

# F1UgradDisagree

For international students, students go back to their countries in winter break after four months! It's also better to distribute rest time between summer and winter rather than have an extra long summer break. Doing an internship for few more days in the summer won't help much. Whereas a longer winter break allows one to do an internship or other activity in winter as well. It's also really cold in winters!

I would rather not cut into december break because december break is much shorter than summer anyway. also, I like having time to study for exams

The start of the fall semester is too soon in F1.

I like having the extra week before Christmas.

The late exam day could be very difficult for instructors of large classes. I agree that there should be 9 days after Thanksgiving, but the break should be lengthened.

4 day weeks are a nice way to ease into the semester

I don't want school to go past 2nd week of december.

The current calendar gives students more time with their families before the holidays, if they celebrate.

1. Adding more classes after the Thanksgiving break does not add value to those class days. It in fact increases the number of class days with diminished value. 2. I like a 2 day fall break 3. I like the shortened study/exam period. 4. I prefer the last day of exams be earlier rather than later because of flight prices. I do think it is important to have a study day in between exam days

Last exam days are too close to the Holiday season

I prefer the current calendar. I would rather start a little earlier in order to finish finals earlier. I also appreciate the long study period, because I have to take a lot of challenging courses for my major and the extra time helps.

I don't believe the summer is too short. I don't want to get out of exams as late as Dec. 22

I think we have a very long winter break, but I don't think making classes start and end later will help. I'd rather be home early for the holidays, rather than sitting around bored for most of January. However I don't think the existing system is all that great either. That last week of classes after Thanksgiving feels a little ridiculous. Can't we shorten final exam period and add another day or two of classes, it doesn't have to be a whole week of classes.

This framework completely ruins the time that we have as breaks such as Fall Break or Labor Day weekend; we need that time to rest up. I personally don't mind the long final schedule and would not want to be home so late in December.

Taking away study days is not conducive to my success on final exams, also, a lot of other universities in the U.S. tend to start winter break much earlier than we do and also begin the fall semester much earlier than we do. This would create a discrepancy between my break schedule and the break schedule of my friends back home.

I think the Summer is long enough, and I really enjoy the long winter break between semesters, so I say all the F1 really does is make winter break shorter.

I like having another study day in the middle of the exam period.

School starts and ends way too late

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Classes would go way too late into December and too many class days after Thanksgiving.

We should have a full week off for Thanksgiving. That is the only change I feel will actually improve student life.

want to have more time studying for final

The extra study days are very important during final exams.

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Fall semester is not the issue at hand.

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With students who fly home for winter break, having the last possible test day at December 22 is too close to Christmas & family gatherings. With weather delays common, needing time to pack up, or finding the cheapest ticket home, this would put a stress on out of state students. Also, starting later would also be putting us at a later start date than many other colleges.

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I don't like the decreased study period/ exam period

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I think the study period is fine

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I like a short summer.

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The semester does not start too early currently - though freshmen must move in early, upper-class students start at a reasonable time. This change would also sometimes give students very little time to get home before Christmas if Labor Day were late.

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I really dislike the idea of finishing class later in December, and I am willing to sacrifice a few days of summer to get out of class earlier in December. I do like the idea of a shortened exam period, though.

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We only start the fall semester two days later, yet winter break is shorter by nearly a week. It does not make sense mathematically. Also, some people live far away from campus, with a shorter winter break, they may not be able to go back or they would only be back for a very short amount of time

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I don't want winter break to be shorter.

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ends later

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Summer is not too short, students have time for a full 10-11 week internship. Moving exams later will significantly decrease student morale and have intense implications on student mental health. Reducing fall break will have an even greater impact on student mental health. I feel very strongly about this so if you have further questions please feel free to contact me at [cfl43@cornell.edu](mailto:cfl43@cornell.edu)

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Would rather be home earlier for holiday season/winter break than start school later in fall; don't see a need to decrease exam period, since most students can leave earlier depending on individual exam schedules

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I believe that the extended exam period, and winter break schedule are best the way they are right now. Having the last day of finals may not give people enough time to get home for the holidays, especially internationally, since the week of Christmas is often the most traveled week of the year. This is more financially beneficial, as well as better time management.

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Get into classes too late with F1.

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Winter break will be too short.

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Having break earlier before holidays is better even at the expense of coming back earlier in August.

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I like only having one week after thanksgiving break. I think our summer is long enough.

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People trying to travel overseas to get home may not make it home in time for the holidays!

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The latest exam day (December 22nd) is too late in December. Realistically, no one will want to be at school still and I doubt it will be widely used (I think professors will try to reschedule exams and students will try to take them earlier)

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that late in december is horrible, too close to christmas, shorter exam period is good though

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This reduces my winter break and that is when I get to go home as an International Student. The study period is also vital.

This fall semester was nicely scheduled.

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I'd prefer not to be so close to Christmas in going home

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The current fall semester calendar works well. Summer break is long enough and breaks are good. Would like to see 1 week Thanksgiving break though and reduce number of study/exam days.

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Ending December 22nd greatly decreases winter break and people traveling long distances for the holidays are disadvantaged. We do start very early compared to other schools and I think it would be beneficial to start later but cutting winter break shorter might not be the answer.

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We don't need a longer summer, we already go back later than most schools around us. Practically starting in September does not do much for us. I do like the reduction of study/exam period if it means that we get to finish the semester earlier with enough time to not be traveling in the holiday rush.

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While starting later would be good, the ending time seems too late (Dec. 22 is a very late ending date, and really close to the holiday)

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Although summer is too short, we begin fall semester at a similar time if not later than other schools in the region.

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Summer is too long! We are already one of the last schools to return from the summer. I would also prefer more study days.

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I prefer to be back at school earlier when the weather is nicer, less time here in December

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Moving finals back into December cuts it too close to Christmas and flights and travel expenses are extremely expensive during the few days leading up to Christmas. I do agree with the idea to hold classes on Labor Day and shorten the final exam period. I do not agree with the idea of cutting a day out of Fall Break.

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Starts and ends too late (compared to other semester schools), reduced number of study days unfavorable

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Stretches too late into December- It's nice to have travel a bit before Christmas

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Ending later in December could cause increased difficulties for traveling home for the holidays, especially with the flight traffic due to the holiday season.

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study period is shorter, and fall semester ends later. would prefer finishing the semester earlier, as with the current fall calendar

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The extra classes in December (exam period that extends in December) is problematic for students who are out of state or international (ie students who need to travel farther distances to get home). Flights get more expensive/less flexible the closer to the holidays; this also restricts the amount of time possible to be home.

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This calendar has the last possible exam day on December 22 which is too late.

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Ends too late and too few study days

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I feel like the longer exam schedule allows for more flexibility and prevents many students from having multiple exams on one day which is stressful and harms students scores and ability to succeed.

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I strongly oppose the option of moving 4 August days to December because our Winter break starts much later and I feel like it already starts pretty late as is. I value being able to return home closer to mid-December.

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The exam period is too late.

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Exams go too late in F1

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The summer is not too short, winter is too long. The optimal way to lengthen summer would be ending spring earlier, as I doubt people really want to be staying longer in fall while all their friends are already out.

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Starting school that late and ending that late only further misaligns us with other colleges making it difficult to see family and friends during breaks. Moreover, the study period is short enough as it is making it difficult to study for all our exams.

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I am not a proponent of reducing the exam time. I have struggled in the past to complete all my work in the allotted time as it is and I could not imagine being able to complete the same amount of work with only eleven days.

I would rather have more days to study and go home earlier so I like the current Fall calendar.

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Fall is fine tho

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I don't want to end later in the year.

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I live on the West Coast and would like to maximize my time that I can spend travelling and being at home

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While the summer is short, moving the finals schedule closer to the holidays doesn't help travel plans at all. Also, the potential for holding class on Labor Day or reducing February break would make the semester much harder to get through because they won't be any sizeable breaks in the middle of the semester. Also, reasons 3-5 of the "F1 Motivators" are actually reasons to keep the current schedule. I believe that if the study/exam period is too long, that time period should be shortened without affecting the rest of the academic calendar.

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The week after Thanksgiving is important to help prepare for finals week and because it is short extra work cannot be added that would impede finals prep

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Winter break should be long. Adding 4 days to summer wouldn't make much of a difference.

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The dates are extremely late for getting out at Christmas.

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Fall break is essentially useless if reduced to one day. Then there is not enough time to travel or truly feel like you are getting a break. I also think that ending on December 22nd is too close to Christmas and I would rather start earlier in August.

