

F2AlumAgree

Full week Thanksgiving break would be nice. Prefer not shortening exam period; 7 days of exams in a row can be a bit much. Also prefer orientation to start on the weekend.

The last 7 days have diminished value because after having Thanksgiving break, students are ready to wrap up the semester and return home again. I don't know that making the period between Thanksgiving and finals improves that morale. It might make it worse. Especially with a whole week off for Thanksgiving. I'm also opposed to anything that extends the amount of time spent on campus immediately leading up to Christmas. Let students wrap up their courses promptly so they can go home to their families.

I don't believe having move-in day on a Sunday is beneficial for parents, especially those coming from long distances. Having move-in day on Friday, as it is traditionally, allows families to set up rooms and get anything they may have forgotten, before leaving in order to be back at work on Monday. I do think that Thanksgiving break should be longer because the anxiety related to the end of the semester tends to have a negative impact on the time enjoying Thanksgiving. Giving students a bit longer for Thanksgiving them would allow students to recharge in order to approach finals with a calmer state of mind.

I don't think extending the Thanksgiving break does anything useful. There will just be less time to cram things in beforehand, and it never ends up being much of a break anyway, since assignments and projects are always due right after break ends. I suppose it would give more time during the break to work on these projects, but I would rather have more class time before the break. Orientation during the week vs. on the weekend does not make a difference to me. In the exam period, it doesn't make sense to have all the study days in a row at the beginning - two in a row at most is all that is necessary, and space the others out. This would lessen the possibility of having multiple exams back-to-back.

I don't remember orientation being different for incoming students between weekends and weekdays. Also not sure if a week long Thanksgiving break makes sense, especially since it is soon before winter break

Still don't like the later exam ending (too close to christmas/the holidays) but having 2 weeks between thanksgiving and finals makes more sense than just one week.

While I don't like decreasing study days, the longer thanksgiving break would make it more worthwhile for students traveling. However, it would not benefit international students/students without the means to travel, since the dining halls tend to close, causing them to spend unnecessarily on food.

I'm in favor of the 5-day break, but for reasons mentioned for the F1 proposal, I'm not in favor of shifting things from less August days to more December days--for the additional reason too that December in Ithaca is not particularly pleasant.

This calendar results in the same proposed F1 calendar aforementioned issues--a shortened exam/study period creating the possibility for highly undesirable/stressful exam schedules. This schedule compensates by converting the Thanksgiving Break into a week-long break.

Benefits: Move-in day is on a weekend, there are more days after Thanksgiving. Downsides: Exam days still cover both Sat and Sun during finals. At least one of those days should be a break. The longer Thanksgiving break is nice but such a long break probably undoes the value added to having more days after it.

A full week for thanksgiving is a terrific idea. Would not want to push back the last possible exam day.

Most students will Leave earlier for thanksgiving break if possible and a week seems long for a full vacation.

Last day of finals too close to Christmas, expensive plane tickets. However, long thanksgiving is nice.

I think a full week off for Thanksgiving is a nice idea but I think the exam period is already to compressed. This is better than F1.

Not a bad idea to extend Thanksgiving break, though ending exams so close to Christmas creates a lot of flight issues with people trying to go home far places around the country.

The full week off for Thanksgiving is nice, but 12/22 is really late to be done.

Over the weekend orientation is essential for those students who travel far and need family support to move in.

Having move-in on a Sunday greatly limits the amount of parents that can help set their child up for success and support their child in this time of transition. 5 Day thanksgiving break is well deserved and could really allow students and faculty to recharge and start the classes between thanksgiving and exams on a solid footing.

I would have liked the longer Thanksgiving break, but I still appreciated Cornell's long study/exam period.

For those who live far away a longer thanksgiving break isn't necessarily useful as it's not worth it to go home for break when you could potentially only have 3 weeks before you leave for winter break. I don't like the idea of a shorter study/finals week. It's extraordinarily stressful to have multiple exams on the same day and a shorter finals week increases the chances of that.

Again, this is good but the December 22 end date might be an issue

Having orientation on the weekend was a great way for me to make friends and hang out with them after moving in. I don't feel strongly about the orientation on the weekdays.

