

F2StaffAgree

I like a longer Thanksgiving break. Many students who have to travel for the holiday try to get out of going to class during those two days anyway.

Longer Thanksgiving break. Students leave town early and so those class periods are wasted otherwise.

My only concern is shortening the winter break for students that participate in non-Cornell winter classes/activities.

-full week at Thanksgiving is more realistic, it's what students do anyways. -last exam date is still too late, please move a class day from December to August. -Please extend orientation just a little bit!

This seems to make more sense in addressing the schedule compared to F1

The move-in on a Sunday is better for working families.

In reality really not that much of a change. A later start is better. Adding days to the Thanksgiving break may allow extra study/travel time - many of them are already skipping Monday/Tuesday anyway - not sure that this is a good reason for a change.

A longer Thanksgiving break is a good idea. It's a difficult time of year to travel; this gives people more options to travel conveniently and safely.

I think that the idea of move in day being on a weekend makes sense.

Many students already take extra time for Thanksgiving, especially if they live far away, so giving them the whole week reduces stress for everyone. However, having the last day of finals on December 22 creates unfair compression for grading before Winter break, especially for those who travel.

-All weekday orientation is better as offices are open, and staff is present. Gives an opportunity for students to digest material over a weekend of no orientation activities - The two day addition to Thanksgiving is a Welcome break

Longer Thanksgiving provide more student study/prep time for reduced exam period. Also better spacing between Thanksgiving and finals.

For those with long travel for Thanksgiving, this would be amazing. Allows more relaxation/rejuvenation before finals

Longer Thanksgiving break makes sense and it strikes a good balance between starting and ending early.

unclear if adding 2 days to Thanksgiving break would be helpful, better to finish earlier in December August child care day is very difficult

Moving orientation to weekdays only is super helpful to staff with children and allows new students a time to rest/reflect before classes start. A Full week of thanksgiving break will give students enough time to actually go home and rest. Having more time in between Thanksgiving break and exams will also allow students to actually rest on break. It seems most are studying during break between allow the traveling.

Like the Thanksgiving break, a lot of staff take that week off.

This isn't bad either. I like the later fall start time and the later exam end-time. Reducing the study days teaches time management. I'm not sure I approve of the longer Thanksgiving break, in terms of losing class time for teaching. I think you should aim to end finals on 12/19 or 12/20 (at the very latest), shorten the study period if need be to accomplish this, so that students can get out earlier. (I think they would rather have a longer winter break (and apparently, faculty do, too)). If students want a longer Thanksgiving break, they're going to cut classes anyway (as they do now) and many faculty also cancel classes on that Tuesday and Wednesday already. But I don't think you should make it official as it effects the end of the semester if you have to extend classes and finals too long into December. Ending finals on 12/15 (like this year) is too early. 12/18-12/20 is about right.

F2 has a week-long Thanksgiving break to give students a lot of time to rest, catch up, and study for exams. It also lets them travel home more easily. Teaching staff also get a good Thanksgiving break to rest, catch up on work, and travel. I like that there are more class days after Thanksgiving break and that the exam study period is shorter than

the current one. I also like that the F2 goes from NYS 76 to 75 -the New York State minimum. This is the best Fall schedule so far.

Longer summer, longer Thanksgiving break

My impression is that students often skip class prior to Thanksgiving break.

Gives students a longer Thanksgiving break, making it easier for students to travel

longer Thanksgiving break

This allows students who live across the country to have ample time with family for thanksgiving, allowing the "home" time to be worth the travel time and expense.

As a department manager, this seems a very workable update to the Fall calendar. I think students would appreciate having five days for Thanksgiving break. I doubt much gets done on the Mon and Tues before Thanksgiving anyway, so making it a M-F break just makes sense.

Of all I like the F2 model far better as the thanksgiving break would be a major boost for students heading into the final sessions of class. I would also mean a more work life balance potential for faculty and staff who wish to visit family and friends.

Later start date of classes is better for many reasons: longer summer, fewer child care days, adding classes in Dec. is fine. - Although prefer F1 calendar Re: Variation - this is ok, but prefer to have classes in Dec. rather than in Aug.

I like the two added days for Thanksgiving. I think students, faculty and staff need that time.

Having the week for Thanksgiving helps all with travel during that time. With the extended Thanksgiving break, students can get a head start on finals preparation which would support shortening the study period.

For staff, having child care is difficult to find in August and during the weekend orientation events (if required to work them). This schedule helps diminish that difficulty.

The change would serve to lengthen the summer. The longer Thanksgiving break mirrors the fall and spring semesters in a nice way.

For students, it seems like the first week is a great introduction to their new environment, and gives them more time to settle into the Cornell community. Additionally, a full week break at Thanksgiving is also something that all in the Cornell community would appreciate! This schedule is preferable over F1.

Longer summer, weekday orientation.

Better to have shorter study/exam period and longer Thanksgiving break.

most kids are gone for the week of Thanksgiving anyway

Thanksgiving week is short already, students are traveling that week and professors cancel classes, so it makes sense for this to be a full-week of break.

I think having the extended time at Thanksgiving break will help students not only with travel, but also stress levels. The added four days of instruction after Thanksgiving will give more time for prep for finals as well.

The full week off will allow more students to travel home

The two days before the current 3-day Thanksgiving break are often skipped by students anyway. Faculty have more time to prep for exams and grading of end of the term papers. This provides more time after Thanksgiving for students to complete projects/papers. Semester start date is only a couple days later, but this can be helpful to those with childcare issues. Still concerned about exams going to December 22 for those who travel. Can the study days be reduced by one day (one weekday and the weekend)? This would make the latest possible exam date December 21 instead of the 22nd.

