

## F2GradAgree

Thanks giving week improvements make travel significantly easier and avoids awkward two days. Also is easy way to extend the break without much impact on school year. Neutral on other changes.

I think this is a great trade off, as although end of term travel could be more expensive, the full week Thanksgiving travel makes for potential savings. Additionally, I think M/T before Thanksgiving break are often skipped.

It would make the class time after Thanksgiving break useful because there is more we can do in 2 weeks as opposed to just 1 week. It would also allow students a real break for Thanksgiving as opposed to forcing them to skip classes in order to go home (which a significant number of students do).

While I don't like the idea of extending the exam period too much closer to Christmas (due to issues with unpredictable winter travel), I do like the idea of extending the Fall break to a full week.

Yes reducing the number of exam days or study days is not a problem! Adding more breaks/ starting later in the summer is much better! This plan is fantastic!

I agree with this framework because two class days in December wouldn't be bad and the thanksgiving break is impossibly short for people to get home to family

The extra days for Thanksgiving are really nice, especially for those who live far away.

I really like the addition of days at Thanksgiving and that it doesn't go too late into December

I like F2 but maybe shift the school days back towards summer a day or 2? Many parents help their kids move and thats best done starting friday/saturday not Sunday

Having a full week at Thanksgiving helps those of us not from NY/NJ to actually get home. In general, partial weeks are problematic, because courses with sections meeting on different days of the week end up off-schedule. The biggest problem with this schedule is that Thursday sections will have 3 extra meetings compared to those on Mondays.

Gives an extra weekend on the front end, extends Thanksgiving break

A full week for Thanksgiving would be great. Reducing study/exam period makes sense.

a full week off for Thanksgiving would make travel easier

I would much rather have the full week off than a partial week off. It allows me to use the weekend as part of the break.

An extended Thanksgiving break allow for more travel time and less stress. Having only one instruction week after Thanksgiving break does not allow enough time for useful instruction and F2 fixes that. I remain concerned that neither F1 or F2 solve the problem that a class that meets once a week on Monday meets a total of 3 fewer times than a class that meets once a week on Thursday or Friday. In other words their is an imbalance to which instruction days are missed due to breaks.

I like the longer Thanksgiving break, and having almost two full weeks after this break of real class days.

Reduces testing period and gives a full week of Thanksgiving break

Personally, I use Thanksgiving break as - in addition to a chance to visit family - to catch up on work in preparation of the end of the semester push. The full week for that would help me end the semester with full focus and preparation relative to less time off then. Additionally, I think many people miss those days in thanksgiving week for travel that it seems best to plan to use those days elsewhere.

One week off for Thanksgiving is a great idea. It mitigates the face that the semester extends so far into December.

I like the orientation being fully on a weekday, and giving the entire week off for Thanksgiving break would make it seem less rushed. The two additional weeks of class after break would also work. I do have some reservations about the Fall recognition landing during exams though.

I am in favor of longer thanks giving break in exchange for a shorter study period.

I like the whole week for Thanksgiving.

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Motivator #4 is very true.

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Weekday orientation is not effective, but a longer summer and increased time after thanksgiving is preferable

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A longer Thanksgiving break would allow students to rest and relax more before all of their hard end-of-semester work.

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I have to drive to michigan (8 hours) so it is worth it if I am able to take a whole week off. This will also help with the workload for projects that are due at end of the semester.

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Having a full week for Thanksgiving would make it easier to travel home over the break, and starting classes later in August is preferable.

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full week off for thanksgiving is awesome-- so many people (including myself) will take the whole week off anyways.

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I'm a fan of a full week for Thanksgiving.

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The longer Thanksgiving Break facilitates travel.

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longer thanksgiving break would be useful for conference travel and work on projects. However, little work would get done on the Thurs/Fri of the first week of classes in August

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Longer Thanksgiving Break

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I like more instructional time after thanksgiving. I think the longer thanksgiving break is beneficial because many students skip monday and tuesday for travel anyway. However there needs to be programming for international students who must stay on campus for the entire thanksgiving week so they do not get bored, for instances organized trips to nearby cities etc.