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our current fall schedule is nice we don't start too late or too early and we have a good amount of time before christmas

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I do not mind starting early in August; we get to enjoy the last days of summer in Ithaca and start winter break extremely early.

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I think fall break is unnecessary and classes start at the appropriate time in the fall.

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summer isn't too short. It's better for international students so that they can either spend a longer time at home. It's also easier to find internships if your summer is longer (especially abroad where the summer months may run from July to September).

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Later exams give international students far less time to get back home for christmas (1-2 days of travel)

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I want to have a longer winter break.

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The two days before thanksgiving are useless

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Study period is helpful, the last day of finals in F1 is too late

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This ends far too close to Christmas. You will make it difficult for students to get home for the holidays if we have a bad snow storm or other unforeseen events.

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I do not like the idea that exam period will be shorter; Cornell exams and some professors are already difficult enough, especially when students have multiple exams in one day, this will only increase the likelihood. I also think that it is better for summer to be shorter, than for the end of the school year to prolong longer than normal; it will take a larger toll on students mental health.

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I would rather have the four days of class in August than December and I like the longer study period to provide adequate studying time

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Dec 22nd is too late for final exams

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The current fall schedule provides the best opportunity for students to flourish. Reducing fall break is a terrible idea, and moving school further into December interferes with winter work schedules.

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I enjoy our long study/exam period as I need the time to study.

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plane tickets will be expensive right before christmas

I need the longer study period for all my exams which tend to get crammed together. I also want to get a couple weeks of class in before a break for the fall, which is Labor Day, and F1 diminishes the value. It's also only a four day difference in terms of summer length. My main problem isn't with fall but with the spring schedule. The current fall works better than this

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end too late

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I personally think that the F1 motivators are not good enough reasons to change our schedule since I actually like the fact that we start early or that we have only a week of school after thanksgiving break

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Breaks are times to decompress. Having exams closer to the holidays makes everything so much more stressful and uncomfortable. In addition, I often find myself learning more outside of class on my own study time than during class when an instructor speaks continually, leaving little room for real rumination. I would like to enjoy my learning experience and feel prepared for my exams, not overwhelmed.

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School starts too late plus you might as well give us until after labor day to start school because less than a week of instruction then a day off is pointless and inefficient. Also exam dates and the last day of classes is 3 days before Christmas, absolutely too long into December to end classes. Exam period should be shortened, we don't need two weeks of exams.

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I agree with possibly moving a few school days in August to December, but do not agree with having less study days. A major problem at Cornell that is addressed frequently is the stress that students encounter from exams, and this would only make it worse.

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I like how school would start back up later from summer break, that's a huge plus. But I don't like how winter break starts a whole week later than normal and it shortens our rare and already short breaks. I don't want that at all. I like how exam week is shortened though because having 2 weeks of exams is really long and my exams are almost always really spread out unnecessarily.

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Finals end too close to Christmas. Reduced fall break would negate the point of the break

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I do not want to shorten any breaks or study periods. Those are vital to my mental health, not to mention my academic performance.

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We start later than most schools and I would rather have more time at home in December than August

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We already start absurdly late compares to most schools. And then it removes breaks when students actually need them? Most people are not tired and in need of rest at the end of summer but they are during the breaks y'all are trying to take away from.

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I prefer to start earlier and return home for Winter break earlier

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Starts far too late and ends too late

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Exams are too late

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I like the later start date (Aug 27-Sept 3rd) because it's especially helpful for internships that require 13 weeks. However, I really need those 4 days of Fall break to go back home & relax since I usually use 2 days of Fall break for traveling. I also enjoy having shorter 4 day weeks, which Labor Day provides, and I wouldn't want to cut my study time for finals short.

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It is much better to start school a couple of days earlier in the summer than to extend later into December. Other than that, the new calendar doesn't change the length or placement of breaks and we already don't have enough study days before finals as it is. I think it makes more sense to keep the current calendar rather than making us go later in December.

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Thanksgiving break at many peer universities is a full week. This allows students who do not live in the tri state area ample time to get home and see their families. Also, traveling usually diminishes the Wednesday of Thanksgiving break anyway.

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Having the study day in the middle of final exam week provides a good time to study, catch up on material, or work on projects so that we can turn in good work.

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Not in favor of having the days so late into winter

Ends too close to Christmas. Please do not do this.

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Classes shouldn't start that late

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Cuts December break

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Study days should not be shorted, and school should not get out that late in December.

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The semester starts too late

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I think its better to start school earlier in the summer when the weather is nice in Ithaca and to finish exams earlier in January.

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The study/exam period is currently okay. For students taking 4-5 classes with finals, it provides adequate time to study for all the classes while also completing other work such as papers and project team deadlines

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It's nice out in August. It's not nice out in December. Keep more days in August.

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Summer break is long enough as it is, but more study days would be nice. One of my best experiences in college was a vacation with some friends between the end of classes and Christmas.

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It's nice to have no that many classes after Thanksgiving, as many projects are typically due before the finals

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The study/exam period is not too long and it should not be shortened. This will contribute to increased student stress. The last day of exams is too close to the Christmas Holiday.

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Perhaps the university could remedy the short turn around time between Thanksgiving and the exam period at the end of the semester. It is agreed that the last seven class days have "diminished value" but instead of fitting one last "value" class into the semester. Make that week a study week and shorten how far winter break extends into January. OR change the tuition to reflect not using a useless week of class.

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Last exam day too close to Christmas.

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Don't like putting classes at the end , better to get them overwith at the beginning

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I do not see how the summer is too short. I also do not see the benefit of possibly making Fall semester run further into December, so close to Christmas.

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It's more difficult and expensive to make travel plans closer to Christmas (especially for international students and those who live across the country). As it is, my friends from other universities leave for winter break much earlier than Cornell, pushing it off so late seems too late. If anything, the only change I would make to the fall schedule is to get rid of the fall break and instead give a full week off for Thanksgiving.

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We get out for Christmas break too late.

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Labor Day weekend and Thanksgiving break should not be shortened. The schedule is perfectly fine as it is now. The summer break is most definitely not too short.

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I would prefer to start earlier in the semester and have a longer winter break and more time to study for finals. I don't see the positives proposed by the F1 schedule as particularly vital improvements nor are they worth the diminished study time or stress of traveling home just before Christmas.

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Don't like that there are two weeks of instruction after Thanksgiving, get out too late in December

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Our peers go to school earlier in August, and I would prefer not to lose a holiday. I like to get out earlier before Christmas (earlier than the 22nd), because it makes it easier to prepare for the holiday if I don't come home three days before.

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Very late starting date for school. Winter Sports teams with an Oct 1 start date will likely have to come to campus before classes have started to train, and they are already required to stay on campus for all other fall and winter breaks.

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I like getting out earlier in December because I live on the West coast and have to travel a lot. It's nice to settle in before Christmas and take part in the seasonal celebrations leading up to it.

The semester would end too close to Christmas eve for people with exams on the last day.

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I don't mind coming back earlier for classes. I like that we get out early for winter break. I don't want a shorter fall break, and I don't want class on Labor Day for sure.

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STRONGLY DISAGREE. Having exams potentially go until December 22 is too long for students; many more students will try to leave campus earlier and professors with exams on the last day will struggle to have TAs to help them grade. This also then means that RAs might have to stay until December 23rd, since they stay 1 day past the last day of exams, creating some travel issues. Additionally, having commencement/December recognition before all the exams have been taken really presents some issues for graduating students - will they be guaranteed permission to take exams early? Do you expect "graduated" students to go back and take more exams? What if a student doesn't actually have good enough grades to pass and earn all the credits? What if the graduating student has an exam on the day of December commencement? What about those professors with exams on that day who want to attend the ceremonies? There's a lot of issues with this scenario.

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Shortening the final exam period and eliminating the middle study day will cause more people to have multiple exams within 24 hours and have more stressful exam periods.

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I would rather start earlier and end earlier in December

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the last day is almost by christmas and traveling out of state if extremely expensive the closer it is to christmas. A plane ticket can easily double in price within a couple extra days.

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For students who live far away, having an exam on December 22 means leaving Cornell on the 23rd, which may not be enough time to get home to celebrate holidays.

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I would not want to have 4 August days moved to December. This past semester it was really nice getting home with a few days before Christmas.

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I like starting later but I think that the semester goes way to close to Christmas, especially for someone who has to travel back to Oregon.

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We already start Orientation/fall classes after most other colleges. I love the long study period in December. Ending on the 22nd is too late and cuts into family holiday time.

