

F2AlumUnsure

This distribution is far more palatable than F1. One class day should be moved to August, a study day should be placed in the middle of exam week. See my comments regarding F1 as to why the study day is beneficial. The class day in August offers a Saturday move in. Cars can be unloaded if parents want to stay the weekend to explore Ithaca without worrying about where to store all the belongings for move in until Sunday, or the possibility of looting in hotel parking lots.

Having two days of classes during Thanksgiving week is difficult as many students will simply skip classes that week.

I like that the breaks are more spaced out throughout the semester. I like that orientation is taking place during weekdays.

Allows for slightly more class time before first break day compared to F1. Longer thanksgiving break is nice and shorter study/exam period is more reasonable

Longer thanksgiving break is nice since many people take off the two days leading in anyway. Also the first two days of class are often orientation, so it seems effective to do those on a Thursday/ Friday and have "real" teaching start with a full week on Monday

This configuration is excellent and balances practical and logistical needs, a larger number of varying preferences, and most importantly, does not extend the semester's December activities beyond what we normally have known.

In addition, I tend to favor Thanksgiving break as a time to recollect properly before exams, and extending Thanksgiving break is more practical in my view than reducing the last eight class days in the Fall, which I personally find require a great deal of attention and care despite paradoxically having a larger likelihood of student absences.

Although this calendar moves into December, it gives a full week off for Thanksgiving, which would allow many more students the opportunity to return home.

Week off for Thanksgiving

A full week of Thanksgiving break would be ideal for students who live far from campus

More time at thanksgiving to relax and then study

A week for Thanksgiving vacation will allow students that live further from campus to be with their families.

Move in on the weekend probably works better for more parents' work schedules.

I like the idea of a whole week of thanksgiving break for those who have to travel far to go home. However I do not like the exam schedule distribution for study period

Longer thanksgiving!

I like the idea of making a longer Thanksgiving break, because this is a vital time for students to study and catch up on work.

Again, I think the moving the start and end later is a good thing, similar to the last calendar. I don't know that an entire week is necessary for Thanksgiving, so I don't think this would be the best choice for a calendar, but it looks like an improvement over the current calendar.

Even though this framework pushes exams back to potentially December 22, the full week break over Thanksgiving makes us for it. Also have the almost 2 full weeks of classes after thanksgiving makes it more substantial teaching time than the current calendar.

I think this change would be very beneficial for those who have to travel far to go home for Thanksgiving. I think whether the orientation period is changed from a weekend to weekday does not have a significant difference either way. However, exam scheduling would need to be spaced appropriately in order for the shortened exam period to be beneficial.

As a student, I probably would have preferred instead of a whole week off for Thanksgiving, an extra 3 day weekend here and there as small breaks.

Longer thanksgiving break allows for easier travel to see family

The longer Thanksgiving break would be great and very helpful

See my comments on F1 for more detail, but in short I like the short starting week following orientation (particularly useful for Freshmen), the week-long Thanksgiving break, and the transition from instruction to study to finals (though, again, with the stipulation that instruction at the end of the semester doesn't mean acquiring new information through the very last day; let's use those four days in the 4 Dec week as in-class pseudo-study-and-review days to ensure retention over memorization).

Gives week after Thanksgiving more meaning, and allows for families to experience Ithaca during the weekend before orientation.

I think having a full week of for Thanksgiving break is incredibly important.

I think the full week of Thanksgiving break is nice. It would give students who live further away a chance to go home for Thanksgiving. I think having orientation on week days rather than a weekend is fine.

This calendar has the right balance of break time, instruction days, and wellness days. The extended Thanksgiving Break is smart, as many students try to take off the Monday and Tuesday before the holiday anyway and subsequently end up skipping classes. This is particularly helpful to international students, who do not have enough time with the 3 day break to go home. Even students who are from the West Coast or the South did not end up going home for the break. The shortened study period is good and the 9 days of classes after Thanksgiving creates a less stressful build up to exams.

I think this is a perfect calendar, primarily due to the increased Thanksgiving break and post-Thanksgiving break class session. I've always felt that Cornell's Thanksgiving break is too short, particularly compared to other schools in the region.

