

F1GradDisagree

I do not want to be on campus on 12/22. I want to be home by that point to spend time with my family during the holidays.

It doesn't address the short Thanksgiving recess.

The delay in the exam period significantly increases travel cost for winter break. Air fares usually go up significantly after December 19th. On the other hand, starting a week early in August does not affect travel cost significantly. This is especially important for students from low-income backgrounds, and students who are on financial assistance. Shortening the already-short winter break also makes it very hard for international students to travel back home during winter break, as it takes longer to travel round-trip and to recover from jet lag. Int'l air fares rise even more significantly than domestic fares close to the holiday period.

Classes end too late in December, especially considering international travelling for foreign students.

Having exams closer to Christmas can make travel plans difficult, especially given the unpredictable winter weather we can experience here. Moreover, I'm opposed to reducing the length of the fall break or holding classes over Labor Day.

I don't think having school on labor day would be good since many travel that weekend. shortening exams is fine, but having more class in December doesn't sound good.

I believe it is more effective for students to have more time to get home before the winter holidays and would rather start earlier than end later.

It goes too late into December

The summer break does not need to be extended. Our current class starting time is comparable to most institution. I do believe in shortening the study/exam days at the end of the semester, but pushing the whole schedule back pushes the available flight times for students who must fly home for the winter break, and still have an exam on the last day, into times that have increased cost due to the closeness to Christmas. If a longer summer is still requested, then consider moving the Fall calendar back 1 week and the Spring calendar back two weeks. This still lengthens the summer by a week, removes the diminished value class days after Thanksgiving break, and gives students time to return home for the winter break. Personally, having the Thanksgiving break lump into ending the year allows for a better transition of classwork at the end of the year. The Thanksgiving break allows students to actually relax with friends and family, and instead of studying for class or an exam or doing HW over the break, the student uses the tail end of the break to start studying for finals, since all class material is covered before the breaks begins.

Dislike the study period to be Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon. Students will be more productive have a mon-tues study period before exams

Having exams up until December 20th is too late for holiday travel, especially with grading that TAs and instructors still need to do after the exam is finished

I am an international student and I buy my tickets for home well in advance in order to afford them. If the exam period ends on the 22nd, I'd have to schedule tickets for home on the 23rd or even 24th, which would make the tickets even more expensive and the whole process of my getting home would be very stressful for my family.

Because the final study period is decreased. I usually find that most of my classes are shoved together over a few days and I would like to see them spread out and the full final period used. Usually at least two days of studying are needed before a final, and if you are taking 5 classes the new study period isn't as well set up. The break day in the middle of finals weeks is helpful and should be kept. It would be better if the university devised a way to keep classes likely taken at the same time from having finals close to others.

As an international student, the closer to the holidays the last exam is, the harder it is to get an affordable flight ticket to the home country for holidays.

The exam period is not too long... in fact, more pure study days are needed (without exams allowed)

break starts too close to christmas

I would rather have a slightly shorter summer and a longer winter/holiday break (which the current calendar provides).

The current summer is comparable to that of other universities, and pushing it back does not significantly improve job or summer internship opportunities. Pushing the fall exams back makes the semester drag on, and can complicate travel for students leaving at the end of the semester, especially for those that have to arrange flights close to the holidays.

I would caution against cutting too close to the Christmas Holiday for those who must travel. For example, the Law School sets the first year student exam calendar to take up the ENTIRE exam period. Therefore there is zero way those students can plan around a late falling calendar.

I would rather not have classes later into December than they already are. I also do not feel like the summer break is too short.

The F1 framework removes the rest day during exam period, making it more likely that a student will have a long run of days with finals (say 6 finals in 6 days). This seems unnecessarily stressful for students.

Classes extend to late December, many students travel for holidays.

Cuts into winter break - would rather have more time off in December

While I agree that child care is hard in August from a cost perspective, the hardest time for childcare is actually the day after labor day because there are very, very few programs offered and schools don't open until the Wednesday of labor day. The only way to overcome the child care issue is to wait until the school district opens--after labor day. However, many people regardless of religious identification enjoy celebrating Christmas with family. One of the biggest issues with the grade school district's late start is that you often have to choose between being able to travel and not missing school. The closer it gets to Dec. 25 the more expensive travel away from Ithaca becomes. I believe airlines track the school calendar and hike prices accordingly. This change could actually increase travel demand for fewer days and drive prices up even more. I've always felt like the break after new years was long, and with the bleak weather in January I find it more gloomy to have extra time for such a long time than to have work to focus on. Dec 22 is too late an end date for exams -- it will make grading etc. much harder for TAs who want to leave to be with family.

