into a full week of classes.

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1. Longer summer for working i.e. internships 2. Cornell's winter break is already very long; 2 days+1 weekend sacrificed is worth it

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I agree that the current calendar starts class too early in August, and the abbreviated week of classes after Thanksgiving is practically useless. This calendar improves on both of these problems. I'm not sure it's the best choice, though, because it does force students to remain on campus until right before Christmas, making holiday travel even more stressful. I'd like to see some other options that don't push the end of exams so close to Christmas.

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later start and later end is closer to ICSD, which cornell should try and match is possible

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longer summers are preferable even if that means cutting some of winter break. although, i do have concerns that a 7-day straight finals week will put undue pressure on students.

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Reduction in exam/study period length, better timing before/after Thanksgiving break

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I think the winter break is too long, so I like the idea of starting Fall semester later, by making the summer break longer and the winter break shorter. I also like having more time between the Thanksgiving break and the exam period at the end of the semester.

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Longer summers are better for graduate students conducting field work, and the week after thanksgiving is often wasted course time.

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Classes start later extending summer, the exam period is shorter, and the time between Thanksgiving and exams is longer, allowing for actual instruction during that period.

The summer break is indeed too short. Most internships require that you dedicate at least 10 weeks of the summer, but this leaves little room for moving to the internship location and preparing for classes before the fall semester. Taking care of kids in the summer is also a burden on many.

Provides additional time to complete summer internships (12 weeks), which difficult to accomplish with the normal academic calendar.

By making the summer longer it better fits the needs of international people, people with family and children

I'd prefer to start later in August and go later into December.

The shifts days from August seem to make the Thanksgiving break more of a break - and gives more value to those last days.

later start dates help with students who have summer internships and need more time before move in.

August start date being later makes sense. And the exam period has always seemed to drag on and doesn't prevent students from having multiple exams in a day.

Longer summer is good for jobs, externships etc. More days of class after Thanksgiving is helpful, where there are only a few days there's really no value to them.

I like that the semester start date has been pushed back and that the study/exam period has been shortened. I think these are very effective and positive improvements.

As a graduate student, summer is a valuable time to do research, so having a longer summer break would be helpful to focus on research.

The exam period is currently very long. The F1 framework was how my exam schedule looked in undergrad and students were still able to study and do fine

coming to Cornell a week later is much better for international students/graduate students who do research abroad over the summer.

Longer summer is nicer, shorter winter study is fine

Later start date; so much break before Christmas isn't useful.

I agree that the last 7 class days of the semester have diminished value, which could be fixed by having a longer class period post-Thanksgiving break. F1 would also allow students to spend more time in summer internships, jobs, etc. before returning to campus. Also agree that the study/exam period is longer compared to other competitive universities. However, I do not favor reducing Fall Break to one day. This is a much-needed (and appreciated!) break during a challenging part of the fall semester.

Recognition needs to be after exams

I strongly agree with the part that few days of class after thanksgiving is somewhat unorganized and there's too short of a time to sum up class work. If there are more classes after thanksgiving, it would improve the quality of the lectures, not to mention that students will be able to actually enjoy thanksgiving without having to study for upcoming exam.

Increase the summer, and delay the winner time.

Starts later in August

Summer becomes longer. Summer needs to become longer as many internships require 12-14 weeks. Currently, summer is roughly 11-12 for students (and graduating seniors), making summer internships hard to get. Moreover, Cornell Orientation requires volunteers to be a successful program. Due to the short summer, many interested students are unable to volunteer because summer is too short, and their employer requires they stay for 12 weeks. Lengthening summer will greatly improve students ability to get internships, and dramatically improve the orientation program at Cornell.

Like starting later

I think the shorter period between end-of-finals and the Christmas holiday affects potential travel plans less,

because people are more likely to have fixed plans because of the holiday. The August 22 start of classes essentially means returning to Ithaca in mid August, which kind of puts a dent in end-of-summer travel plans, which can be difficult for graduate students doing research abroad. So I think pushing back the start of classes one week would be a helpful for scheduling research and travel, and have minimal impact on personal plans re winter holidays.

Exam period is currently unnecessarily long and more class time after Thanksgiving break would be beneficial for instructors.

Lengthening summer and extending classes into December is a more standard calendar; allows synchronicity with those in our life who are not affiliated with Cornell

Engineering internships are mostly required to last 12 weeks.

better adjustment for the start of semester

The first week is a full week, so we wouldn't miss two of the first three Monday classes. It also gives more time to wrap up courses after Thanksgiving, as opposed to rushing through in the last week.

I think the shorter study period is better. Also good if classes start on a Monday to allow lab classes (and others that meet only once a week) get started on the first week.

Don't need such a long study/exam period, also enjoy starting later.

I want the flexibility to stay at an internship through the month of August. Shortening the study period is no problem for me.