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Later start is good. Having RF be the first days of class is good because it allows students to get their syllabus in order without impacting teaching. In the TW start, it's really awkward for an entire week. A longer Thanksgiving break also makes sense because many students (and faculty) would like to travel for that week anyway, often missing class.

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The thanksgiving break would help with travel.

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As many people live far away and require expensive floghts for Thanksgiving it is much better to have a longer vacation

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I like having the long Thanksgiving break holiday.

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A longer thanksgiving break is a huge plus

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This is a huge improvement! Having a full week off for thanksgiving break would be extremely beneficial to students who want to fly home for break.

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If the last exam date is maintained at Dec 19th that gives more time to fly out. This framework also means that Thanksgiving is an actual break as opposed to just some extra days. It also makes it possible to have Orientation in weekdays that just works better.

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I think having a full week off for thanksgiving would make it much easier to travel for the holiday.

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Thanksgiving break seems to work better

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I live far away from my family so traveling for Thanksgiving break is much easier now.

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I like this framework. Having the whole thanksgiving week off to will help with finals week.

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full week of holidays, plus an even distribution of instruction weeks

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Thanksgiving break needs to be longer. The two class days before it are useless because students either skip class to travel or don't pay attention (i.e. because they're planning to leave right after class). Furthermore, a three-day

Thanksgiving break is too short to be restful, since most of it is spent traveling (i.e. to visit family) and most professors assign homework due the next Monday anyway. This calendar makes Thanksgiving break much better, without cutting too much into Christmas break. Just like F1, this calendar is also better because it adds more class days between Thanksgiving and exam week. This fixes the problem of a uselessly short last week of class after Thanksgiving break.

I like having a week-long Thanksgiving orientation because it would be easier for me to fly home - I could plan my schedule to choose more affordable flights. However, the exam period ends too close to Christmas.

lots of people cancel class or skip class for the two days before thanksgiving anyway

Reduction in exam/study period, longer Thanksgiving break leads to better class timing

Shortens exam period, moves back start of classes

The longer Thanksgiving break will be helpful - particularly for students who are assigned homework over break, or who need to travel to see their family, a longer break will let them spend more time at home (more relaxing than the short break we have currently).

This seems to be a slight improvement over the current fall semester and does well in not making too many changes.

I would prefer longer thanksgiving break over longer study period.

I think this is a great idea. The study/exam period is longer than it needs to be, and extending Thanksgiving break to a full week will allow more students to spend the holiday with their families. Additionally, the extra class days after Thanksgiving will make those days more productive.

Still shorter exam period, which may not improve the schedule, but a week for thanksgiving break is much more accommodating for international students.

I'd prefer to start later in August and go later into December.

Longer thanksgiving break allows for students who come from the west coast, south, etc (people who just don't live in NY state) to visit family. A week long trip makes more sense than 3 days.

longer thanksgiving break would be great for students who travel

Thanksgiving usually makes travel hard especially for those returning to family if its just 3 days. Also due it being close to the end of the semester it always ends up not being useful for work due to being short.

Week off during Thanksgiving gives students from further away time to go home

I like the addition to Thanksgiving Break and the timing of orientation.

I think the problem with getting home in time for Christmas still exists and the fewer days in August are still a puzzle to me. Why is the summer so short? It's longer than any vacation I ever had. However, I like increasing the free time around thanksgiving that would make traveling easier and having more days right after of class is also cool. If we have to change the calendar than this.

This schedule with a longer Thanksgiving break would be helpful to catch-up AND rest during the break before the end of the semester.

Same as before but unsure if that week break before study days would be beneficial or hindering teaching schedules

The full week break gives students a chance to go visit their families for an enjoyable period of time without feeling rushed or overwhelmed by trying to balance family time and classwork they may have.

I think that the two days of class at the start of Thanksgiving week are usually ineffective anyways. This option is better than F1 although the latest possible end dates are too close to Christmas.

I like the semester shifted later

Although moving classes later into December is generally troublesome for me, I feel having a full week for Thanksgiving Break would generally improve the semester for most students. First, it would recognize the reality that many students already do elect to simply miss two days of class and take the week off. Second it would make it

easier for students to get airline tickets home without having to buy them on the most expensive days. Third it would make the curricula of courses taught in fall semester easier, since there wouldn't be an awkward, partial week.

