

F1UgradUnsure

The start and end of both schedules seem to be less than a week apart. I could care less between the two schedules.

Hardly makes a difference to me, the 4 days are negligible to me.

The later start is nice, but it also means that we go much closer to Christmas in the fall.

I agree that our summer schedule is awkward, but shortening the exam period feels worrisome, especially because it is already the case that assignments and exams tend to cluster together (and this may make things worse). However, I am fine with increasing the number of class days in December rather than August. However, I think that it would be more meaningful to adjust the spring rather than the fall calendar.

I like the proposal. I think 11 days is enough time to study. However, I do not want to reduce fall break to one day.

Having a study day in the middle of exams as in the current calendar helps.

Summers are so short that finding internships can be difficult if they want 12+ weeks of commitment. Additionally, it's difficult to spend any time at home during summers if you are interning away from home. Thanksgiving break is too short for those on the west coast to easily go home. It should be a full week as the two current instruction days are usually pointless due to low attendance or class cancellations.

It's nice for the year to start later, but I'm not sure about having 7 exam days in a row (I once had 5 exams over 5 days, it was not fun) and having fall recognition occur during the exam period, and/or on an exam day, seems like it may be particularly hard on those graduating (especially if they have friends who may want to attend!).

Winter break starts too late

There is an improvement here if the current spring semester is retained. The improvement comes from an improved ability for students to fit in a 12 week internship thanks to the shift. As it currently stands students can barely fit in a 12 week internship, some students even elect to miss the first few days of class in order to fit an internship, which really shouldn't be done. However, if the spring semester also changes to end sooner, then this adjustment would hurt students, making summer a little too long and winter break a bit too short.

It seems as though the winter break would be shorter, and the fall semester would spill into prime travel times. However, it might be useful to have this time frame if classes started later.

The F1 framework variation would cause one less day of break within fall semester, and I believe that breaks are important for de-stressing

I believe that the lengthy break during the winter allows students to take on externships, enjoy time relaxing, or take winter courses. Many students come back early to campus for different organizations and recruitment so it would be unfortunate if they did not get adequate time at home during the winter break. I do believe we start very early compared to other universities but I like the opportunity to enjoy Ithaca during the warmer time.

I don't mind starting the semester earlier and I like Fall break. However, I do think that we should have more time after we come back from Thanksgiving Break to turn in our assignments before the semester ends.

Waiting until sept. 3 to start classes is too late. the 27th is the perfect day

I agree to have a shorter study period but not a late winter break. I am an international student and if the winter break starts that late, the air ticket will be super expensive (at least \$500 more) and I may have to go back home after Christmas.

The semester ends too late in December.

I enjoy the current length of the Winter Break/Fall Break. At the same time, it would be nice to have a school year that starts later, as well as a shorter study period.

Fall break needs to stay at 2 days

A shorter exam period is good but I don't especially like the idea of starting and ending the semester later

Small enough differences that I don't mind. I like the early start day in current fall but like the smaller exam period in F1

Not everyone's holiday season starts so late

It is really nice and often needed to have a study day in the middle of exam period. Many students have to take 5 exams and it would be living hell if there wasn't a study day to help break this up. But, a longer summer is preferable.

I think this a good reallocation of semester days, I agree that our summer is too short. I also agree that having more school days after Thanksgiving would be beneficial to wrapping up classes for students. However, compared to my peers at other schools, we start back very late, and we end very late. I have friends who are done with school at the beginning of December. Its arguably not a very pleasant month to be in Ithaca, so I'm not sure staying here later is a great idea.

Usually just works out. But I like having the later summer and later winter exam period. Makes more sense.

positive: another week of potential work, or internships, summer opportunities. Extending school until the 22nd is doesn't change much, though may make flights more expensive for foreign students. Last week of classes given more substance. negative: cram exams into a smaller number of days.

Will F1 cause more conflicts with multiple exams on the same day for exam week?

Longer exam period can be helpful with spreading out stacked exams, and the later summer start is offset by a later end (very close to Christmas).

