

F1StaffAgree

The later start of classes in August lines-up better with the K-12 school districts.

Seems more balanced.

Over the years, the academic year was moved to begin earlier August. This will provide students longer internship and summer job possibilities and more family time for staff and faculty before public school begins.

My only concern is shortening the winter break for students that participate in non-Cornell winter classes/activities.

I prefer the later August start and later December end to the semester; I can imagine greater efficiencies re: workflow for staff.

Semester is meaningless from thanksgiving week on currently; Start date in August is often too early when considering Summer session schedules.

Later start to semester and additional class time post-Thanksgiving to make it more meaningful are the two biggest "wins" here. However, this change reduces the amount of time that administrative units will have after students leave for cleanup and maintenance that needs to happen before the University closes for a week of winter break, which could be challenging.

Winter break seems a bit long as it stands.

It's cleaner, logical, and makes sense.

Changes are not that disruptive to the entire schedule. Allows for a longer summer including working hours for students. No reason not to use those days in December.

Cuts less into summer and still ends at a reasonable time.

I'd prefer a later start to fall semester and a shorter winter break. I hear from students frequently that the winter break is too short to do anything substantive, and far to long to be helpful.

fewer class days in August. Winter break is a bit shorter

I definitely prefer the later August start from both a staff perspective, yes summer is way too short once you add in reunion activities and a vacation. I also coordinate a per-orientation program and have long felt that a later August start would boost attendance (for graduating high school seniors their summer is extremely short especially for NYS seniors who graduate late June). We know from 20 years of participation data that the years that the calendar swings back to a later August start that our numbers go up. It also impacts sustainability of upperclassmen leaders who can't always return to serve in the program since they can't leave jobs & internships to return to campus the 2nd week of August for training & program.

I agree that August child care days are particularly hard. I also feel that 8 to 9 instructional days after Thanksgiving are more productive than the just 5 or so in the current Fall Calendar.

Reduces the number August days of class.

Lengthens summer break, later start date, aligns better with ICSD schedules, more consistent with peer institutions

I like having a later August/early Sept start. It fits better with other academic schedules. Reducing study days seems reasonable.

longer summer

concern of losing Labor Day or day within fall break agree august child care problem is very difficult

This framework allows for all the needs without dragging them out and listens to the requests of the community.

Does not eat into summer. Gives valuable class time after thanksgiving back to the schedule.

It seems that it gives students a slightly longer summer as well as still having plenty of time to get home before the holidays in Dec. I'm unsure about having exams on a Sunday though. It seems to me that this may raise some

religious objections.

Students start later in August permitting staff, faculty and students to make proper arrangements as other institutions tend to start late in August as well. Calendar is well paced. After thanksgiving break student/ class resumption will have time to recover from the disturbance.

adjusts the study/exam period to a more reasonable time frame

Looks to aid in maximizing the efficiency of operation

As a staff member, I'm not so concerned about the number of study/exam days, and the rest of the motivator reasons seem to be valid.

I don't have too many problems with the way the fall semester has been for years, although I do think it has inched too far into August. I'm not sure why, since everything else about the semester schedule has remained the same, with the exception that Labor Day is an official holiday for almost everybody now; several units used to be open on Labor Day. Return the fall semester start date to Thursday (the way it used to be), or Monday on the week before Labor Day (Labor Day is certainly a nuisance for many reasons). If starting on Thursday like it used to be, either leave the last day of classes on the Friday after Thanksgiving (like it used to be), or extend it for another few days if you feel that starting the semester later results in too much lost class time (and yet, it was that way for years, when we started on Thursday). If you're going to extend the class dates, then shorten the "study period" slightly, and have exams run go until 12/19 -12/20. The more you shorten the study period, the earlier exams can end, which students might appreciate. That said, those days before 12/24 are dead days (slow days) for many, and the shorter the number of "dead" days, the more the employees might appreciate. Otherwise the common temptation is that not much happens that week, except for those who have to grade or submit grades. Ending the semester exams later might put a slight time crunch on those grading/submitting grades, but if you're efficient, staff and faculty can do it, and then head out shortly after for employee break.