It makes more sense to move the 2 August class days to December, since there are currently only 5 class periods after Thanksgiving break.

This also works, I just think 8/21 is too early to start

Will allow me to travel home for Thanksgiving to see family members I may not see before Christmas if we get out later, but it works because I can study during the break too.

I prefer the longer thanksgiving break and the all weekday orientation.

The whole week break on Thanksgiving break will help us renew our energies.

Reduce the summer and delay the winter time.

Longer Thanksgiving break gives students more options.

Weeklong thanksgiving is great for most students to be able to get home. Can also use it to catch up before finals

Reduced load after Thanksgiving break should provide additional study time in addition to the current existing time for study days.

Starts later in August

A weeklong break is always helpful, and more time after Thanksgiving is better for instructors.

Thanksgiving is particularly challenging for Cornell students, who have to travel longer distances or for longer time to reach home due to Ithaca's isolation. The end of the semester rapidly approaching also means they have to spend this time consumed with work as well. This calendar helps alleviate those issues.

Makes Thanksgiving more meaningful.

Break lessens impact of more weeks

Thanksgiving break more week classes have no value. We might as well not have them because so many students are gone.

Having a full week for Thanksgiving break would allow students from farther away more time to travel home to spend time with families - often, they are unable because the break is so short. I usually go home and spend much of the time working, anyway, and a week would allow more time to spend with family, as well as more time to catch up on much-needed sleep before the intensity of finals.

Shortened study period is good. Full week for Thanksgiving is also good- allows students from farther away to go home for the holiday.

don't like starting so early in August, like starting semester mid-week to ease into it

Like F1 this calendar cuts Christmas break short, but it makes up for it by having a whole week off for Thanksgiving. As many people, myself included, take that whole week off anyway, this enables us to do that without missing class. F2 is far superior to F1. I couldn't care less about orientation. As a grad student this has 0 impact on me.

I prefer the all-weekday orientation and to echo my previous comment, the added buffer between Thanksgiving break and finals.

This maximizes time on both the August and December ends of the semester.

Makes it easier to enforce attendance around Thanksgiving and added time before the exam period starts means the last week of classes isn't lost.

While I don't have a Thanksgiving dinner to attend, I have long found it bizarre that students have to travel home and back for Thanksgiving and then home and back for the holidays with a tiny gap between. This seems like a better situation for those students.

This is the best fall option. It lengthens the summer, shortens the winter break, and gives us a longer amount of time for Thanksgiving. As a grad student who will be teaching for the next few years, this is ideal. The winter break is way too long and staying in classes longer after Thanksgiving doesn't bother me.

Getting home for thanksgiving is hard and this takes burden off of those not in the northeast

Thanksgiving break is better.

(1) Last two weeks of class days are more valuable. (2) Semester ends later, which is more consistent with other institutions

Allows travel on Thanksgiving

Less of an improvement but still wastes less time in December and is more in line with other academic calendars with respect to August

This improves the exam period, but the extended Thanksgiving break helps to make up for ending the semester closer to the Christmas holiday.

This makes the period after Thanksgiving less pressurized by putting two instruction weeks instead of one after it.

prefer longer summer break than longer winter break.

Like longer Thanksgiving break.

I'm more in favor of this one because of the added time for Thanksgiving, which gives an extra week for class afterwards. The extra days for Thanksgiving makes the few days taken away from Winter Break acceptable.

Thanksgiving break long enough to go home

A week for Thanksgiving would be really helpful.

I really like the idea of having a week-long Thanksgiving break. Many students miss class the two days before break anyways.

This option gives a full week off for Thanksgiving break (many students already take off Monday and Tuesday if needing to travel home), and extends the time between Thanksgiving break and the end of the semester.

You still have more class days after Thanksgiving like the F1, and I also think that having the full week off for Thanksgiving provides a better break for community members who would like to travel farther for that holiday.

