

# F1GradUnsure

While I like the idea of moving the class days to December in concept, I fear it may cause students and any others leaving town to be more likely to spend obscenely high amounts on travel.

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I like it because I think that currently classes start too early, but ending on December 22 seems very late

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Who cares if the summer is too short? Why should the last exam day be so close to a major holiday? This makes travel difficult

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Neither, honestly 90% students don't go or don't want to go to any classes before Thanksgiving and probably around 25% take all of monday/tuesday off anyways. Take the current schedule, and make winter break a little shorter with a longer thanksgiving break.

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I dont agree with weekend exams

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reducing reading period makes sense. reducing fall break also makes sense. Less time between end of class and the holidays also makes sense. Concerned about winter break being shorter.

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Having classes and exams later in December can make holiday travel plans more challenging.

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The F1 framework has finals ending closer to Christmas which may be an issue for some students.

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It makes reasonable changes regarding exam period. However last exam day can be very late, which is a stress for students traveling far out of the state or country.

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Shifting the semester back by starting a few days later and pushing farther into December is a negative change. However, I am in favor of a shorter exam period.

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I agree that the week after thanksgiving break is problematic and should be either expanded or removed, but having a graduation ceremony in the middle of exams seems like it would have the potential to raise problems.

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Pushing the semester closer to the winter/holiday break may have implications for those professors and TAs attempting to grade final projects and exams before traveling.

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As a graduate student and former teaching assistant, I would prefer not to be held to Ithaca that late into December. It is not a much of a challenge for us typically to already be present in mid-August. I can understand though from an undergraduate perspective that the week following Thanksgiving break is not particularly useful.

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Dec 22 is a very late end to the semester, especially for international students to fly home in time for Christmas.

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Because of the way students work, having study days entirely on the weekend means no actual studying will occur. having MT for study days means they'll actually be utilised.

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I don't like F1 starting and ending later, but I do like the reduced time/exam period and the increased distance between the last break and the start of study days.

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I like the condensed final exam schedule but I do not like how late school would go into December.

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I don't like reducing the study/exam period at the end of the semester. I think that will make a stressful time more stressful. I know I would shortchange the gained class periods after Thanksgiving break in order to start prepping for finals. So I don't know if these changes increase the value of the classes after Thanksgiving. I did not consider August child care need, so in that sense the change makes sense.

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Fall Break should NOT be reduced to one day, nor should classes be held on Labor day. If that holds constant, the F1 Framework is better than the current fall calendar.

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New schedule pushes too close to Christmas. Current schedule has very little time between Thanksgiving and exams. I think the current model is better though

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Going late into December for exams

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Neither alternative appears to solve what I view as the core problem with the current schedule. My perspective is that of a Cornell Alum (Class of 1972), who is taking this survey as a continuing education student in the Law School. At the end of instruction, students need more time to prepare for exams. As an undergraduate in the early '70's, I was given a full week to pre-exam study. Today's Cornell students are not. Elimination of the October two-day

break might facilitate the longer study period, regardless of whether the fall schedule is early-start or later-start. It would leave students better prepared for their exams or the completion of final papers.

I generally like the F1 calendar, but I'm not sure what the description of the variation means. I do not think it is a good idea to reduce fall break to one day or to hold class on Labor Day.

The start date is more flexible for summer research, which improves the current calendar. But the shorter exam period is not ideal for graduate seminars.

As a PhD student, I prefer the current calendar over the F1 framework because I like having a long winter break. However, for undergraduates who want to work or do research over the summer, I can see how the F1 would be an improvement.

Goes later in December

I like the shorter exam period and additional class days after Thanksgiving but I dislike starting classes so late and potentially ending so close to Christmas.

I think it is useful because it increases the value of the classes after thanksgiving but I prefer F2 because the whole week break during Thanksgiving will help us renew our energies

Shorter exam period is good, not sure about the move to start in later August.

Barring some concerns about getting grades in in a timely fashion if the exam schedule works, the shift appears to work well. I do think it's worth investigating how this might shape (off-campus) housing for incoming students, however, given that start dates for most leases are currently in August in response to the Cornell schedule--a shift in the Cornell calendar might prompt Sept start dates and that might have repercussions for both students and locals.

I like the longer study/exam period to reduce end-of-semester stress.

Having exams as late as December 22nd forces TAs to grade even later, too close to the Christmas holiday

I agree that the one week after Thanksgiving is awkward, but I disagree that Summer is too short. If anything, moving up the study period to start immediately after Thanksgiving would be better.

Still confusing for me and I prefer schedule book.

Placing the end of the semester closer to the Christmas holiday may negatively impact the travel of grad students and others who must stay until the end of the semester. However, a shorter exam period is a good thing.

May give some people less time to travel home for the winter holidays

Having a break day on the second week of classes seems very sudden.

changes are minimal; in my experience the 2-day fall break is more of a distraction for students than time to relax and leads students to overestimate the work they can catch up on during those 48 hours

I like that the study/exam period is shorter (I think the current exam period is way too long). But, the last day of exams is right before Christmas during busy travel days.

It's odd to have the exam period overflow just one day into the next week, but it's an improvement in that there is a larger/ more meaningful period of classes following the November break

Recognition happens before the final exams are done. Some people will walk the commencement without knowing if they actually graduated or not.

Thanksgiving break is a bigger concern for me than days in August

I am not sure if I prefer to have the last exam so close to the Holidays

I think the winter break starts too early and goes too long and that class starts too early in August. What I disagree with about this schedule is the reduced exam time. Having it spread out is helpful.

Not that different

I don't think I care.

I like that the exam period is shortened, but not that the semester is shifted later

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Having slightly more class time after Thanksgiving break is nice but the later end to finals might be difficult for people traveling for the holidays.