Longer summer.

Later start and end. Better for internships and does not seem to change Christmas travel options too much.

Longer time off in summer

head start on semester.

It puts the Cornell calendar more in line with traditional school calendars, and leaves a bit more time in summer and less of a yawning gap in December.

longer summer

More time after thanksgiving break in class- makes the remaining class days more fulfilling- no one wants to focus if they're coming back from a break to have 5 more days of class then exams and break again.

the turn around between the 6 wk summer session and the fall semester start was too short.

Extending the summer IS a good idea for staff parents who cannot find childcare at the end of the summer so are more likely to need vacation then and also MUST be here for Fall opening.

Closer to when other schools start for little children lessens the burden on finding child care. Who does not want a few more days of summer to spend with family.

I believe it gives more consistency to providing work to students rather than having a "slow week" after prelims

Later start date of classes is better for many reasons: longer summer, fewer child care days, adding classes in Dec. is fine. Re: Variation - I'm opposed to classes on Labor Day. Would prefer to keep Fall break at two days.

Provides additional time at the beginning of the semester to prepare for Opening as well as to complete summer projects. Additional days do not have a significant impact on the operations of our group. Technically only lose two business days of "work" in facilities.

starting earlier

I think having move in days on a weekday are helpful as a staff member in a Resident Hall (Hans Bethe House). It leaves plenty of staff on campus to help with a huge day on campus, without shifting staff to work on a weekend- which would cost overtime \$ for the University, or a shifted work schedule instead of overtime for the employees to juggle. I appreciate that there are more classes after Thanksgiving to make it 'worth it' for the students, but worry about the years when Thanksgiving falls really late in November (Nov 27th some years!) which may make travel for winter holidays difficult as travel gets more expensive towards Christmas.

August childcare days are tough. Starting sooner helps this issue.

Agree with all the stated motivators.

Starting later in August provides room for students to complete internships and for staff to have more time for summer vacation. Agree, shorten exam period.

For staff with children, the later start date in August works better because August child care is difficult to establish.

More time in summer, winter break not so early.

I agree that the time between Thanksgiving and finals is lost due to brevity. I think we could hold class on labor day without much upset to involved parties.

I agree with all the F1Motivators and this addresses them all the best of every option.

Summer break ending later feels like a better fit for students, faculty, and staff.

longer summer period, consistent with summer schedule of local schools-especially important for staff that have children in local school district.

It's good to have a longer summer.

Longer summer works well. A shorter winter break works as well.

makes sense to have more of August freed-up for summer internships, etc.

Makes for a more consistent semester.

The study/exam period, as it is currently, is too long. F1 addresses this.

Longer summer. Lines up with most schools around the country.

I agree with the motivators.

I agree with the motivators associated with the month of August.

Seems silly to have a few days of class then have a three day weekend.

The exam period always seemed excessively long to me.

F1 motivator #1 is accurate.

From an orientation perspective, this will give us more time to prepare. The study/exam period was always too long, in my opinion, so this new variation seems better.

I think the exam period is way to long

This benefits all involved and is a great alternative to our previous scheduling.

As a Facilities Staff member, I see the F1 framework adding additional maintenance opportunities without students present at the beginning of the fall (~5 or 6 days) while only giving up ~2 or 3 on the back end, as long as it does not impact other areas of the calendar.

Based on the F1 motivators you have answered all 7. The only issue I would see if holding class on Labor Day; for staff would this become a floating holiday for them??

One major improvement is that instruction begins on a Monday, starting the semester off with a full week of classes so students can get into a weekly schedule right away.

I completely agree with all comments. I like F1+S3. I think the winter break is too long (it is still too short for work).

Looks good to lengthen the summer. Not sure if travel arrangements closer to Christmas will be difficult for students. The "diminished value" of the last seven class days gets addressed by extending the number of class days after T-giving? Might be good.