Lengthened the summer and moved those class days into December.

don't like starting so early in august

Summer is too short. Only 1 week of class after thanksgiving has diminished value. The study break is too long.

I especially like the extended class days after Thanksgiving break. It provides a greater buffer between Thanksgiving break and the end of the semester, and allows for more time to review material as a group before students are expected to be examined on it during finals.

Later start is helpful, but not if it comes at the expense of losing Labor Day or the fall break--one day breaks are the worst of all possible worlds.

Later start time means longer summer break, which would be very useful for research purposes for grad students. This also helps to shorten winter break and give students more time to do meaningful work after Thanksgiving break.

I like the fact that there is a longer summer period because of internships. Staying at Cornell until the 22nd is ok.

For grad students doing field work delaying the return by a week is very helpful for those who TA.

(1) Increases the value of the last 2 weeks of class days. (2) Classes start on Monday instead of Tuesday (better due to consistency). (3) Semester starts later and ends later - Longer summer is better and this schedule is more consistent with other institutions.

Wastes less time in December, more in line with other academic calendars (other colleges and public schools)

I prefer to begin later in August or September. This is much better!

The motivations for the change are logical. The change in one week appears to not have much affect in regards to instruction. As with the current calendar, issues you may run into would be with classes that meet once a week, in particular lab classes. Starting the calendar on Monday rather than in the middle of the week helps greatly with their scheduling.

Overall agree. Keeping Thanksgiving the same and adding lecture days after may help regain focus. Having recognition before the end of exams may be problematic for some students.

Aug 27 is a perfect time. Aug 21 is too early.

I agree August child care days are hard.

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Shorter study period is better.

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It extends the duration of summer break, allowing some rest time after summer internships. It also provides more time in between Thanksgiving break and the end of the semester.

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I agree that currently having so few class days after Thanksgiving give those days diminished value.

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Starting in August detrimentally impacts research and work over the summer. This could be improved if it was pushed back a week and we finished on Dec 23.

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Fine overall, I would be more inclined to reduce Fall break by one day to have exams done earlier (the 22nd is late).

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For MBA graduates, the summer job finishes at the end of August, leaving little room for relocation.

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Getting out so early in December is not as valuable as an extended summer period.

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I'm a Grad student, it doesn't really affect me that much

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Much nicer to have an extra week of summer off than an extra week of winter. Plus having more time after thanksgiving break means you can actually accomplish something before exams.

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I think childcare is hard in August and the one week of classes after Thanksgiving has diminished value. Having less days in August is good and having more days after Thanksgiving makes it reasonable to fit a topic into those two weeks.

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Starting a week later allows more time in summer for research. However, the figure above is very confusing.

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Please do not reduce fall break. If anything, increase it.

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I prefer a longer summer.

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More in line with other universities

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The long time between the end of exams and Christmas is awkward, and F1 shortens that time while also lengthening summer.

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In addition to the reasons indicated in the graphic, it gives more instructional time between Thanksgiving and study/exam period, which will hopefully allow students to actually rest and visit family/friends during Thanksgiving break (rather than study/write papers)

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This way the week after Thanksgiving does not feel wasted, and the semester ends relatively early vis-a-vis Christmas.

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longer summer. more class time after thanksgiving

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Agree with the AAugust childcare issue, BUT DONT HOLD CLASS ON LABOR DAY!!! That is the impossible childcare day. AL\Iso original exam period is too long, so this improves.

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The study period is really long, and this would improve summer research for graduate students.

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It adds more value to the last couple of weeks of classes. There is a longer period between Thanksgiving and finals, which is great.

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I like having longer summer

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An extra week of nice weather before the semester begins. Also (and more importantly), the semester begins on a Monday. This makes scheduling recitations/review sessions and such easier to coordinate among multiple TAs who need to present the same material over the course of the whole week (a new recitation lesson plan begins on Mondays instead of a weird day like Wednesday).

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Class in August is silly

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I tend not to use the entire study period, and as an instructor find that the last week of class is of extremely low

value in the current system.

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I would rather be finished earlier in Dec than start later in Aug.

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Starting later in the fall is preferable. The current start date is too early, particularly for students doing internships.

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Later start is important and allows greater flex in what students do with their summers, especially as we have such a late spring ending.

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Get a week in the summer in exchange for 3 lost days in the winter

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Accommodates longer summer internships

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Too few class days after thanksgiving break in the current calendar.

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End of classes less immediate after Thanksgiving. Classes start later, easier for students with later summer internships.

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This is great! It makes the final two weeks of the semester much more useful and relieves the burden on TAs/Profs to convince students to show up after Thanksgiving. I'm a big fan of having a solid exam schedule, and the four study days are plenty for Cornell students.

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More motivation for students to actually come back after Thanksgiving break.

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I would prefer to start later and go into December more. Starting later would give me more time to conduct fieldwork during the summer for my research. I am a PhD student.