Late end to semester, though do like a longer Thanksgiving break.

Long thanksgiving break is extremely beneficial, but late Christmas departure is again detrimental to poorer members of community (surges in pricing nearer the holidays and more hectic schedules for everyone as they negotiate academic and familial obligations).

The longer Thanksgiving break is more useful as a break for those on the West coast (like myself), but I had no problem with weekend orientation days...I'd rather end the semester sooner.

Harder to judge the value of adding/removing a couple days from here/there. Longer Thanksgiving break is good although I believe a longer study period is good for people taking more classes than average that semester.

As a student, I really appreciated the longer study period and was disappointed when it got shortened. However the longer Thanksgiving break would be a nice replacement for the reduced study days. I also liked going home before the holidays, as it reduced travel costs significantly.

Week long thanksgiving break is good but shorter study break is bad.

It's an interesting thought having more days for Thanksgiving Break, but I'm thinking I would have rather stayed with the current version.

I like this better than F1 but I do not love it. Pushing exams so close to Christmas is not ideal.

A full week off for the Thanksgiving break seems excessive, since again it comes at the cost of making winter break travel harder.

Same issues as with F1: namely that having a dedicated "break" day between exams is fairly useful for students to help them reorganize their thoughts for the second half of the week and that pushing fall semester back a week ends up with a net-zero-gain in summer break length unless that week is made up somewhere else. I'm also unsure if a 5 day Thanksgiving break would be worth it.

The longer Thanksgiving break doesn't align with most family's break, which starts on Wednesday, so the extra days off may not be as useful as intended.

I like the week-long Thanksgiving break, but if you're so close to the end of the semester some students may find the extra length of time less motivating for the final two weeks, and also running up to the holidays again as in F1. Good point on this one is that if freshmen move in over the weekend, parents may be less burdened in moving them in instead of on a Friday.

I think the exams still go too late, however this is better with the one-week Thanksgiving break. I think coming back to a two-week after Thanksgiving would go over better if they have the week off. The shorter study/exam schedule may be difficult though

I do not know whether the all-weekday orientation would be better or worse for most students. I imagine that many would be neutral on the matter. The week-long Thanksgiving break may be nicer for students, especially with more class days after the break for end-of-the-semester work to be due, but it may be so long that it is harder for students to get back into the swing of things after the break. Additionally, a week-long break may be too long for students who are not able to travel home and are stuck on campus, usually with limited dining options.

Improvements on Exam Dates: 2 study days, 3 exam days, 2 study days, 4 exam days. So there is time in between to adequately prepare depending on how exams are scheduled. Again, move the 1 day break to Sept 12, and Fall break to Oct 17,18

Things I like about the F2 Calendar: - Thanksgiving break is a week long. Many students purposefully skip classes that week in order to extend their break - More instruction days after Thanksgiving break

Thanksgiving break amount might be too long for those who don't celebrate and disagree with going that deep into December.

I don't think a full week for thanksgiving is necessary, but the added instruction days afterward is a good addition. Dec 22 is too late for the latest last exam day though

I don't think orientation needs to change. Classes end too late, like in F1. The shortened exam period is good. I'm neutral about the longer thanksgiving break, there are pros and cons

I don't think it is necessary to have an all weekday orientation as part of the fun is having it on the weekend. I like the longer thanksgiving break, but it is not a deal breaker for me. My concern is having a final exam date so late in December can make travel difficult for anyone living on the West Coast.

Not sure how I feel about having the whole week of thanksgiving off. Orientation on weekdays rather than a weekend probably won't curb much of the orientation "activities", but it's an attempt. Exam week being condensed is still a sore point.

Indifferent.

Still don't like how late exams go--who wants to take an exam three days for Christmas? How would that work for travel for international students?

A week-long Thanksgiving break seems unnecessary and incongruous with other schools.

As presented, the start of the semester looks bad for returning students (only 2 days of class the first week). I don't know what evidence there is for "weekend orientation days are not effective" I don't know how their effectiveness for the students is weaker simply by the day of the week unless there is a religious objection which would also impact the move-in day. The semester start looks worse, while the end looks better. I would go with the Variation schedule instead.

Not sure about that full week break for Thanksgiving.