As a family with children in the local school districts, the F1 calendar is better aligned

Later starting dates in August.

I like the idea of starting classes later in August but keeping the breaks/holidays in the schedule

Allows another week of class after Thanksgiving before finals.

Fixing the August childcare crunch is great.

extends the summer vacation for students and makes the return from Thanksgiving more meaningful

Summer employment helps. Pay the bills

Fall semester starts too early under the current calendar.

I think F1 improves the calendar based on the following: - first week of classes is a full week of instruction - 13 Mondays - nearly 2 weeks of instruction after Thanksgiving break

For reasons stated under motivators.

For the reasons outlined, AND this would allow a longer construction season in summer. Having a short duration for major projects is a large cost driver, and makes it very physically difficult to get large / complex projects completed. Extending the duration (even by 1-2 weeks) would improve the situation.

Agree with the later August start.

I like that the fall semester does not start in what feels like mid august

Summer is too short (current calendar is complication for family members younger than college age). August child care days are difficult late in that month.

Class start on Monday makes 2-day a week course planning much easier. A full class week allows us to get started right away instead of being a "waste" week. Allowing more time after Thanksgiving before finals will make those days more valuable. Lastly the shorter exam period is much better.

It addresses the identified motivators, both those that need changing and those that are working fine.

Agree that in current calendar the fall semester begins too soon, shortening the summer and making it more difficult to take vacation time since we need to start preparing and planning immediately after summer sessions end. Extending the semester farther into December would have little or no effect on my work since we have to be here up until the 25th anyway.

More balance against other Ithaca school activities without strongly adversely affecting Cornell student study periods. Additional short breaks work.

consistent shifting of dates, intuitive

Better coincides with public (local and more nationally) school breaks.

Later start date gives summer a more relaxed feel.

the week of aug 21st is early for staff to prepare for on-campus activities... for staff whose work revolves around the arrival of students means most of august is off-limits for vacations, etc. in order to prepare for orientation and first week of classes... the later start pushes that forward a week. Is there an energy (electricity / heat) benefit to ending

school earlier and not needing to heat dorms? That could be an argument against the latest start.

I agree that the F1 framework will help keep the last 7 days of instruction more meaningful. I think it will be fine to have exams until potentially Dec. 22nd. I still think the study/exam period is too long and I think that having exams on the weekends is not a good idea.

Summer too short in current.

Having orientation on Friday instead of Monday gives more time for the students to acclimate before they are boom! in classes.

It solves the stated problems (1, 2, 6).

Extends summer break.

With regards to the current schedule: Classes begin too early in August. The period for classes after Thanksgiving is too short. 13 days for exam/study period is a bit too long.

Longer summer and a shorter exam period are beneficial. If I think about it from a student perspective, I believe they will prefer starting classes later.

I would prefer longer Summer vacation period versus early December break

Longer summer, and as a person who is in close contact with students I believe the way the exam period would go will be less stressful with more efficient studying happening

helps those with child care needs

1) The August child care situation is caused by lack of summer help. The same timing considerations also affect internships requiring that extra week. 2) I would hold class on labor day

More class days after thanksgiving strikes me as a good idea, and a couple extra days in August to prep would also be helpful.

I agree with the comments above. Summer is too short. August child care is hard, because camps end mid-August.

The study/exam period is too long and not utilized well by students. Moving the first class day further into the fall allows students to obtain internships that go longer than what the current schedule allows.

It seems arbitrary to start on a Tuesday rather than a Monday. There are more Monday than Friday classes, so Monday instructors lose fewer class days this way (esp with Fall break eating a Mon and a Tues). Keeps students on campus a bit longer in December but this doesn't seem to pose a problem for our program - may affect the way end-of-semester social events and administrative meetings are scheduled, but overall the longer summer seems worth it.

A later start time over-all eases some of the trouble with end of summer child-care. A 5 day break and Thanksgiving seems like overkill since school is out a month later.