I think this is great, more perceived break time and appropriate study time during finals, and a longer summer!

longer and more restful thanksgiving break

Both the orientation week change and the full week for Thanksgiving are great ideas. Those two days before Thanksgiving are pretty useless anyway; most people don't go to class and leave campus early anyway. That would also give some people who live further away an real reason to spend money on getting home for a potential 9 day trip home rather than a five day trip

I like the longer Thanksgiving break and I think the shorter exam period is fine. Again, I don't like moving the last exam dates later, but maybe the longer Thanksgiving break makes up for that. Overall I never felt that summer break was too short.

Move-in day on a weekend is good. Most students leave for Thanksgiving on Monday/Tuesday anyway. Study period over the weekend makes sense.

As a west coast student I could never justify going home for thanksgiving. Having a full week off would be awesome

Although I am not thrilled about the last day of exams being so close to winter break/ Christmas, it would be nice to extend Thanksgiving and not affect fall break

Week-long Thanksgiving is necessary, more post-Thanksgiving class sessions, extended summer, shorter exam period

Shortened exam period mitigated more than in F1 by having a more significant chunk of classes coming out of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving break would be an improvement.

I favor shifting the calendar later to make winter break shorter and summer break longer. I also favor the longer Thanksgiving break for students to have to travel

A week for thanksgiving is appropriate

Orientation does not need to be on a weekend. Having a week for Thanksgiving allows people to celebrate the holiday and get some time in to study if necessary. I like the variation of a longer exam period and moving a class day to August so people who want a weekend orientation day still get it. Wednesday/Thursday/Friday class the first week allows people to take the weekend to sort out if they want to change their schedule without missing two class

periods.

The full week for Thanksgiving is a smart move. It makes travel arrangements easier, gives students more time to get work done or catch up, and avoids the 2 day lull where half the campus already left for break. The orientation schedule also makes it easier for travel to campus.

Having the week of Thanksgiving off could help to relieve stress. There were frequently projects due the day after Thanksgiving break and it would be nice to work on them for a whole week instead of a compressed holiday period.

Good to give the whole week off for thanksgiving. Few people go to class on Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Full week thanksgiving and during the week o-week are improvements. Shifting the exam study period to the weekend is a poor design in my opinion.

But you should have a 12-day exam period with just 8 class days after Thanksgiving. Start orientation one day earlier as it will be less likely to snow. Lol

Week-long Thanksgiving break and two weeks of classes between Thanksgiving and exams are both significant improvements.

Whole week off for Thanksgiving

I like the positioning and length of thanksgiving break and like the F1 calendar like the increased number of days between TG break and exams. Still unsure about the shortening of exam period, but the increased class days between TG break and exam may make up for that.

•Thanksgiving break could use additional length (two prior days often instructionally a waste) •More instruction time between Thanksgiving and end of classes

Would agree for similar reasons as the F1

To me, this mostly improves the Thanksgiving period for the many students like me who are not from the immediate area. I almost never went home for Thanksgiving break simply because traveling to Texas for that short amount of time was almost never worth the money. Since the break would be a week long, it makes the remaining 2 weeks of class time still worth it.

longer thanksgiving break means that its easier for people to get home for that. Longer study time is never really used.

It is hard for students who live far away to get home for a 5 day Thanksgiving break. Many students skip these class days anyway.

YES! This model takes all of my concerns into consideration, except for knowing when the Spring Semester starts. I also think that a week-long break for Thanksgiving, given that it's still close to the end of the semester, gives students a chance to relax and work on their finals without necessary stress.

It makes sense to give students more time at Thanksgiving so they can travel home and spend more time with their families.

Like the F1 calendar, the last week of classes is very stressful with a lot of projects/assignments, and having the extra week would be very helpful to relax more. I think having a 9-day break (effectively) might be a bit long (because you would have to get yourself back into studying after relaxing), but it allows you to have more time unpressured to get ahead on your work and studying for the last two week push if you're really motivated (but the vast majority of my peers were procrastinators).

Longer thanksgiving break, later start day, shorter study period

A week for Thanksgiving is nice for those traveling long distances home, and it still makes finals period more reasonable.

Gives Orientation a good amount of time. Students get to relax and don't start classes until Thursday as opposed to a Tuesday

Many people would like to go home for Thanksgiving, but traveling from Ithaca usually takes a full day, so it is not worth it. Having a full week off will make this possible.

If the 12-day exam period variation is implemented, I wholeheartedly support calendar F2.

People often take off the whole week for Thanksgiving anyway.

The one week of classes after thanksgiving is traditionally a joke and considered pointless. The midweek travel required for thanksgiving has been a hassle and the option of leaving nearly a week before allows staggering of traffic, flights, etc. and safer travel at a time when Ithaca tends to receive snow.