I have not had enough experience with internships to fully feel the short nature of the summer under the current schedule, but like the earlier end for classes, and do not like fall recognition taking place during exams.

like longer summer, but dont like shorter studying time for exams

Just seems like a little more summer break and a little less winter break, and less study days

Yes, it would be an improvement but only if the variation is not implemented. I believe that reducing fall break or having classes on labor day would not be a good idea, because we have such short breaks as is. One day of no class would not constitute as a "fall break." However, the new calendar as it is visualized above (with 11 exam days) is better, because 13 days is a lot for our final exam period. We all have to take a handful of finals anyway, and we can do that in 11 days.

While I like when classes start and end, I don't like the prospect of reducing fall break.

I would rather be home earlier for winter break, so having the 22nd as a possible last day is undesirable. However, I believe reducing the study days and the later start day are improvements.

Starting later would be nice and fewer study days would likely be fine.

Finals may be too long right now but it's nice to have that extra day or two to study

While I understand that many people would prefer a longer summer, as someone who prefers to stay on campus over the summer, I am concerned that the extra days will pose problems for students who are staying over the summer and do not have housing between the time classes end and summer jobs and courses begin. Also, I am not a fan of having a shorter finals study period.

Doesn't change very much.

The move-in day adjustment isn't ideal for parents helping kids move in they'd now have to take two days off work instead of one. But I like the idea of having more time after thanksgiving before finals but ideally we'd be done with finals BEFORE thanksgiving.

Shorter is better, I guess. Still no breaks for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, though.

I like that summer would be longer and we'd get another week of August, but I don't like that it pushes our finals further into December.

I rather like finishing the semester earlier rather than closer to Christmas, but I can't decide if I prefer that to starting later and having a week longer in the summer

Concern about when winter graduation falls for people. It would be unfortunate if seniors graduating in the fall are rushed through or into the holidays. Otherwise, I enjoy an extra week of summer. But I also find the winter break to be refreshingly relaxing and long. Quite necessary

It's odd to start classes after Labor Day because then it doesn't serve as an actual break. Ending classes potentially on December 23 may make travel back home very expensive for students, especially lower-income students from far-away states.

Pros: longer period between Thanksgiving Break and Finals (this is very important because at home I would not be able to adequately prepare for my exams but in F1 I would still have extra class time to prepare for my exams), keeping the 2 day Fall Break
Cons: shorter Study Period (especially if all my exams end up being in the first 3 days), shorter Exam period (my exams will be more clustered), expensive airplane tickets to go home closer to Christmas time, Labor Day weekend will be too early (I would not need the break from school yet after only 1 week)

I want to agree because I do think that this new format is better in many ways of increasing the importance and value of the last few days of classes. I do not completely agree with the new F1 framework because I do not think there should be final examinations on Sundays. I also think that a huge benefit to pushing back the first day of classes would be to add a day or two to orientation week which is not displayed in this improved schedule.

Orientation week is not as beneficial as it could be in easing new students to Cornell. It needs another day or two.

I do not think that the summer is too short, but I like the idea of adding another week between Thanksgiving and exams.

both are about the same and I don't have a preference for either

It's not well explained

Better to remove Fall Break and make Thanksgiving Break one whole week like Spring Break. Aside from that, everything works well.

The overall structure of the new calendar is more reasonable, especially the study/exam period and the Thanksgiving days. However, the winter in Ithaca can be very cold and I would prefer a longer winter break since the summer is already very long. This means it's hard to decide between the two calendars.

The full week of school at the start of the semester will be brutal, particularly for first-years and transfer students who are still adjusting to Cornell. However, the extra week between Thanksgiving Break and finals week is a good improvement, as the current schedule feels rushed after Thanksgiving Break

Depends on what would happen to the spring schedule. Is the spring schedule pushed back an extra week as well? If so, starting classes in February is absurd

F1 seems good, except I don't like the potential of an exam so late (the 22nd)

Because there are more weeks after the Thanksgiving Break, that would make class time during those few days more valuable. The exam period is not much longer, but it may be a problem that Sunday is a testing day, given that people may have religious conflicts.