Later class starts give more time to do faculty/staff projects in the summer; three day Thanksgiving works--low attendance is a classroom management issue not a university scheduling issue; students will just start leaving on the Friday before Thanksgiving

Preference for later start to Fall semester

Summer internships and jobs are cut short with the current start date.

Longer summer for employment and internships.

all the reasons listed in F1 Motivators

Starting classes at the beginning of the week means that Monday only classes will have a first session during the first week of classes. As it currently is, classes that meet on only Monday don't meet until the second week of classes.

Longer summer break is good. More class days after Thanksgiving is more productive.

With two caveats; 1 that there should NOT be class on labor day, 2 that the later end of Fall semester synergizes with the eventual Spring plan. Many units need those weeks over break to prepare for incoming Spring demands.

With that in mind F1 seems to meet all the listed needs. Some may complain that we have class and then have a three day weekend, but you will never solve that problem and maintain a full semester. And you are not going to get rid of labor day, too many schools, people, etc. take that off, so even if you had class, it will be poorly attended, staffed.

Like starting the semester later - i.e. longer summer

I agree that extending summer by 6 days is more useful than the earlier end to the semester. The mid-August start is much harder on employees with families, and on students to whom earnings from summer jobs is important.

Starting later is better

It makes logistics better to start classes on a Monday and the reduction in 2 study days shouldn't have any impact on final exams.

The 8/21 start date means most faculty and staff summer break ends the week before. That really makes the break too short. Shortening the exam period makes sense. BTW school on Labor Day doesn't make sense. Kids are home from school and in many cases it's the last family day of summer.

Number 2

Thanksgiving break across our country is a three day holiday (often only 2). Sending kids home for the week (with F2) is not constructive as families and friends are often at work/school anyway.

I have always thought the study/exam period is too long.

Later start in August is helpful for faculty/staff with children.

The summer in F1 would be longer. It's better for students with summer jobs and internships.

Tightens up the end of semester and moves the start date later, lengthening summer.

more advantageous to students, faculty to have longer summer off, than longer holiday break. More classes after Thanksgiving might make them more valuable, and allow for better finals planning.

I like one day earlier for move in, I also prefer more in December.

More time between Thanksgiving and exams

Childcare considerations

The summer is too short!

This provides an additional week of construction activity for campus projects (assuming graduation does not shift back as well). The summer construction season is very short currently, so four extra work days are beneficial.

Reduction in the number of child care days

Longer summer period helps families and students of all levels, both professionally and personally. Nothing happens the week before Christmas so you might as well be in class or taking exams. On the other hand, LOTS happens in August - Cornell students work, families vacation, young children are not in school.

Lengthens summer. increases time between thanksgiving break and exams; this is currently only one week, the last week of class, which is usually so packed with work that students spend thanksgiving break worrying about this (or worse, doing work)

Summer isn't over until Labor Day, people.

Later start date. Negligible impact to end of semester finish.

The extra week after thanksgiving and before finals will likely be really useful. The extra week in summer is also nice.

The current Study/Exam period is excessively long.

Shorter Exam period/fewer unnecessary reading days

Longer summer is nice.

I like the later start and extending the summer, however I believe that Labor Day should still be a day off.

I wouldn't have to scramble for childcare for the last week before school.

More inline with other schools

shorter exam study period makes sense

Better timing for semester start, end timing does not matter as significantly to me.

Maintains better orientation days than F2. Lengthens class days after Thanksgiving. Keeps shorter Thanksgiving break.

F1 like a good option. I do not like the variation of making the exam period 12 days by reducing a break. A 11 day exam period is good.

Better overlap with NY State K-12 calendar on fall start date. Removes down time in December before winter holiday.

allows a later start of the semester

later start in august

Faculty members who have children in Ithaca schools would like Cornell classes to start closer to the start of ICSD classes so child care is easier. Also anything that makes winter break shorter is good.

more in sync with local schools, gives students a longer summer break

I like the students having more classes post-Thanksgiving. It will reduce the stress crush.

extends the summer, makes good use of time after Thanksgiving