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I disagree that summer is too short. After the long semester I would rather have an extended Winter Break than extend my summer by a couple days.

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You would be stuck on campus far too late in December.

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Exams end too late

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Having fewer class days after Thanksgiving break discourages teachers from assigning work that we must do over the break.

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I don't believe that the 3 day Thanksgiving break works and having so many days in a row of exams is stressful.

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Students need the long study period.

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Being that I live across the country, if I was to have a final on December 22 I would still need a day to move out and then travel home meaning I would have a day or two with family before Christmas.

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It's better to have more school in warmer weather.

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The end date for the last day of finals is very close to holiday celebrations, especially giving travel time to return home. In addition, this leaves a large gap between summer internships and the start of classes. I feel that the current schedule is more balanced on start and end dates. The only advantage of F1 would be that finals would not be 2 weeks after we return from Thanksgiving break.

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Too cold in December

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I disagree. I like the time that we start in the summer. I also don't like the idea of coming back to two more weeks of school after thanksgiving break.

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Prefer starting earlier in the summer than finishing later in the winter.

I wouldn't not want to end that late before winter break

I do not support the "variation" section. I am not willing to sacrifice any of the breaks, labor day or fall break, for this adjustment. If anything, I suggest having class on labor day in order to extend fall break by one day. I would also rather have the semester end as early as possible in December for more affordable travel options. Also, considering we have a 6 week winter break our "short" summers don't seem unreasonable.

Would rather start early and end early than the alternative

The finals week period is already stressful enough as it is and reducing the length of that period will only add to the massive mental and emotional strain experienced by all Cornell students during this time. The movement of class days into December is nice though

Cornell already starts school so late compared to other schools. There is no reasons to push back the first day as it leaves students bored at home with nothing to do.

I don't want to go that late into December, and the current start date lines up with many other colleges. The current one works well.

The schedule is only slightly shifted and we would end too close to Christmas.

I agree with extending the calender more into December. However, I believe there are an inadequate amount of breaks within the school year. In particular, I believe thanksgiving break should be a full week of break and that the school year should begin slightly earlier to accomodate this. Thus, we would get two weeks of instruction after Thanksgiving break like F1, but have longer breaks to rest during the busy semester.

I'd much rather start earlier than end later. Ending 3 days before Christmas sounds like torture

Stays too late and starts school too late.

The Variation of F1 is unacceptable. Do not reduce Fall Break to 1 day. Do not hold class on Labor Day. These breaks are necessary to the mental health of students.

The current fall calendar allows students to enjoy more days of warm Ithaca. It is more beneficial to have Labor Day off after school has already started for a bit. Cramming exams (many students have 4-5) into 11 days will be stressful. Finally, I want to go home earlier so I can work on Christmas shopping! (and those that don't celebrate Christmas might appreciate preparation time for other holidays/just not being in Ithaca when it's super cold).

Less exam days would end up putting more pressure. Fall break allows for students to go home but if it were one day long it would be pointless//would only help rich students with the capital to leave campus faster or who do not care to go back/

We finish later in December, which is undesirable for me.

Lose pre-holiday family time

because getting out closer to christmas is not good

Starting earlier in the summer is better than later, and most students prefer to finish earlier in the winter.

I like the breaks the way they are now and the short class time following Thanksgiving break

Better to have a longer study period and more time between last possible exam and Christmas to allow for travel for those who celebrate. Even if you arent religious your family probably gets together then. and Hannukah more often than not falls around that time. Would care more if fall break and thanksgiving break changes were in plau

I prefer having the extra day to study and I dislike that in 2019 the labor day "break" is before classes start. As a Freshman, I have no perspective on the length of our summer break (I would expect it to be around the length of winter break). I do agree that the last seven classes are somewhat diminished in value though.

We do not need to increase the days after Thanksgiving break and when exams start. It doesn't help a majority of students, only a few who may be stressed. Although, I favor S2 framework, which provides a better spring semester experience in terms of flipping spring break and feb break.



I don't like the changes to the final exam schedule. I prefer a longer exam period with more study days to break up exams.

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Classes start way too late and traveling home for winter break would be difficult

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Flights for late December are more expensive.

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I feel that adding an additional week between thanksgiving and exams isn't going to turn one unproductive week into two productive weeks. Rather, it will just create two unproductive weeks. Also shortening the study period would be very stressful.

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Don't want to go further into December -- colder and much later than peers

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Finals should end earlier not later. Pushing back the start dates of the fall semester is not going to fix the issues students have with the schedule, in fact this would make it much worse. The only good part about this is that the exam period is shorter. Please do not shorten fall break or hold class on Labor Day, and please do not move the august school days into september.

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I like going home for winter break as early as possible. I think the start date in August as it is now is fine. It is not too early.

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Too close to christmas. Don't shorten study period.

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As an international student, I would like to have a longer winter break because I have to fly back and forth to meet my family. I think the summer is already long enough.

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I like the longer exam time. And starting early isn't the end of the world. I like being done earlier in December.

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Removing the extra study day in the middle of finals makes it harder for the people who have multiple finals scattered throughout the period to focus enough time on everything. But there are also no real benefits from this adjustment

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We already start winter break late enough

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I would rather get out of school earlier in the winter as it is extremely cold. With the new schedule, it increases the likelihood of flights being delayed, and the possibility of students missing the holidays with their families.

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I'm fine with the current fall calendar. Fall break comes just in time, and although the last week of classes has diminished value (sometimes), I appreciate that the semester ends earlier (before the 20th). Also I don't have an issue with coming back to school earlier in the fall, I would rather leave earlier in the spring.

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I think the fall calendar is great as it is so far. There is a good balance between breaks but the study period could be reduced to what F1 has suggested. Also if F1 was to be established, labor day holiday would come within a week of school, which is not ideal at all. Also it would push back into December which means airfare would increase exponentially due to the holiday season rush which would not be great for people who need to fly out, especially international students (like me).

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I like the current calendar.

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I prefer starting school early and getting out early.

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I go to church on Sundays and I would really not like to have to choose between church and school. Also, I like the length of Fall Break and adding more days after Thanksgiving Break will not be productive because by that point everyone's just ready to go home.

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Strongly prefer a longer exam period for extra study time

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Fall break and thanksgiving break is too short because students will not have enough time to travel. Also, starting school earlier is better.

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I don't want a reduced fall break, and I don't want to stay longer in December. I would rather start earlier in August. In addition, I don't care that the study/exam period is long "compared to our peers"--we NEED those days so students can take care of themselves. We don't need 2-3 exams on one day because of a shortened exam period. This is for the students own mental health because Cornell decides to jack up how intense the course load is. Our

courseload IS more intense "compared to our peers" so we shouldn't use them as our exam/study period standard.

1) We need a full week for Thanksgiving break; 2) We would end too late in the new schedule; 3) I prefer starting earlier in August; 4) The study/exam period should not be shortened, that is cruel

Last day of class is too close to the holidays. I usually wait 1-2 days to fly home to save several hundred dollars on flights, and I want to be able to get home before Christmas

Although I appreciate that the semester would start later, I think that the semester ending later makes travel more difficult as it would be closer to Christmas.

I like going back home for the holidays earlier

So near Christmas

I don't like the idea of shortening winter break and also don't like close to Christmas the exam period has the potential to extend.

Don't want to get any closer to Christmas than we already are

I don't want classes ending so late at the end of December. It would make travel much more expensive and holiday logistics much harder.

Come the time of finals, you are so overworked you want to go home as early as possible. Come August, there is an excitement of also coming back to school in the middle of August. The F1 schedule would decrease study time for finals which is very needed and we would be going home later for the holidays which is opposite of what is desired.

Move in day would be too late if it were to start in September.

Late end date.

Shortens exam period. No one cares about summer break except for spoiled rich kids.

I do not like the idea of starting classes even later and going farther into December. The shorter exam period is a good idea though.

I do not like shortening our winter break; since I live out of state, it already takes 2-4 full days to travel back home and then back to Ithaca (accounting for flight delays and cancellations, which I have all experienced). Shortening the break would mean I see my family and friends back home for a less amount of time, especially because it's inconvenient (in a time sense) for my family to visit me during the school year or during short breaks like fall break and February break, and vice versa for myself to travel home, so I basically don't get to see them for a whole semester. I also do not like the compressed final exam schedule and the shortened study days. I don't mind that the study/exam period is long; it allows for more time to space out our studying for finals.

I would rather not get out so late in December

We already get out significantly later than most other universities for break. Although I do prefer reducing study/exam period, starting as late as September 3 is too late. To have a longer summer, we need to get out earlier in May, not start the Fall term even later.