Fall break should not be shortened. Other than that, everything looks good.

Beginning earlier in August is not a huge issue, and making the Thanksgiving break longer would be nice, but is not necessary.

At first I said "Disagree" but have changed my answer to unsure because, I thought the long study/exam period was needed. However, it may not be. However, I do agree with the idea of starting at a later date and keeping the same breaks. So, overall I lean more towards the agree side.

more summer

I don't really like the consideration of staying later into December

Classes start later, which is really helpful for those doing an internship. However, if we shortened winter break, then our summer would start earlier rather than end later, which would accomplish the same thing.

Appreciate longer summer & more time between thanksgiving and finals, but there's not enough time between finals and making it home for Christmas.

While I do like the later start date, I do feel the end is a little close to the Holidays. I also don't really like the shortened exam time.

Finals will be more likely to be bunched together, but more class time after Thanksgiving is kinda nice.

On one hand we have a longer summer, which gives us more flexibility, however the shorter finals period can mean more stress.

Reducing our winter break is also a difficult decision. Many of us go far away and want to go home earlier for break. I would prefer to see spring semester changed.

It seems to be about the same. However I did enjoy the old way where we get a long winter break that doesn't start close to Christmas. It would just be too much driving for my family to pick me up one day then drive to my extended family the next.

I am worried about moving the August days to December. As someone who is from the West Coast, if I had a final the last day, I would have to fly out December 22/23 which does not give me time to even settle before the holidays start.

I like the moving August days into December, but I don't like the shortening of Fall Break or class on Labor Day.

Allows for more instruction after thanksgiving, and schedule lines up with those of peers at other colleges, but losses in break time do not seem ideal compared to gains.

I would like a shorter exam period, but I prefer to end the semester earlier than later. Even if that means starting earlier.

Extending summer a bit at the expense of winter break is alright, but I'd prefer a 5-day Thanksgiving break.

Parts of this calendar are better, such as a later start and end date. However, there are not enough study days in this model before final exams (No, the weekend does not count...)

It's not much of a big difference. It's hard to judge, though the extra week of summer would be good.

General academic calendar too long - how is it that other colleges start later and end earlier than ours?

It's better in the earlier version of it. Having the last day of finals be on the 22nd is really late. Starting in September is also pretty late, and it makes the day off for Labor Day seem even more pointless.

I'm sort of in between, because I think it improves it in terms of starting closer to September given that child care is an issue. But I don't like the idea of going later in December, it makes it hard for being to be home in time for the holidays if people have a long way to go to get home.

Not too much of an opinion on the fall semester

unclear about the variation?

I like the idea of moving the August class days to December, but not so much shortening fall break.

I don't think that the fall semester is the issue in terms of the academic schedule.

Reducing the study/exam period allows for much less time to space out and prepare for exams. Also, the end of the semester seems to come too close to Christmas.

F1 could make winter break absurdly short, especially for those returning for rush (which affects 30% of the school, and more) Also finding travel accommodations closer to Christmas is more difficult and much more expensive. It also makes an earlier spring break less feasible.

This makes the winter break shorter, and Ithaca is cold. But it's nice to reduce the study/exam period.

I like getting home for winter break early, but I wouldn't mind having extra time in the summer. Each option seems good to me.

I felt that the length of the study period was not too long before and I don't want it to be reduced, because it

provides time to study and write final projects without the pressure of having classes to attend. I am also worried about how pushing the whole semester back will affect the length of the winter semester.

The shortened October break would make students feel that going home wasn't worth it. Going home gives students space from the university.

Nice to have more time between Thanksgiving and finals, but it makes the semester end much later.

I agree with moving the August class days into December. However, I have found the study day in the middle finals to be extremely helpful being able to prepare myself properly for exams. Having 8 days for finals instead of 7 would also exacerbate of having many consecutive or conflicting exam times.