I don't want to be taking exams three days before Christmas. That doesn't leave much time to travel home to enjoy the holidays. The summer is plenty long as-is. While it is strange having only a week between Thanksgiving break and finals, a few more class days has little added value. The short turnover allows you to still be rested from break while finishing up the last flurry of projects and exams.

Getting out for the semester on December 22nd? No one will want to stay that close to the holidays and flights get more expensive the closer you get to Christmas.

Earlier ending in December is better for grad student TAs and instructors, since grading (often of written exams!) needs to occur after finals

Summer is NOT too short. I don't see a reason to lengthen it at the expense of winter break. I agree the study/exam period is long and can be shortened. However having the last day of finals be as late as Dec 22 means that whoever's grading that exam will have to be around until Dec 23rd at least (and more likely Dec 24th), which is absolutely unreasonable.

You're not really gaining anything. The exams are pushed back to almost Christmas, which means higher cost of flights for students who have exams on those days.

The last exam day is too close to Christmas, complicating travel plans/making fares more expensive. A long exam period is required since many people have final projects or papers and require time to complete them while studying for exams. 2 days for Fall Break is too short.

Although I like the reduction of the study period which I agree is a bit too long, I don't like the schedule shift further into December, as travel gets increasingly difficult and expensive in the second and third week of the month.

It goes too late into December.

Reducing study time is never a good idea

Having the latest exam day as Dec. 22nd seems late especially in the case of the students who have to travel home or internationally over Christmas break.

Having exams on weekends puts stress on students with families and other jobs who are operating on the common work-week schedule. The F1 framework changes the number of final exam weekend days from 1 (already weird) to 2. This is assuming that the undefined lilac color is designating a weekend day.

I don't want to have classes pushed into December

Even with the current schedule it can be challenging to make travel arrangements before the holidays. For students traveling internationally or cross-country, the three potential extra days could significantly increase travel costs and the incidence of students leaving early/rearranging finals schedules. As a graduate TA, I already try to accommodate these requests every December and it is a major source of stress for me and my students.

It finishes too late in December

December 22 is too close to the Holiday. I would much rather start earlier in August than end later in December.

International students make very good use of the extra time between the end of classes and the holidays to work on data and finish experiments before heading out.

There will be too much work due immediately following thanksgiving so it won't be a break at all.

Starts and ends too late.

This shortens winter break.

The main problem with the current Fall Calendar is Thanksgiving break. The Monday and Tuesday of that week are a waste of time, energy, and resources for students, faculty, and administration, and it makes travel difficult for everyone involved. The F1 framework would be beneficial only if it included a full-week break for Thanksgiving as well.

Don't we already start the semester pretty late?

The last exam day on December 22 is very hard for students who will try to go back home for Christmas.

Student who observe the Sabbath do not study from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, shifting the study period for exams back a day means that Sabbath observers only have two full days (Sunday and Monday) as opposed to three (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) to prep/review for their exams.

We're in class too late into December.

Fall break is necessary to relieve stress and Labor Day is a national holiday that should be recognized.

I like finishing earlier in December, so that I can travel to see my family before the Christmas holiday. In the F1 scenario, it would be an extreme time crunch/flights skyrocket to make it home after the semester ends, yet before Christmas.

Graduate students need a longer winter break to complete research requirements by the end of the semester.

Makes it difficult for international travelers during winter break

Would prefer exams to end earlier in December, which is in the current Fall calendar

It is beneficial to have students here on campus during the beautiful days of August. The more nice days students can be on campus and the fewer bad-weather days later in the year, the better for student morale, bonding, and spirits. In addition, having an exam on the 22nd of December is simply too close to the holidays. Rather than switch the schedule around so significantly, reconsider how final exams are administered.

For many international students, it takes sometimes 2 full days to fly back home for winter break. Therefore, ending the fall semester so close to Christmas Day is not preferred. I would like to be home way before Christmas. Also,

many landlords require that we start our leases in the beginning of August, and we cannot sublet before we move in. The new fall schedule would require us to pay a full month of August even though we won't be living there.

Banking recruiting has final round interviews in December and it's advantageous to be done with academics as soon as possible

Cuts into Christmas break!

Winter depression can have significant negative impact on performance. The earlier in August we begin, the better.