Like having an earlier winter break to travel and prepare for holidays

School starts too late comparing to all my peers, and ends too late (nearly Christmas).

Our academic workload is too heavy to decrease the length of fall break or have classes on labor day. Moving the 4 days from August to December sounds good, but please consider that August weather is nice and December's is not. Christian and Catholic will also want to visit their families for Christmas, and if the last day is the 22 some people (international students specially) might not be able to do so

Cornell already starts school pretty late compared to other schools (on the west coast- where I'm from) and having winter break start only three days before Christmas is just asking for trouble

We already start fall semester late compared to our peers. Moving it back further would just cut into holiday plans, especially traveling since the weather can be so terrible. Fewer exams days would also cause more stress as more exams would be bunched together.

The fall calendar is good as it is however moving to an 11 day exam period would be good.

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I believe the start of winter break should not be pushed back. Those seeking employment for this period will have difficulty working meaningful hours so close to the holidays.

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I would MUCH rather end the fall semester earlier in order to get back to my family in Korea for the holidays.

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I am fine with the duration of everything. It just that dragging the last exams to a time that's so close to winter break makes it hard to fly back home in time. Plane tickets are not only incredibly expensive the closer it is to Christmas, but there's also always the chance of delays due to snow storms.

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Dec. 22 is really late - rather start early and end earlier.

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Starting school too late

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Cutting fall break short takes away one opportunity for me to fly home.

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Exams finish too late in December

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I'd rather start classes earlier and leave earlier than stay until December 22, which is too close to Christmas

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Less breaks, exams closer to holiday

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We will be leaving school at the latest on December 22nd and it is so close to Christmas that if a snow storm hits, many students will not spend Christmas with their families because of travel.

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We already start late in the summer

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Most internships end before the last week of August so classes should start then. the second option moves too far into winter break.

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I dont want to be in school until the 22 in December. I would rather start earlier in August. I like reducing the exam schedule in days.

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The last seven class days do seem meaningless, but the trade-off here isn't worth it. Having classes end so close to Christmas makes travel plans more difficult and more expensive. I also like having a longer study period, because it means there's less of a chance of having multiple exams within a close period of time. I also disagree with the notion that the summer is too short.

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It prolongs winter time, and shortens fall time!

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Fall break should have 2 days off and we should not have class on labor day. Breaks for mental health are important.

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I think it is better to start classes latest by August 27.

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Unnecessary extension of the calendar.

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I like the long exam period because it gives us more time in between exams to study. Also, I like starting as early as we do because it means we end earlier. I like being home in the beginning of December and not as close to New Years because it gives enough time for a winter internship/shadowing experience. Also, please look into having breaks over the Jewish holidays. It is no coincidence that your suggested winter break starts on December 22nd because that would give people enough time to get home for Christmas. Please consider extending this courtesy to students of all faiths. It was really obnoxious that this year, after all of the breaks, classes resumed on a Jewish holiday. It made me feel unwelcome and frankly it was just rude. We have off on easter and christmas. Would it really have been a big deal to shift the break a little bit?

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Having more time in December for fall break is valuble. I also like having a longer study break/exam period.

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Thanksgiving break is still only 3 days

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Classes should end earlier. Many summer internships start earlier than when school ends and if we delay our start day to accommodate school we are negatively impacted. Winter break should be cut shorter; it is currently too long.

Graduation for fall graduates in the middle of exams is very unrealistic. I wouldn't be able to cater to my family and take exams at the same time. As a fall graduate that's very unfair to impose in order to gain benefits of earlier completion.

Not enough study days; the semester ends too late

As an international student, I don't go home until winter break, and this reduces the time I spend with my family

Too close to Christmas, makes traveling more difficult and more expensive.

School would start too late

don't want winter break to start later

I like the current fall calendar. I really appreciate the breaks we get and I'd prefer to start earlier and finish earlier.

The fewer days we are here during the winter the better! Classes are much more enjoyable when it is warm outside

End date too close to the holidays

Too late last exam day, could cause holiday travel problems

The length of the summer is sufficient, reducing fall break cuts into our already short breaks in comparison to other schools, and a later winter break start makes travel difficult for students who live out of state, across the country, or not in the U.S.

Having exams as late as December 22nd is way too late.

Goes too close to Christmas

No study day in the middle of finals - could be a problem if students have many finals in a row

By the time late December hits, students are ready to return home to families for winter break. Prolonging it until December 22nd would potentially force some kids, especially those searching for affordable flights home, to take flights with rising costs (as Christmas gets closer and closer). The summer is long enough and those 4 extra days in August don't really benefit anyone who's doing an 8, 10, or even 12 week internship program.

The latest exam date proves to be a concern

It reduces time to study for exams, which is an issue when you have several exams in a row. It also reduces time for move in. Breaks are important to catch up on work or do additional fun things around Ithaca and I don't think they should be sacrificed.

Would rather start earlier in the year and finish for winter break sooner, do like shorter study period though

Starting school on August 27th is extremely unappealing. By then it is certainly time for school and classes to start, and almost all of our peers have been in school for weeks by that time.

The semester ends too late.

My biggest issue with the current (and F1) calendar is the short Thanksgiving break, which makes it impossible for most people to go home if they live more than a short drive away.

I like the mid/late Aug start. I don't want to finish so close to Christmas

Our Fall semester already starts later than many universities. Pushing it back is shortening winter break for almost no reason.

I don't mind starting earlier in August rather than ending later in December. Yes we have a long Winter Break, but to push it even closer to the holidays, for those of us who are not from around campus that means we will be traveling closer to the holidays which tends to be more expensive, harder, and much more time sensitive.

Delays the start of winter break

The exam ending date is far too late in the year. It interferes with holidays and traveling. Yeah

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Having the last possible day of exams be December 22nd wreaks havoc on holiday plans, especially those who have far to travel to get home (especially with the frequent bad weather of Ithaca winters). Also, summer internships are usually done beginning/mid August so there's no reason for the semester to start later than it already does.

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There is no problem with the current fall calendar the problem with the short summer should be solved with the spring calendar. 2 day fall break allows those who live far away which is most given Ithaca's remote location increased opportunity to visit home/family

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Exams too late Fall break too short agree exam period is too long - ELIMINATE STUDY PERIOD and just have exam week Have classes start earlier in August and end earlier in December

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A long summer break is not beneficial when considering little to no break to study/recharge during the semester.

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I do not want to be on-campus so late in December. I also do not want to start that late. Also, I think the study period is currently a good length.

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I think that it is better to start the fall semester earlier and then finish earlier. It is much more pleasant to be on campus in late August than it is in late December. Plus, the idea that a student could potentially have an exam on the 22nd, three days before Christmas, does not seem convenient, feasible, or workable.

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Would rather start earlier and have more time to study for finals, and take a slower pace with more longer breaks in between the semester

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Summer is not too short and the study period is not too long.

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Like to end early in December.

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Fall break should not be only one day

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Students need time to settle in before classes start and transportation into Ithaca can be congested if classes start on a Monday and not later on in the week. These flight prices can also inconvenience some of the students. Also the F1 calendar does not allow ample time for students to come home before the holidays. This can make flights more expensive for travel.

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Semester ends too late.

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Losing the extra time during study period is NOT worth a tiny bit of extra summer.

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Because this reduces the winter break. Specially for international students who only go home two times a year for winter break and summer break. Since they don't get to go home for any other break.

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Winter days in school are not enjoyable.

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Ending on the 22nd leaves practically no time for me to be with my family during the holiday season. Quite frankly, it would be depressing to stay at school that late while missing out on Christmas festivities.

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Some people may not be able to get home before Christmas

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Would rather school ended earlier and started earlier

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The last exam day is way too late. Many of us have to travel a significant distance home and may not even make it until Christmas Eve or perhaps even Christmas Day. Flights are also particularly expensive right before the Christmas holiday.

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Would rather start and finish semester earlier.

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I absolutely do not think the study period is too short. More study days before exams would definitely be appreciated. When the study days were cut short by a day a few years ago, there was an overwhelmingly negative reaction by my peers- especially those who have many final exams.

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We end later already - I would rather start early than end late.

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I like getting out early in December so I can spend a full holiday season with my family.

we already end later for winter break

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Having finals earlier in December allows more flexibility to travel, etc. before the holidays.

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I do not believe that many students would enjoy having exams almost right up until the holiday season. I think the exam period having 8 days is better than the proposed model, although I do agree with the removal of the study day separating exam days. In addition, many organizations rely on the first Monday remaining a free day for new students, as they would prefer to use the whole weekend for their recruitment purposes.