Both the current Fall Calendar and the F1 have their trade-offs. While I do not think the current calendar devalues the last days of class, I like how it addresses August child care. However, extending the longer break (summer) at the expense of the shorter break (winter) is also something I do not support. I am ambivalent towards study time, but think a shorter exam period would increase conflicts.

I dont see much of a difference

It doesn't personally impact me much. I would be happy with either schedule.

The longer summer is nice, but the F1 ends fairly late in December.

I would prefer to go home earlier for winter break and believe the shortened exam period would be potentially disruptive. The other aspects are appealing though

With transportation home added in, F1 puts students home only a day before the holiday begins, which makes it difficult to travel, see family, and settle in before these celebrations. The summer is a fine length because classes end in May.

I like having enough time to study.

I understand the reasoning behind decreasing study period to make room for more class days, but I disagree with wanting to shorten fall break or other holidays for the sake of making time for classes. Especially when this schedule said that there was no issue with the length of fall break.

There are parts of F1 that I agree with and parts that should be reconsidered. Pros: reduced study/exam period. Cons: if Spring starts a week earlier, would not mind starting earlier in the Fall. The problem with short summers is because our current Spring semester ends late into May. Typically, internships have start dates in early May, which Cornell students have to miss out on.

I am unsure because I personally like the long exam period because it helped to spread my exams out, as I took 6 or 7 classes a semester some semesters. I personally think Fall break should not be reduced or classes should be held on Labor Day. I do like, however, that this lengthens summer vacation. I think, however, a better way would be to end the spring semester earlier by starting earlier, instead of pushing the Fall semester back

I dont want a longer summer. My peers have much shorter summers, so the value of the final days are lower. I would also prefer to leave school as soon as possible during winter because it is very cold.

While moving class days to after thanksgiving break adds more value, I am concerned that the study period and exam times will potentially extend into the winter holidays.

The later start date is good but I don't think the shorter exam period is good.

I like everything except for the Fall Recognition ceremony falling during the exam period. Do peer institutions do this as well? I don't like how late the semester ends but I suppose that is the trade off.

Doesn't seem to make any substantive changes. Had F1 been the schedule during my fall semesters I would not really have noticed.

Both schedules show a two day fall break but the pink box suggests removing one of these days. That's confusing.

But please don't reduce Fall Break it is what keeps you sane and also Labor Day is a breather to organize yourself for the coming semester!

Increased time for summer internships but a longer finals week is helpful especially if one is taking many exams

prefer longer Christmas breaks to summer breaks

I don't see too much of a difference here.

I like all of the changes, but it seems cruel to have fall recognition during the exam period, since students will likely be cramming when they should be celebrating with family.

Many winter programs start right at the end of our current exam period, and moving it later may be too late. I like the idea of shortening the study period.

I feel like that our fall semester starts at and end at a good time. If we have exams that last closer to Christmas, it would make our travel plans home both more expensive and more difficult because its closer to the holidays. At the same time, I feel like we start the fall semester at a good time.

Some Summer internships need to go to a specific date and moving the starting date back further will decrease the likelihood of internships being completed, however study days are important

I am so strongly into the idea of starting later, but leaving to go home december 23rd kinda sucks

I personally would prefer for winter exams to end earlier than the 22

I don't think the summer is too short, but I do think the study/exam period is long.

Shorter study period is good. Don't like the variation where we have class on Labor Day or a short Fall Break

While a later start is efficient, the possibility of ending the 22nd of December is too late. Perhaps, starting early for spring semester is the better solution.

First break day too close to the beginning of the semester

Later start allows more time for summer internships and reorganizing, shorter exam period, but not sure about later exams, definitely a trade off

It depends on the Spring Calendar schedule.

While it is nice having the extra time in summer, it also imposes on our time in December. So whether this is an improvement depends on whether we are also starting the spring semester earlier. It does give us more class time after Thanksgiving, which feels more natural.