I would rather start the fall semester earlier and leave earlier.

The short summer is not caused by the start of fall semester. It is caused by the late end to spring semester. This can be seen by comparing with other universities' schedules, since most internships start earlier in May. Additionally, ending fall semester later just makes flight tickets more expensive for students, so most would be unhappy with this change.

Winter break starts too late. Plane tickets get more expensive near Christmas. Summer is not too short. Exam period should not be shortened any more.

Moving the last exam date to potentially Dec 22 would hamper my plans as a Graduate Teaching Assistant to be able to conduct fieldwork in my Winter break. This is because flight costs closer to December 25th skyrocket.

I don't think reducing fall break or winter break is worth a few extra summer days since summer is already the longest break and long enough for internships or jobs.

Exam study period would be too short in F1

Have a earlier end day of fall semester:)

comfortable enough with current calendar. F1 calendar ends up too late in the year

Moving class days from August to December makes travel more difficult and more expensive for students who have their family in the Southwest and on the West Coast.

I think with so many students coming from other countries as well as other states, it makes getting home for the holidays more expensive if your last day of exams is December 22nd. This is around when it is the most expensive and time consuming to get home.

Having a more compressed study/exam period will make it even more stressful for those taking predominantly courses with final exams vs. papers/projects. Having exams scheduled on weekend days and without any study day break in the middle of finals period is also extra stressful and I believe many would feel even more bitter and burned out by being required to take finals on the weekend (potentially both days) without an opportunity to recharge and also prepare for more finals they have the following week. Having the Fall Recognition day during finals period could create conflicts and, therefore, stress for those seniors who still have finals either on that same day or the two days after they have been recognized as graduated. For the variation to make the study/final period 12 days, I would NOT reduce Fall break to be only one day because then, for those students who live relatively close enough to travel home for break, it becomes not feasible to travel if break is only 3 days total including the weekend. I would instead hold classes on Labor day because that 3-day weekend becomes especially not valuable since there will have only been five days of class so far; so, it hasn't been long enough for people to really need a break, and it's not long enough of a break to be able to travel anywhere. Additionally, for students taking a class that only meets once a week on Mondays, having Labor Day Monday off so early in the semester gives those students less class sessions to attend in which to decide if they want to take that class before the add/drop deadline. In order to make the Summer Break longer, I would instead take off days at the end of Winter Break in January, because having the latest finals day on December 22nd is getting very close to the Christmas holiday (the only constant holiday on the Gregorian calendar we are using; unfortunately, most of the other holidays celebrated around this time vary widely in dates, I understand this cannot be well addressed [I'm Jewish, too]). Having finals end so close to the holiday poses additional stress and issues for those students traveling further distances. By the end of a 5-week Winter break though, I believe most students are "ready" to go back to class, and it is well enough after the holidays by mid-/end-January.

I do not want a shorter fall break, and I do not want the semester to start later and end later. I would prefer a shorter exam period, but not by compromising fall break. This is my only complaint. That and winter break is incredibly long, and makes spring semester end very late.

I prefer starting school earlier and having winter break start earlier. Diminished value of the last 7 class days isn't an issue for me - it helps wind things down and wrap up before exams start.

This makes it much more difficult to travel for the holidays, especially for out-of-state students. Moreover, if the justification is to increase the summer break, why not start the spring semester earlier?

I prefer earlier start in August and earlier break in December to allow more time at Christmas.

Makes holiday travel much more expensive and inconvenient

If the exam dates are pushed back, it makes it difficult to get everything ready to fly home for Christmas and New Years, especially if you're an international student. Tickets are more expensive and it's slightly more chaotic. However, I do agree that the study period is longer than usual, so maybe that can be reduced. The same goes for orientation, having the weekend and those few extra days make it easier to settle in and be ready for school. More time to have orientation events before classes begin.

Exams go too close to Christmas and will make traveling and shopping difficult.

Less time to travel home for Christmas, cutting back fall break to just a day makes it seem like it would be better to just eliminate it all together. I like the idea of starting courses later but I think it would better to nix fall break and keep thanksgiving to try and keep it from running into December so late.

I do not think the summer is too short. I like being able to go home earlier in December as opposed to so close to Christmas. I like having only one more week of class left when I get back from Thanksgiving break. It's a nice mental goal of "...only one week left, I can do this!" Also, I anticipate a shorter exam period will likely cram many exams into a short period of time for students who have a lot of finals (especially freshman and sophomores taking large, gen ed requirements).