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I agree that the exam period should be shortened--it is way too long, I had up to five days in between exams this year when honestly I would have been fine taking them back to back (I had the whole semester to study, and even if I procrastinated to the extreme, I'd have that whole day to study instead of classes), and I agree with the longer summer, as some internships end after school starts, which limits opportunities for students, but I disagree with the later start for winter break. December 22 as the last exam day is very late, meaning I could potentially go home December 23rd, which is the latest out of any school that I have heard of. It is right before a week full of holidays, and I would like to go home at the same time as last year so I can settle in at home and see the people in my community a bit before being thrown into the holidays. Plus a lot of families travel to see relatives far away, and this would be hard for kids who leave school the 23rd.

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I do not like the fact that exams go so close to Christmas. For people who need to travel to get home, the 3 days does not give people enough time to get home for Christmas if there are weather delays. Also, I personally do not care if we start the fall semester later. I have never had an issue with that.

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This is so dumb.

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Last exam day is too close to Christmas. More expensive flights.

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I would prefer to start the semester earlier and end the semester earlier to allow more time for winter activities (taking classes, work, internships).

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I prefer starting and ending exams earlier; with the F1 calendar classes will end very close to the winter holidays.

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I like having Labor Day off. I also do not want fall break shortened or Thanksgiving break shortened or to get out three days before Christmas. I propose shorten study break but keep when the Fall semester starts (Aug 21 to 27)

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Summer is not too short and a full fall break is needed

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I don't think summer is too short. And the last day is too close to Christmas. Leads to expensive flights home.

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I think we need fall break is good as it is. Especially for freshmen who may be home sick and have the opportunity to go back home for a few days

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I think that F1 moves classes TOO far into December. I want MORE time to study for final exams not less.

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Dont want to come home that late

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I like having a longer exam period and more broken up weeks. I also like to have thanksgiving break closer to finals so I go into finals more relaxed.

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Summer break is already long enough; this simply reduces the time from winter break, which should be longer.

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Dislike the shortened study/exam period, I would like to make the study period longer. Also, the fact that the last day of exams is a half a week later than the current plan is not something that I agree with.

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Having two weeks of school before labor day allows students to get into the motion of the school day, without having a break. I also think that the existing schedule spreads out the breaks pretty evenly.

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plane tickets are more expensive during the end of August and near Christmas

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The Monday of Orientation is important to the Big Red Bands, and I do not agree with shortening the exam period.

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Winter break starts too late.

I don't mind starting earlier in August, as long as we get out earlier in December.

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I do not like the new study day period.

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I very much value being with my family during the time around Christmas, and with the F1 exam schedule plus travel time, I could potentially only arrive home on Christmas Eve.

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Yes it improves our starting date but given that most of the spring calendars shorten winter break drastically potentially having your last exam dec 22 is WAY TOO LATE

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I rather start early

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1) 3 days of a MWF class before we have to skip a lecture? That's simply not enough time to start digging into the material and still be expected to do quality work outside of class (on the homeworks that we all know are still going to be expected that 4th class day). 2) This schedule pushed back the beginning of Winter Break, and I personally wouldn't want to get delayed while flying home and not arrive until Christmas. Yes, it has taken me three days to get home before.

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December 22nd is too late to have the last final. It is better to start early and end early. A long study period is much appreciated.

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Summer break is long enough.

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Having the last day of exams held on the 22nd is very close to Christmas and difficult for traveling.

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I prefer the current fall calendar. The extended period and breaks make the workload more manageable.

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The current option is better

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Ending the semester further into December could make traveling back home significantly more expensive because it is closer to the holidays. Additionally, ending school so close to the holidays could make it very hard for some students to concentrate.

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Winter break starts much too late. Have to fly home - journey takes 24 hours in total so don't want to be flying on Christmas Eve due to mayhem.

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I don't think it makes any changes at all.

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Prefer to start school early and end earlier. Also end too late in December

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Too close to the holiday

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I would like to have time at home before the Christmas Holiday and this alternative schedule would not let me get home until prospectively the day before

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having school so close to christmas is not ideal

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I much rather go to school early and get out of school earlier in December. We barely get to celebrate Christmas if we go home on Dec 22nd.

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Would rather start earlier in August than end later in december

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5 days which would require 2 days of travel for several students is not enough to return home for Thanksgiving break. Most students who live farther away cannot do anything for the short October/February breaks. The summer is actually quite long.

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Don't start class later the Summer is TOO long and people get burnt out by the end of the semester. Coming back from thanksgiving and knowing that I only have finals left is refreshing -- not useless. Extending the semester later means a shorter holiday season with family.

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The study period is extremely helpful for success in exams.

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Less time to study during the period. If someone had 6 exams, they could potentially have an exam a day, or have a higher chance of having 2 a day. It's also more likely that people will have conflict with exams.

I don't think summer is too short, and I would rather end the semester earlier than start later.

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While it is somewhat useless to have only a few days of classes after Thanksgiving, pushing back exams makes it harder for students to coordinate holiday plans, especially for international students. Our semester already begins late as compared to our peers and I don't think we should push back the start even more.

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I like going back to school earlier in the fall and getting out for winter break earlier. Fall and Thanksgiving breaks work well.

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The ending date is very close to Christmas where travelling is much busier, so it would make it more difficult and more expensive for students to go home.

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I would rather end the semester earlier

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As a student, I would prefer starting my classes earlier in August, if that means I will have a longer period of time to study. I don't believe reducing the study/exam period is necessary.

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I prefer to be done sooner in December.

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More time to study is better. If anything there should be a longer thanksgiving break. Please make that 1 week off. 3 days is much too short.

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Prefer to have extra time in December for preparation for family holidays and to travel home. Disagree with the variation of reducing fall break to one day as it would allow less people to travel home.

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we end later with the new schedule

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I disagree with reducing the study period, as I think it presents a disadvantage to students who have finals-heavy schedules (rather than essay-based courses) and/or who are taking a heavy number of credits. In addition, I disagree with pushing our semester to end further into December. I also disagree with having move-in day on a Thursday rather than a Friday because students who need the help of a parent, relative, or friend to move in will have to ask that person to take an extra day off of work that would not need to be taken with a Friday move-in day. Lastly, I disagree with starting class later because then there is only one full week of class before Labor Day, which I think creates a break unnecessarily early in the semester.

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Not fair that latest exam day is December 22nd. Lots of people have to travel home, and wouldn't be able to make it home until 24th at the very earliest and would then be very jet lagged for Christmas (like me!).

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It does not work because it shortens winter break to the point where going home for the holidays becomes harder for me as a student to get back home. Ticket prices are higher closer to Christmas, and it shortens the time we have for winter internships.

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Getting home so close to Christmas doesn't give much transition time. Also, most other schools begin in mid August, so internships are expected to end in the beginning of August--as it is, we already get out late in May which conflicts with many internship schedules. If all the other student interns have left by mid-Aug, it doesn't make sense for us to stay later.

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Prefer to start earlier

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Having an exam on the 22nd of December would put pressure on students traveling internationally trying to get home before Christmas Eve

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The summer is not too short and having a longer study and exam period is preferable so that students do not overextend themselves in studying for exams in a short period of time.

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I rather have a slightly shorter summer than to spend more time in Ithaca's winter.

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Do not like December break starting late; most schools end the second week of December

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I like starting earlier in the summer so that winter break can begin earlier. December 22nd is very close to Christmas, which is not good for a relaxing winter break.

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Many people like to finish a semester at the start of a weekend, as this is how families tend to plan holiday trips. I prefer having a shorter summer if it means I can have two extra exam period days. I use fall break to go on camping trips. Without the fourth day to catch up on homework this would not be possible. I like the idea of extending the summer. I would be willing to sacrifice one week of winter break for an extra week in summer.



I like having more time with my family around the holidays

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The F1 framework's latest date is too close to Christmas.

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There is no need for fall break. I do not agree that summer break is too short nor is Thanksgiving break an appropriate amount of time. By the time I travel home I'm only home for a few hours on a very important holiday. Instead, the two useless days in October should be combined into Thanksgiving break, to make it an actual "break" rather than two separate weekends that we already have.

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Like having time before Christmas. Also I don't mind the slightly longer exam period. Prefer the Current Calander with a later starting date.

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Don't want to end that late!!

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I live on the west coast and want to be able to go home for thanksgiving

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Being done in early December is very convenient

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Summer is too long and I would prefer to go home earlier than start school later.

