

## F2GradUnsure

I like the week off for thanksgiving but prefer a Sat-Sun-Mon-Tues study period for finals

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I like the full week thanksgiving break

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Even the breaks are larger in fall, classes extend to late December, many students travel for holidays.

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Can't see the difference

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Having the week off for Thanksgiving will improve well-being, but Dec 22nd is really late to end the year.

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I like F1 better than F2.

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Having longer time after thanksgiving is good but an extra study day in the middle of exams is often helpful.

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The longer Thanksgiving break is great and having orientation start on Sunday could work better for many parents' work schedules. The last day is a little too close to Christmas.

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As a student, I would rather "push through" the end of the semester and be able to end earlier instead of having an extended Fall Break. Also, ending exams closer to the winter/holiday break may have (negative) implications for professors and TAs working to grade final projects and exams before traveling.

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I don't really think one week is needed over Thanksgiving since winter break is so close.

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For the undergraduates (and professors/TAs), having a week off before the final push would be great. As a former Cornell undergraduate, I remember the extreme burnout/fatigue that could not be alleviated with the current Thanksgiving break... by the time you get home, endure the craziness of a big family holiday, and get back to campus, there was minimal time for recharging the batteries :-). However, as I said with the F1, I don't like the idea of finishing as late as December 22nd, so close to Christmas.

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I like the increased number of class days between Thanksgiving and exams, but I'm not sure about starting so early in August or if we need a whole week off for Thanksgiving.

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I like adding two days to Thanksgiving break. I'm not sure about the date of the beginning of instruction.

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Thanksgiving break is good. But Christmas break comes later. Like this calendar, but prefer not to start the semester 2 days later (and end 2 days later).

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Weeklong Thanksgiving break is good; starting the semester mid-week is not great. More days of classes after Thanksgiving is also good though.

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Although I am not an undergrad, I would expect that the weekday orientation schedule would offer greater structure to the process. I do not think, however, that we need an entire week off for Thanksgiving.

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I don't like the semester ending a week later in december

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I like the idea in principle, but in reality I'm not sure if having this many days off for Thanksgiving is going to result in the desired effect of students actually focussing on their family and taking a vacation. It will likely just result in staff and professors abandoning their obligations to respond to student's needs at a time when they're called upon the most to assist with clarifications of course outcomes, guidance on term papers and exam review points.

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Without pushing the start of classes a full week forward, this does not effectively increase the length of summer. While a full week for Thanksgiving may be nice, it reduces the ability to lengthen the summer effectively. The change to study and exam periods is positive.

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I feel like weekend orientation is pretty useful. The F1 changes seemed more drastic but clearly helpful. F2 seems doable, but I am not sure about the orientation changes.

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I still do not like the possibility of ending so late in December. I think many students end up taking a week off for Thanksgiving anyway...that may mean students may take off additional days for Thanksgiving break beyond the one week allotted if it were expanded? I do not think orientation days on weekdays versus weekends makes too much of a difference.

Although I agree with the idea of a full week break for Thanksgiving, I don't think the place to make up those days is after the break. I still disagree with the premise that the summer break is too short.

F2's scheduling seems better than F1. Semesters are long and the days start to get very short right around Nov/early Dec, and having some kind of break seems important for mental health. I think the variation (moving one December day to August) would be good as well, shifting orientation over the whole weekend rather than part of it, and meaning less of a travel crush right before Christmas. That being said, it might also be worth considering a week long break mid-way through Fall semester instead.

Summer needs to be lengthed, and this does not add enough days to the calendar.

This is slightly better, but the potential changes seem minimal (only shifting the start and end by a couple of days). Not sure how helpful this could be.

I disagree that it matters whether orientation is during the week or weekend. I also think that the summer break is already too long. However, I think having the whole week off for Thanksgiving is a good idea.

Same as the previous question...TAs would be forced to grade after the 22nd, too close to the holiday

I'd say that this is better than F1, but otherwise, the same reasoning as for F1 applies: I agree that the one week after Thanksgiving is awkward, but I disagree that Summer is too short. If anything, moving up the study period to start immediately after Thanksgiving would be better.

I like the extra days off at thanksgiving, but I don't like how late the semester goes

I like having a week for Thanksgiving BUT I'd rather have a later start date to the semester more.

The same as F1

Same reason as F1. May make travel during the winter holiday season more difficult.

Pro: shorter study period. Con: longer after-thanksgiving week

Again, I like the shortened exam period. But, the last day of exams is still very close to Christmas.

I like the full week for Thanksgiving, but I don't think it's worth pushing the exam period back to have a weekday orientation.

I would prefer to have a week for fall break. This is what other universities do.

Unclear to me why weekend orientation days are ineffective. Move in day on a weekend may help working parents.

same issue as previous

seems about the same

Though the increase to classes after Thanksgiving are helpful, the long break before the last two weeks seems poorly-placed.

-The change in number of class days moved from August to December seems reasonable. -The semester will end too close to the holiday travel period and make it prohibitively expensive for students (i.e. graduate students) to fly home. -Extending Thanksgiving break may enable more students to travel.

For reasons stated previously, I do not like this late of a start/going this late into December. However, I support the week long Thanksgiving break.

Having such a long break right before end of classes is confusing

Agreed no need for such a long exam period but we don't need so long off for Thanksgiving.

I don't care.

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While I appreciate the idea of a full week off for Thanksgiving break, since many students try to do that, I wonder how the adjustment of orientation will affect move in day for first year families. If you are dropping of a student for the first time, what do you do on Saturday of move in weekend? Maybe this calendar could be improved so families could move in on Saturday instead of Friday.

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an entire week off that late in the semester doesn't seem beneficial, only seems to increase the likelihood that the last two weeks of classes are treated as superfluous. again, concerns about the 7-day straight exam schedule and how that'll impact student's mental health.

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The longer Thanksgiving break is a good idea, but again the semester ends too late. I hope people do realize that a good chunk of students are not from this region and have a lot of trouble with booking travel around Christmastime. The semester should start earlier and end earlier.

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An entire week off for Thanksgiving is quite a long time, especially during such a busy period of the semester leading up to finals.

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I like the longer Thanksgiving break, but dont like that exams go later into december

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I still think December 22nd is too late for final finals. I like the weekday orientation, but not the week for Thanksgiving.

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Akward placing of last prelims before the finals?