The full week for Thanksgiving break provides individuals with the ability to travel home if they are from the West Coast or are International.

A full week Thanksgiving break is a cool idea, especially for students that live further away. This can make going home more worth it when plane tickets can be expensive during this time of year.

5 day Thanksgiving break allows more students to travel and to catch up on school work. It will serve as a more restorative break that ultimately will help students during exams. Shorter study period is a plus. More instruction days between Thanksgiving and end of term will help students stay focused in their classes, rather than 'checking out.'

Agree because it provides a longer thanksgiving break, however it should be monitored very carefully to ensure professors do not increase homework load over this extended break.

Gives more time for Thanksgiving travel

Longer Thanksgiving Break is an improvement, and with more class days after break, professors won't be as tempted to assign a lot of work the Tuesday after Break, allowing students to really relax over the holidays. Fewer class days between end of orientation and the first weekend of the semester may help students adjust better to the beginning of the semester.

This looks like the better calendar. Since Ithaca is difficult to travel to (always takes a connecting flight or long bus rides) it would be very good for student's mental health to take a proper thanksgiving break before the rush of finals. Instructors still give assignments so if they have a full week off, they can rest with families and still have time to do any work. I think starting orientation one day early to remove a December class or final day would also be great.

Most schools have off longer for Thanksgiving break. Orientation during the week sounds better.

Move-in on a weekend is easier. Shorter exam period is better. Having two weeks of classes after Thanksgiving break is more effective.

Most students take one or two official days for thanksgiving break anyways. It would be nice to have the whole week to review for exams and spend more time with family before this stressful period. I don't think anyone would miss the two days in August.

Still keep long exam period, but having longer thanksgiving break would've been nice for students that have families far away

Moving in on a weekend will allow more parents to assist their kids with move-in. Having a full week for Thanksgiving break will enable more students to go home for the break and allow more time to rest and relax before finals.

I really like the week long Thanksgiving break. I also agree that we do not need as long of an exam period.

I agree, though I never considered it before, that having a weeklong Thanksgiving break would improve end-of-semester stress, and this combined with starting later in August simultaneously addresses the issue of having only 5 days of class following the Thanksgiving break.

Better distribution of time off.

I think that a week off for Thanksgiving is great for those who can travel home, but may not be nice for those who cannot.

The extra time to study is good during the period between thanksgiving and finals.

I do like the addition of a longer Thanksgiving. I am concerned about the extension of the holidays to Dec 22nd. It would be interesting for the school to poll the number of students who are off campus for the holidays and the percentage that would opt to go home if extended.

Extra days for Thanksgiving are really nice for students who have to travel

longer thanksgiving break, more instruction time after returning from thanksgiving

A week long thanksgiving break is better for traveling and adds time to study. Summer is already long enough.

The Thanksgiving change is the best one. If we're being realistic, that whole week is lost learning-wise. I had the experience of students skipping classes on Monday and Tuesday to get home early, or being forced to leave early because of family or travel concerns. Blocking off that entire week ensures that there isn't any inefficient use of time.

A longer thanksgiving break is always a good idea in the fall.

longer thanksgiving break is great because a lot of students just take mon and tues off anyway

I think giving the students a full week of thanksgiving break is a good compromise to making the semester end later. However, I think having orientation period during the school week would to an extent ruin the experience that is O-week. I think the second structure works but freshmen should be given the entire week (including the weekend prior) for Orientation.

Coming from the West Coast, it will be much easier and more affordable to go home if we have the entire week of Thanksgiving off. I'd be okay with the later 12/22 exam date because of this, even though it's not ideal.

Full week of fall break is good, so is longer summer

Added days for thanksgiving.

Study period should not be shortened.

It's nice to see the fall calendar mirror the spring calendar and the weekday orientation days make a lot of sense in terms of effectivity. Nine days may not be enough time to be useful after the thanksgiving break, but its better than five.

Mondays are still shortchanged. The days before Thanksgiving break are often not well utilized. Better to have a meaningful period after Thanksgiving. I like Fall 1 more, though.

Many students leave early on Thanksgiving break already, so this is based on current behavior.

Many students already take the full week for Thanksgiving and this would make it so that exams wouldn't interfere with travel plans home for the holiday.

Provides some days to summer. Gives a full week to travel for turkey day.

I like the longer thanksgiving