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We need more breaks during school. The study period is relaxing and the smaller week for the first week of school allows us to ease back into Cornell.

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I would actually rather get out earlier for Winter Breaks than we currently do, because I would rather spend more of the holiday season at home with my family. I would be open to starting later in August but not if it means getting out later in December.

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As an individual who lives in Florida, tickets can be very expensive for going home around Christmas. Nevertheless, I have been lucky enough to have the Fall semester end early enough such that I can afford reasonably priced tickets home. For this reason if you were to extend the semester in this manner, you would have to guarantee that financial aid covers a greater amount of airfare cost during the semester. Furthermore compared to our peers Thanksgiving break is a week long such that people who live further than New York can afford to go home without having to miss their classes or pay 1,000 dollars for a ticket. This also places a huge disadvantage on people from far away who are on financial aid.

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The summer is fine, F1 would make the semester go too late before the holidays. Should have a longer Thanksgiving break. Study/exam period is long.

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It's better to end school early in December

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i would rather be out of school earlier than later

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The fall schedule is fine and I don't want to go that late into december.

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I prefer to travel home before the Christmas rush, and help my family prepare for the holidays

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I think that we already start fairly late and especially that we let out fairly late.

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I would want a longer study period, and I would rather go home earlier in the winter than comeback later in the summer. I really miss home after a full semester, so I'd prefer leaving sooner. And I really miss school after the summer break, so I do not particularly mind coming back a few days earlier.

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Fall break change to 1 day is not okay

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I believe finishing earlier is more beneficial to student happiness than possibly ending final exams right before the holidays. With the current schedule, we essentially have at least one extra day off per month, which I think is very good spacing. Starting in August is good because we can enjoy the beautiful climate, sunshine and longer daylight.

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starts too late, ends too late

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December 22 is very close to the holidays to travel home.

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I do not like the study/exam period changes.

Exams go to deep into February. I would prefer getting out as soon as possible so I can spend most of the holiday at home.

I feel that the impact of few more days in Winter Break is more important and more beneficial than a few more days in Summer Break--Winter Break is shorter, and each day "counts more." Additionally, the closer students have to travel to Dec 24/25, the harder and more expensive it is.

Reducing the number of study days hinders the success of students in the classroom. Study days are absolutely essential and if the number of days is reduced, there will not be enough time for students who have heavy course loads during the semester.

latest exam day is too close to the holidays. I don't think that summer break is too short

Exams end too close to Christmas and don't have a study day in the middle. The middle study day is very useful for final club/team meetings that need to happen before break.

Many students enjoy the breaks because they are able to catch up with old friends. Our winter breaks already start later than most other colleges.

Ends too close to Christmas; gives shorter time to prepare for exams (students like the extended study period); summer is not too short

Summer break is long enough, and many students rely on the current fall breaks to have time to rest throughout the semester, which is much more important than having a longer summer break. It would also be more difficult for students to return home in time for December holidays if using the F1 calendar, and for premedical students like myself (or others with mini internships), there is reduced time for finishing necessary commitments outside of the summer or academic year, such as studying and taking the MCAT. It will make it much more difficult for students to complete extra work in their break times, especially when the summer isn't a plausible option to do so.

Extends calendar too late into December.

If we only have 1 week of classes before labor day, then it isn't really a useful break in any capacity (and it barely is now). It makes it so there are more class days after Thanksgiving (and the final weeks of class are always really busy so I would be working over break more than I already do). It also moves the end of exams later into December (which means more possibilities for contending with bad weather as I try to get home).

I would rather be done earlier in December

I prefer a shorter summer break to a shorter winter break.

Starts way too late into August- also don't like the new finals schedule b/c of lessened amount of study days and fall recognition during finals

I would not want to start classes with a full 5 day week. I also think having a long exam period with lots of study days is a good thing, and I don't want to go home that close to Christmas.

December break is very late. I would rather start earlier in August to take advantage of the weather.

I would prefer to start class earlier and do not want the breaks reduced. Fall break is already pretty short, so reducing it to one day would make it so short that I would question the point of even calling it a break (or having it to begin with).

I dislike schedules that see me on campus right up until a day or two before Christmas.

Trading off less study days for a longer summer is not worth it for some. Some people can have as many 5 finals and this would not be fair to them. I had five finals during my Fall 2016 semester.

We need more exam days. A lot of people are taking 4-6 classes that all have finals, and study days make sure that we have time to study and sleep during finals season

I like longer orientation week and already feel that we get out at a fine time in December. I like the fall calendar how it is

Summer break is not too short, and I enjoy getting out early for winter break. Shortening the exam days will cause much more stress because there are greater chances of several exams occurring on the same day or near each other. The variation to have only 1 day for Fall Break makes it less of a break and more of an extended weekend, so I

don't think that would be favorable for people who would like to go home.

I like starting school earlier. Ithaca is a great place to be in the summer, and I don't have anything to do at home. I do like the shortened exam period.

You cannot take away days from study/exam period. It is already too short for people in hard majors.

I like how we ease back into Cornell by beginning with a four day week as opposed to a five day week.

I don't like the shorter study period. Also since we end so close to the holidays, international students might not be able to make it home on time, so the dining halls may need to be kept open longer.

The exam period goes too long into December, which would make family vacations difficult for students with siblings still in high school, who do not have most of January off.

Shortening the exam period is not beneficial. It's hard enough to study for multiple finals in that amount of time and reducing it will be even more challenging

starts too late and ends too late

Don't cut breaks during the fall, they're already short. We don't really need to start later in the fall.

We already start and end pretty late. Reducing fall break by a day puts undue stress on students who really need a longer break, and eliminates the possibility of traveling home for many. Shortening the final exam period also puts way more stress on students, who are already frantic as it is.

The August days should not be moved into December. Having exams possibly until the 22nd of December creates increased stress with holiday travel, packing up dormitory rooms for winter break, grading final exams, holiday preparations, etc. Should bad weather occur at this time, the risk of greater travel difficulties increases. The proposed change would only add to the stress of the holiday season.

Starts and ends way too late in F1

The fact that the exam period ends so late is inconvenient for international students. We would want to be able to get home sooner, not possibly on Christmas eve or even Christmas day as the F1 framework may suggest. Thanks! :)

I don't want to be here until Christmas! I want to enjoy Christmas at home with my family! December 22 is way too close to Christmas

I like the fall break and Labor Day break and actually prefer the 13 day study week.

Exams end late.

Maybe it's because I'm used to it, but I really value the long study break. It helps me study without any class pressure or the pressure to cover material in a short period of time. Also, as an international student, I always find myself returning home for the winter right before Christmas, so pushing the semester further would mean that I'd miss out on Christmas.

I'd rather start earlier and end earlier

The only improvement would be shortening the exam period, but I dislike how late into December exams would go. This would also mean fall athletes have to come back even earlier than they already do (meaning they are here without taking classes for a longer time period, which means their overall free time away from school is decreased).

The semester ends too close to Christmas. For international students, flights would have to be booked for the 23rd Dec and (for long flights such as mine to South Africa), we would only arrive home on Christmas Day.

Flights too close to Christmas are expensive

I see no difference from the current fall calendar

That looks terrible - it is going to pretty much take away Fall break and make finals week even more hectic and stressful

December 22nd is WAY too late to have the last exams. It's too close to Christmas. Often, people travel to be with their families around Christmas and this interferes with those plans. Furthermore, oftentimes people go back to

work very soon after January 1st, but take the days leading up to Christmas off, and I think the calendar should aim to make sure students can spend the maximum amount of time with their families.

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Ithaca is so nice in the summer that students should be allowed to experience August before classes really get going.

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The semester ends too late

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Like earlier start to school think it works better.

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The study/exam period should not be shorter

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Moving class days into December means that students will be traveling closer to the holiday, which will increase costs and stress.

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Summer break is fairly long as it currently is. I enjoy being home earlier for winter vacation. I rather start earlier and end earlier. I don't feel the need to extend summer vacation.

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Although it lengthens the summer break it reduces the winter break

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I like the longer exam/study periods and would prefer to keep winter break a few days longer rather than summer break, where three days are fairly insignificant.

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I would rather get home earlier for christmas break than have a longer summer break

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Prefer semester ending earlier in December. Too close to the holidays can interrupt travel plans.

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In the revised version there is only one week of classes after orientation and the first break and I think that is too short. A long exam period allows more time to be devoted to each class.

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We already start/end winter break much later than any other school.

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All my friends from home leave the week before so I'm alone for a whole week with nothing to do. Exams are too close to Christmas break

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I would rather go to school earlier and finish earlier.