The semester ends too late.

I would prefer an earlier December finish over a later August Start.

If the last exam is on the 22nd of December then international students will have it difficult to get home for the holidays in time. The earliest you could fly out of the country would be the 23rd which means that some of us would arrive the morning or the evening of Christmas eve which in a lot of countries is the day of celebration. I am not making a religious argument, I am making an argument for being together with family for certain expected times. I also do not know what a few days more in August would give us. The most beautiful time of Ithaca, the summer, is already so short for us. We will only have more days of gray snowy tristess.

I disagree that the summer schedule is too short and that the last seven days of class have diminished value. Is there empirical evidence, especially, for this last claim? I do agree, however, that the study/exam period is too long.

It makes an insignificant difference overall.

As a graduate student who spends winter and summer vacations doing field research, having classes end in at the very beginning of December gives me a lot more flexibility in terms of buying airline tickets and arranging meetings with people before they go on their own vacations in mid to late December. This may not be relevant for most students, but it is very helpful to me, and I will be disappointed if instruction drags on later into December.

Too close to holiday celebrations. Doesn't leave enough time for travel, gift shopping, and visitations before Christmas.

I pretty much disagree with every one of the F1 motivators. I think the summer is too long, the 3 day Thanksgiving break is too short, and the study period is too short. I think september is too late a start date.

It gets harder to go home for the holidays as roads have more traffic and flights get way more expensive

The late start date of the F1 results in a later end to the semester which is not desirable when put up against the winter break. F1 doesn't seem to solve the issue of the small number of classes after Thanksgiving.

too close to Christmas for the latest exam day. Rather have spread out exams and start earlier in the year. Second semester needs to be modified. We need a long weekend after spring break or before to make it comparative to first semester study times.

Ends too late in December

It sucks. Last possible exam date is too close to Christmas and creates a lot of travel booking nightmares.

Exam dates are too late for international students to home. Fares are significantly higher by this time

Don't like having a shortened fall break or holding class on Labor Day

I like finishing up early for Christmas

Less breaks, and proposition for study on Labor Day, fall break.

We go too late into December (too close to holidays) and it is more convenient to begin earlier in August. Most exams are within the last days of the study period anyway.

4 days of summer would make no difference. Too close to Christmas end date.

Finals run too close to Christmas.

Dec 22 is too close to the holidays.

I think the summer break is actually too long. I also think it is too stressful to reduce the number of finals days.

The end date for fall semester falls too late into winter holidays. Also, the study/exam period is still quite long.

The two day fall break is an important break for students. I would like the F1 framework if it did not get rid of the two day fall break.

I think it's a good idea to reduced the study/exam period, but I strongly disagree to moving the end of the semester closer to the holidays. This makes it a lot harder, and more expensive, for students to leave Ithaca and to go back home (domestic and abroad).

I want to have more time around christmas, not in the summer. This schedule may work for undergrads, but it is not good for graduate students who may only go home at christmas time. This schedule reduces the length of time we can leave by 4 days. I am fine with when classes currently start

Having an exam on the 22nd would be miserable. It means you would not be able to travel home until the 23rd or 24th. A lot of people like to relax and celebrate Christmas Eve together. There are no major holidays in early August. Also, shortening the study period is silly.

I like the earlier summer start and earlier December finish. I think the spacing of class days is better than in the proposed framework.

Current fall calendar is just fine, and I'm opposed to the change in the study period. The real issue for me is the spring semester and the shortening of Senior days.

For international students wishing to return home for Christmas, the F1 calendar pushes the semester start into a more expensive travel period, and the semester end into a significantly more expensive travel period. For those from the Southern Hemisphere, tickets home can change in price in the range in of hundreds over individual days closer to December 25. This might appear an irrelevant issue to an academic calendar but, spending a year away from my family, I find it difficult to separate school issues from personal, emotional issues. Lengthening the summer break, while nice, would lengthen an already long break, while eating into the winter break reduces the amount of time we can spend with friends and family over the holidays.

It shortens winter break, which I need to use to go back home and work to make money for spring semester

Shortening the exam period will mean less time to study between each exam.

The exam period does not need to be shortened; summer is plenty long

The December dates cut too close to holidays when travel becomes more expensive and difficult to and from Ithaca.

Exams end too close to the holidays

Why are we reducing study days for exams?

International grad students wanting to fly home for end-of-semester break have less days to do so (factoring in grading and paper submitting)

F1 calendar ends too late.