Better to have a full week of break

This also works fine and it is nice to give the students a longer break at thanksgiving

Longer thanksgiving break

a full week at Thanksgiving will give students an actual break and enough time to travel before the stressful last weeks of classes/exam period

orientation can be one day. a week for thanksgiving is fundamentally different and allows those of us from far away to get home and enjoy ourselves.

A week of Thanksgiving break is brilliant!

Actually, I really like that we get the entire Thanksgiving week off, that would make flying out and going home for Thanksgiving a much more serious option.

great to have an entire week off for Thanksgiving. But I think I would rather have more time off in August and a 3-day Thanksgiving vacation--my spouse doesn't get that much time off for Thanksgiving anyways.

I prefer a longer Thanksgiving break

Full week off for Thanksgiving is good, does not eat into winter break appreciably.

Attendance is usually poor in the two days before Thanksgiving, so it makes sense to extend the break. Also, travel out of Ithaca airport is especially difficult when everyone is trying to leave on the same day.

This version of Thanksgiving break makes sense, and it seems to improve beginning of the semester concerns somewhat

Again, study period too long, more time in August good. I would enjoy the longer Thanksgiving break, which also helps with the awkwardness in classes that have TR labs.

A lot of students leave early for Thanksgiving break because the flights are cheaper, so it would be better if they can do it without missing classes.

This works even better especially with the extended thanksgiving break. It creates balance with spring semester.

I want longer summer break. I also like longer thanksgiving break

Class in August is silly

With three day thanksgiving people leave early which makes the first part of the week ineffective

THANKSGIVING BREAK

I think a lot of student's will appreciate the entire week of Thanksgiving off.

Most students already take the week off for Thanksgiving - this would prevent them from actually missing class.

This makes more sense than F1 to give a week for Thanksgiving break, but again, why have 2 weeks of classes and then finals after the break? Just let us finish early!

Yes, a WEEKEND move-in day is great and easier on parents. Love the full Nov week off, it allows for a real bit of breathing at a needed time.

Increasing Thanksgiving break allows more time for people to travel home and rest with their families before exams.

More class days after thanksgiving a break. Also thanksgiving break turns into a full break.

Proper break

More time between thanksgiving and end of classes, later start date for those at internships.

Students already take the full thanksgiving week off, it should be official. Breaks also seem more evenly spaced.

This schedule gives students who don't live near Cornell the option to return home for Thanksgiving break without feeling like they're wasting time and money on what has historically been a two days for travel for two days of rest. Love having more post-Thanksgiving class days and a shorter exam period.

More opportunities for students to go home for Thanksgiving break.

I also like the F2 option because it gives a full week for Thanksgiving which is a very important holiday for me. I prefer starting later and going further into December than ending early in December.

I would enjoy having more days over Thanksgiving break since most times there is work that needs to get done and you only get a couple days to relax and spend time with family. I think having the weekend before orientation to get settled would also be beneficial.

A longer thanksgiving break is a wonderful idea

I appreciate having the whole week of Thanksgiving off and more time after Thanksgiving before finals.

Having an orientation that spans over a weekend works, I believe the current orientation schedule is valid. Often times, the Monday and Tuesday immediately before Thanksgiving break are not utilized properly by both students and professors. It may be more effective if these days were moved to incorporate a more consecutive class period where they can be more effectively utilized. I do hesitate having the study/final period so close to the holidays, given the travel time it takes most students to get home. Perhaps if these two days from the Thanksgiving break

were added to the start of the semester and having the orientation over the weekend, students, professors, and faculty may be more accepting.

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Full-week Thanksgiving break!

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A week for Thanksgiving enables more people to travel home.

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A longer Thanksgiving break will allow more students to travel to see family

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A longer Thanksgiving Break makes it more feasible and allows those that require at least a day's worth of travel (especially by plane) to go home for the holiday (the short 3 day Thanksgiving break was a major reason I was unable to travel home as an undergraduate and current veterinary student).

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We have a longer Thanksgiving break and we still don't get out too late in December (although the earlier we get out in December the better).

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Longer thanksgiving would be good- make travel easier and those class days are sometimes sparsely attended anyway.