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By the end of the school year, I would rather just go home as soon as possible. I don't mind starting school earlier especially having all-summer break but I would mind staying later in December when I just want to be done with classes.

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Like the reduction of exam days but no reason to come back to school so late

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Placing the end of fall semester so closely to Christmas, makes it harder to get reasonable priced tickets back home. I don't think adding days after Thanksgiving will help with making the classes more meaning full, because many classes are projects based, and at that point, you don't need more classes after Thanksgiving to work on it because you'll be presenting or submitting your projects by then. Also, most people are just done with school by Thanksgiving and won't feel as motivated. So placing more classes after Thanksgiving doesn't seem good, because I feel like focus will be down. I don't like shortening study time, because a lot of students have 4 finals, some have finals on the same day, and I feel like shortening study/exam period doesn't help this cause. It would only make students feel more stressed out and do poorly on exams because they have too much on their plate.

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Rather start earlier and have longer break

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Having fewer exam days could make the end of the semester more stressful. Ending early before Christmas/New Years allows for some recuperation time after finals and before the chaos of the Holiday season. Additionally, for students applying to graduate degree programs (deadlines around December 15th), it is nice to have a few days after finals to review applications and submit, as well as to make sure professors submit letters of recommendation on time. I like having a few days off scattered through the semester. The four day weekend for Fall break is necessary, reducing to 3 days does not give students enough of a break. Additionally, the earlier start to the semester, and earlier finish, gives varsity athletes a bit more of a winter break, as many teams have to be back on campus by the first weekend of January. I have been happy with the framework for the Fall semester. Spring semester is the one that could use some restructuring. With that being said, it is strange to have off for

Thanksgiving, and then come back only for one final week of classes, then finals.

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Fall break is currently an ideal length.

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Need winter break longer rather than longer August. Every school goes back in mid-August.

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Fall Calendar is great as is!

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Ends too late in December.

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Cornell starts and ends too late as it is. Keep the schedule the way it is or start earlier, but definitely don't push the start back further, that is my opinion.

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I don't want to have shorter exam period.

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Fall break should say the length it is. Regardless of the added week after Thanksgiving, these classes would have diminished value because of the nature of the time period (i.e., the looming winter break, anticipation of going back home). Having just one week of class is fine, especially since classes tend to only be doing final presentations at this point. The exam period length is needed! I can't not explain just how important it is for students to have the full exam period. Even though it is longer than our peers, it does not mean our peer institutions are doing it well. For the benefit of students and their mental health, a longer study period is important to have. At the same time, the last exam day being so close to Christmas makes travel much harder for students as fares go up and flights are booked. If there is a mix up at the airport, this schedule change will cost students more money and risks them missing being home for an important holiday for many.

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The last exam day is too late. Also begins to late I am gonna get bored.

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I do not like that there are fewer days in the study period. I also do not like that the semester ends later.

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Gets out too late

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Moving the calendar forward a week would shorten the winter break (not good) and cause a crunch of exams at the end of the semester (also not good for people with many exams) also there's the potential to shorten the fall break (which I don't like)

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I think the current fall calendar is best for students. Study period comes very close to Christmas, and the weather is worse in the winter than in the summer.

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I do not want to have fewer study days

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Much happier to be in school in August rather than December. Also, the study period always feels a bit short especially for exams on the "first" day of exams. Holding class on Labor Day is also not fun (how else will people get to visit the Great NY State Fair?!)

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Shifting exams later would extend the time we have to be here in the cold. I'd rather have 4 days in August weather than 4 days in December weather. It's also easier to motivate yourself at the end of the semester with just one week of classes after Thanksgiving break.

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I can't see the point in making exams go a full weekend later.

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If anything the given study period is too short. Similarly to how our "orientation week" isn't actually a week, other schools have "study week", while we have "study-four-day-period". Also, the winter break is at a perfect length now; any change made to shorten the winter break will probably be met with vitriol and anger from the student body.

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The extra days off before Christmas are very valuable for work during winter break.

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This will shorten Winter break which is inconvenient. I was hoping instead that Thanksgiving break would be longer instead.

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ends too late in december

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Most internships end by mid to early August and I enjoy going back home early at the end of the semester to prepare for holidays and the new year. Returning home December 22 is much too late as far as I'm concerned.

Summer is not too short, fall break should still be 4 days

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final exam dates are way too far into December

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I enjoyed having only a few days of class left after Thanksgiving break. It was good to have a longer winter break, because I was able to spend more time at home with friends and family, whereas the summer break can be a little shorter because it's already over two months long and a week would hardly make a difference.

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This cuts far too close to the holidays and Cornell already gets out for winter break much later than many other schools.

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Winter Break becomes unacceptably short. This makes travel difficult/more expensive for people who need to make long journeys over break (since people will be flying out closer to Christmas Day), shortens break for people taking Winter Session classes, makes field trips more difficult to schedule, and throws off vacation times for people with siblings at other colleges.

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Better to have exams over a longer period.

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I like getting out early in December

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Cutting study days is a terrible idea

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Disagree with motivators 1, 6, 7; Labor day interrupts classes too early in F1, when people are still settling into the semester; reducing exam period is irritating, though not a deal-breaker.

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The exam period goes too late

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The closer the end of the semester gets to the holiday season, the more difficult it is to travel.

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Difficult for international students to get home in time for Christmas

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Need study days

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I would rather have earlier winter break than longer summer

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I'd rather start early and have the potential to get out sooner.

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We start at about the same time as other universities

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December is too cold.

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The summer is not too short, and I would rather come back sooner than potentially have exams closer to the holidays.

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I feel that our summer is long enough. The winter break starts at a good time and allows me to get home and ready for the holidays without feeling rushed.

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Having the last day of exams on the 22nd is way too late. I've had flights delayed for two plus days, so for people flying home, flying out on the 23rd could mean missing the holidays,

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personally, I like being at home at the beginning of the holiday season. Also, holding classes on labor day?!

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It is nicer to be finished earlier in December, and the longer study period helps reduce stress. Either way, there should be an additional day of fall break

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Having the last day of exams so late does not leave sufficient time to get home to visit family for the holidays.

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Personally, I like to go home earlier for winter break, and most internships I know of end in early August, which would leave a big gap between the end of internships and the beginning of classes in the F1 model. I believe it is better to start the semester earlier in August. This way break begins earlier in December, and we can go back to class a week earlier in January. My main concern is getting out early in Spring semester for internships that begin in mid May. The way the fall semester is currently set up is fine.

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I like how the fall semester is set up now with starting classes a little earlier and ending earlier. Also, I believe that

shortening the study period is a bad idea.

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I would prefer that tests be done earlier in December

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This is terrible, why would you shorten exam study period and end exams even later. Many international students have to travel really far to get home for the holidays--this is very inconsiderate

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I would much rather start classes in August earlier than go later in December. A couple days in the summer doesn't make much of a difference but it makes a big difference in December for winter break.

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I would prefer to get started earlier to get break earlier

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I want to go home earlier for the holidays

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Don't push back classes to be even closer to the winter holidays. Summer is not too short; many schools nationwide leave start far earlier than we do.

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Summer is long enough. I prefer more breaks throughout the semester. The later finals schedule in December is unfortunate around the holidays.

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I'd like to be able to go home (California) for Thanksgiving break if possible and it makes more sense if there's a longer break. Also, I thought the longer break worked very well in Fall 2016.

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Shortening the study/exam period makes studying for finals more difficult. The longer exam periods are extremely helpful.

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I like having the longer study period before exams, and I'd rather go home earlier in the winter than come back to school later in the summer.

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I would like to be home for the holiday season more than two days prior to said holiday. Additionally, I would prefer an extended summer through moving the spring semester, not the fall semester.

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I don't think childcare is an issue for students in the slightest. Additionally, cutting fall break down to two days and thanksgiving down to three makes it nearly impossible for those living outside of the Tri-State area to leave campus. The F1 has fall ending incredibly late, especially compared to other schools. I would strongly prefer that school not encroach any further on Christmas than it already does with the current scheduling.

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As an international student, it will make it incredibly difficult and expensive to get home in time for Christmas.

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I don't think one extra week of summer makes that much of difference. Would love to still have a 3 day fall break and breaks during the semester

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winter break starts too late

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Too close to Christmas

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Pushing back the start to the academic year doesn't help with summer being too short - as other school start around the same time, yet end earlier in the spring. Pushing back finals is also very undesirable, and would increase travel rates for students returning home, as it's closer to Christmas. Also, no students want to spend more time in Ithaca during December. Reducing the study/exam period seems to be an okay change though. One week of classes before labor day seems strange too, and could be harder for families to help move in if they have younger children starting school that same week.