Students and faculty alike want to start Christmas/Winter break sooner rather than later. It is difficult to travel in time for Christmas if you are taking exams until December 22.

There is one less study day during finals.

Current one is evenly distributed with good breaks in between which is helpful for rejuvenation and focusing on work with a fresh approach.. Longer breaks in the end of term don'y make sense.

I rather start classes earlier in August and finish earlier in December as well.

Too many days of class after Thanksgiving

Ending early is very helpful for me to plan on going home during winter break

I don't see how the new framework improves too much on the original. If students feel the last few classes have diminished value, surely that is the responsibility of the curriculum and the professors, not the calendar. Also, I am of the opinion that more frequent breaks are preferable to one long break. Hence, I would much rather have an extra week for Winter Break than Summer Break. For the students who claim the summer period is too short, will 6 days suddenly convince them to change their mind?

You shouldn't reduce breaks for undergrads, it's important for them to recharge during the semester. Plus holding class on Labor day - most people won't show up anyway since it's a holiday people spend with their families. (I am graduate student so this is my perspective). I'd suggest reducing study days to 3 days (and start classes 2 days later). At this point in the semester if undergrads don't know at least half the material well, then those extra 2 study days won't do any good anyway.

Thanksgiving break is too short

As a student without child care needs, I prefer the current calendar because it enables me to fly in mid-December to California to visit my family for Christmas without having to deal with the heaviest holiday traffic in the few days before Christmas.

Start date is too late

I would to finish the fall semester as early as possible

End date too close to Christmas >> travel costs are then higher

Very close to holidays.. people will pay a premium for travel back home. they will not be able to plan for christmas

I don't think the summer is too short and I'd rather be home for christmas sooner. December is a month where I want as little class as possible.

It takes time of winter break

Too late of a start, eats into winter break.

It is nice to be out earlier before the winter holiday. I disagree with the premise that summer is too short. Also, when I was matriculating as an undergraduate I had a 5 day orientation which I think is significantly better than a three day orientation.

Too late into december

For students with families in the west coast having an exam on December 22 means you might not be home for Christmas.

Dec 22 is too late to take exam and winter break is too short. Everyone needs more time to pack and travel back home for Christmas!!

I really want to finish before the 22nd, so that traveling back home for Christmas isn't too crazy. Also I don't think the summer is too short.

-Moving four class days from August to December seems extreme. -The summer break is sufficiently long. -The semester will end too close to the holiday travel period and make it prohibitively expensive for students (i.e. graduate students) to fly home.

Would rather have class earlier in August than later in December

Ends too late, prefer earlier start

For students, this is TERRIBLE for traveling home for the holidays. The 'summer is too short' issue can be addressed by starting summer earlier and be fixed changing the spring schedule. Not to mention it seems unfair to have students trying to go to graduation while having their finals. I do like the reduced study days but think this can be implemented within the initial/current schedule.

I don't want to struggle to get to school for class. It snows heavily on December. I prefer to attend courses more on good weather.

December 22nd is too late for the final day of finals.

The end date so close to a major religious and cultural holiday (Christmas, Dec 24th) places great stress on graduate students who both celebrate this holiday- often by traveling since traveling for other family holidays like Thanksgiving is impossible from Cornell given the shortness of the break- and who are responsible for grading finals.

The end of fall semester would be too close to the holidays

Flights out of Ithaca often get cancelled as the weather worsens (mid-late december). Also flights get expensive the closer you get to the holidays (christmas/new years).

No need to have an extra week of classes over Thanksgiving. Students return unmotivated for the remainder of the semester. If anything, the semester should end before Thanksgiving, but it is not likely. All study days should be removed for these snowflakes. Most universities do not give students off.

Not a sufficient amount of time to enjoy the holiday season.

i like our longer exam period. id rather have tests and exams more spaced out. this is more important to me than how long breaks are or exactly when they start

exam too late

Don't like making the break shorter

The current schedule is much more appropriate for veterinary students having the opportunity to go on externships during the winter break.

December 2nd and 3rd weeks are generally the peak of recruiting season and any additional day in December is priceless. In addition, since the international students are here on campus in July, there would be a larger void between international student orientation and start of classes. Another aspect worth noticing is that some summer internships run late into august and it would help those folks whose internships end late.

Later last day of class pushes back international students' plan to travel home.

Break ends too close to Christmas

Exams too close to xmas

The study week should not be reduced.