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The major problems with the calendar are in the spring semester. The current fall calendar is better. People do not want exams later. The way it works now where they end relatively early is preferable.

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Summer is already tooooooo long... International students really want to go back home early in December...

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I think making study period shorter would cause more stress, as would removing some of our breaks. I also don't see why we would start/end later than we already do.

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Getting home for the holidays on December 22nd is way too late

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For students who live far from Cornell, having a final exam period that ends so close to Christmas would make it hard for them to get home in time for the holiday.

Weekday Orientation days are valuable in order to create a positive mindset for the start of school. AND there are so many logistical things to get done, and the extra day - especially a weekday when stores are open and people are around, is essential.

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Traveling too close to christmas

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First of all, the layout of the calendar framework is almost impossible to follow. Second, I am not sure moving the few days of the early Fall semester in August to December, is a great idea. Since many people are having difficulties flying during the holidays, since airfares are ridiculously expensive the week before Christmas. Third, the spring break being switched with February break may sound to be an attractive idea, since it might match up with other schools who are having spring break. Lastly, having a shorter exam period is a lot better than 10-13 days, since many students have distributed exam timings and that becomes an issue as to when a student can head out of town. Thank you for your time and I apologize if my comments sound somewhat lengthy.

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I do not want to remain on campus so close to the Christmas holiday, and I enjoy the longer study period for my final exams.

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Already get back for christmas break too late

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I need the longer study period at the end of the semester to write thoughtful, well-done essays for my primarily liberal arts classes. The long winter break is such a blessing, while a slightly shorter summer break is hardly noticed by students who, after being in an internship or other occupation for a couple months, look forward to the beginning of a new semester.

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Ends too late

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Summer is not too short and the last seven days of classes are valuable for preparing for finals and completing projects.

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Reducing the study/exam period is detrimental to many students who have several exams during that period. It is much more beneficial for students to spend a little longer on campus to focus on their exams rather than trying to return home as soon as possible. Also, a Fall Break is not considered a break if it is only one day long--many students need this time to catch up on work, to visit family or friends, or simply to give themselves a mental break. One day is most definitely not enough to allow a student enough time to truly rest, which should be the ultimate goal of such a short break.

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The F1 system gives a longer summer break but a shorter winter break and I would prefer to have a longer winter break. My winter break is already shortened because, as a winter-sport varsity athlete, we have to return to Ithaca 3 weeks earlier than the general student body. Also, adding a week to summer break won't feel like much of a difference because it already is so long (12 weeks vs 13 weeks), but reducing a week from a 5 week (or in a winter-athlete's case 3 week) break will definitely be felt.

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Ending the semester closer to the Holidays will be stressful and cause less motivation because students will be focused on getting home. Also, August 27 is a very late start date. A lot of other schools will have already started by then. Please don't start school any later.

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I would like to be done with exams before Dec. 22nd.

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Reduces time spent with family over the holidays, do not feel that current classes post-Thanksgiving lack value.

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The study period for the new calendar is shorter. It is definitely true that the last couple of days of class have diminished value; therefore, adding more class days before the study period would just increase the amount of days in which students are only focused on finals and break instead of class.

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I prefer the fall semester as it is and don't want to push exams further into December. I would much rather start earlier in August and finish earlier in December than the proposed change.

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I'd rather start sooner in August and end earlier in December than the F1 framework suggests.

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Last exam is on Dec 22nd... some people have to travel across the country/world for holidays

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The latest exam day is quite late for me. I like to be home when my parents have off work, which more closely aligns with the current calendar.



Makes winter shorter, which is worse

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A winter break that starts earlier is better.

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It's great, but I don't want the study period reduced.

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Ithaca winters are pretty brutal. Having an earlier winter break would reduce time spent during snow storms rather than spending extra warm time in the beginning of the year.

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Classes end extremely late - December 22nd would be too late especially when people have vacations planned and early September is late to start classes especially when most universities start in mid-August

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It's better to spend more time here in August, especially due to the weather. Because of snow fall or other hazardous conditions, I think it is better to wrap up the fall semester early rather than extend it by four days

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I would prefer to have more class in August (when it is warm and nice out!) as opposed to December. I like winter break starting earlier in December.

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Gets out of school in December too late, but I like the fewer study days.

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The latest exam date is far too close to the holidays. Flights will be very expensive for students traveling across the country due to the holiday price hike. I do not like this idea at all.

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I disagree both that the summer is too short and that the 3 day thanksgiving break works.

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Decreasing the Study Period is a bad idea. All students need those days to prepare for ALL upcoming finals. Having the latest exam on December 22nd? That is way too close to the Christmas Holiday especially for international students who have long travel times to reach their final destination. No do not do this please.

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It does nothing but change class schedules around and moves travel time for students too close to Christmas which could lead to travel delays and less students being able to spend time with their families on the holidays.

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The end of the semester would fall too close to Christmas.

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Winter break essential to people traveling long distances

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It starts and ends too late (in comparison to other schools, and with internship expectations).

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Cornell already starts later than most universities.

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I like to have more days in December for winter break.

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Study period is shorter.

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Class goes too late into December. Traveling home would become too expensive and prohibitive. The long exam period is really good - especially for students taking 18+ credits. Four days are not enough to study for 7 exams.

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International students have to fly back home for winter break even closer to Christmas now. Flights are significantly more expensive at that time.

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Summer is far too long, I wouldn't mind getting a slightly longer winter, like we've had in the past.

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For students with heavy class loads, the longer study/exam period is necessary to have enough time to study adequately for all classes.

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I don't feel like summer is that short-- I prefer to have a longer winter break.

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Begins too late

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People prefer to leave early in December and have more time for winter break. In addition, we don't need to start the semester that late. Most colleges start around the 21st

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It keeps us in school for longer with less breaks for no particular reason.

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The study period is shorter, which is advantageous in terms of getting to leave earlier but not in getting Friday night to relax before diving into studying for finals

Start and end way too late.

I do not think adding a couple more days ahead or behind the summer break make that big of a difference. I also prefer a longer study period.

Exams will end so close to christmas

Getting out on December 22 is way too late please do not do this winter break is more of a break than summer

Keeps exams earlier in the year and gets students home earlier

I'd rather start earlier in order to have more time to study and a longer winter break.

I would rather start earlier and end earlier

Potentially ending finals on December 22nd means that many students won't return home until December 23rd. Personally, my friends and family like to gather during the few days leading up to Christmas for festivities and parties. This would diminish the amount of time that I have to spend with my friends and family. I also would not have time to prepare for the holidays.

I don't like the fewer study days in F1

I don't think we start particularly early compared to other colleges nor do I want the year to extend longer into December

The way it is right now is better

I think the current fall calendar is completely fine. And one day for fall break is too short in my opinion.

I prefer to start earlier and get out later. It makes planning holiday activities with family much easier

I do not think summer is too short and need all the study days I can get. Also reducing fall break to 1 day isn't much of a break.. and I would like a break

The Study/Exam period is not too long.

Do not want to get out later in December. The study/exam period could be shorter, but it should not be moved to later.

I would not want to finish later in December.

We already get out much later than other students for Christmas break-- it's impossible to get home and prep for the holidays during that rush.

I do not want the semester to go longer into December, by that point students are burned out and ready to go home. The study period is also EXTREMELY useful and should not be cut down.

It makes it later for me to go home to my family for the holidays

I do not think classes should extend any further into december

The changes are minimal and I don't see them having a larger impact overall

December break is too close to Christmas and we need long exam period

Class starting later means exams ending closer to the holidays

Ends too close to Christmas

I want a longer exam period because of how stressful that time is.

I would rather start earlier and end earlier. December 22 as the latest exam day I think is too close to the winter holidays.

traveling that close to christmas is way too expensive

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Thanksgiving should be a full week. Fall break shouldn't be reduced and we shouldn't have class on labor day. The final exam days are too close to christmas.

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The summer is long enough as is and I generally need more relaxation time during the school year for my stress level. Break is more valuable

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It's too stressful coming back from thanksgiving and then starting finals a few days later

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More stress

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A long winter break is useful for those who live further afield. The summer would be too long

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This is a really bad idea and it exacerbates what I take to be a serious issue: the conglomeration of break time. Students need more time off DURING the semester, not another study day during finals week, which is long enough. The problem is that sometimes our finals are clumped together and we get unlucky and cannot study for them all.