For those traveling a far distance for Thanksgiving break, it would be nice to have a full week. Is the fall break necessary if you have the longer Thanksgiving break?

I like a week long thanksgiving break! I like this schedule a lot. Enough buffer time between last class and holidays.

A week off may help students reduce stress and come back fresh and more focused.

The week-long Thanksgiving break is an improvement

An all weekday orientation is beneficial to staff and faculty.

This seems preferable to F1 as less of an overall shift that still accomplishes the objective. Would any additional days off be provided to the staff during the Thanksgiving break? It seems that at least giving Wednesday off would be a reasonable gesture since without the students here that week, many faculty members will treat it as time off for themselves as well.

I prefer this schedule over F1 as it answers all the F2 motivators and relieves any question of "essential" staff having to possibly work Labor day. Moving class days to December and still getting out well before the holiday for those that have to travel still seems to work.

Orientation on the weekend is a great idea and starting one day earlier does not cut too much into the summer break for those graduating high school or transferring in. Leaving Labor Day out of the options is much better so this calendar looks better to me.

F2+S3 is the best option here, but F1+S3 is better. I agree with the comments. August's days are better for vacations. Not every student goes away for Thanksgiving.

I like the 5 day Thanksgiving break with more classes after break

The full week at Thanksgiving gives a decent breathing space for students before finals.

Extended T-giving break makes sense for many students & families.

not sure the full week of Thanksgiving is productive for the rest of the summer- too much interruption???

I think F2 improves the calendar based on the following: - lengthens the New Student orientation period - nearly 2 weeks of instruction after Thanksgiving break

Longer Thanksgiving break compensates for time students already taken when classes are not well attended. Orientation during the week is much better than weekend from a staff and student perspective.

Longer Thanksgiving break.

I like that it adds to the Thanksgiving break, still have no sympathy with faculty who have a problem with a week in August when they need childcare; they should talk to staff who earn less and deal with this issue all summer.

Summer is too short (complication for managing family members younger than college age).

I like the F2 Framework plan as long as the earliest last exam day is prior to Dec. 22, which allows students more time to travel home for the holidays.

But the improvement seems marginal in comparison to F1, which would be preferable.

I like the weekday orientation as it gives new students the weekend to settle into campus. It doesn't push the schedule too far into December.

This provides orientation days during the week, which is helpful. The week-long Thanksgiving break is a nice touch, since those two days are often wasted.

Better coincides with public school breaks, provides longer Thanksgiving break for better flexibility for instruction.

The five day break for Thanksgiving with more class days upon return makes more sense.

Students frequently leave (or want to but can't) during the entire week of Thanksgiving so maybe it should just be a full week off. I believe many other schools have done this in recent years.

I think this calendar would be better than F1. It addresses the issues that F1 addresses: it will help keep the last 7 days of instruction more meaningful. It should be fine to have exams until potentially Dec. 22nd. I don't know if it's important to have a week off for Thanksgiving and there are still many Mondays off, which can be difficult for Monday only courses. I like the shorter study/exam period.

I think I like F2 better than F1. You have long enough to orient the students (Grad students have Graduate School orientation, ISSO orientation, field orientation, etc. It would be better for that to happen in the week--I liked it better when classes started on Thursday. Lots of people are not paying attention on Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week anyway especially if they are traveling a distance home.

Students whose family/parents are more than a few hours from Ithaca end up skipping classes just before Thanksgiving to be able to catch the (few) flights available.

Although the last exam date is close to December 25th, the extra two days added to Thanksgiving break and shortening exam period works well with the change.

I agree with additional days for Thanksgiving break

I agree with the weekend Orientation logic and giving students a longer Thanksgiving break is very generous. I worry about the students that will be unable to travel home (international). Will there be options available on campus for them?

I think this calendar does improve, especially with the week-long Thanksgiving break: it does seem that many students already take the full week (much to professors' dismay). The only question that might come of this is based around staff working during that week? Would staff also still work the two days before the 3 days off?

Too many students make Thanksgiving break into a week long break that it should be an official week long break.

This is intriguing. Move-in day on a Sunday makes a lot of sense. The orientation schedule is nice. While a 2-day first week is maybe a little pointless, it is nice to start classes later than a Tuesday to give more than one day for unit-specific retreats and orientation activities. Timing of Labor Day and Fall break seem good. A week-long Thanksgiving break - wow! Not sure why it is needed, but I expect a mostly positive reception to this. The F2 variation sounds pretty good, possibly better than the basic model. Again, it doesn't make sense to me to have exams after commencement. The latest exam day is pretty late for grading. The length of winter and summer breaks seems better than with F1. (Please don't allow for only a 16-day winter break, though.)

Happy medium between current and F1. Long Thanksgiving break is nice for the sanity of our students.

It's not applying pressure on faculty and staff for orientation by doing it during the week. Giving the students a couple extra days for thanksgiving to spend with family can also be a good thing by allowing them more downtime to actually relax and be able to come back with a fresh look on things.

Prefer F1, but gains in August are helpful and having orientation during the week would have added benefit of having weekday staff on campus for orientation.

I think the F2 framework starting date is perfect and helps spread out the initial "chaos" of the school's starting so close together. I do think the later end date in December could pose a few issues for student's getting back home before the holiday's since a lot of locals also travel around that time.

I agree if winter session is not effected. Staff are more available during weekdays to help with orientation events. It doesn't interfere with staff taking care of their children/family since orientation obligations would be during normal work hours. I also think it's only necessary to have one study period. Students could use the five day thanksgiving break to decompress before exams being shortly after. Would staff get those days off as well?

The longer Thanksgiving break is ideal with more students than ever coming from overseas or the west coast of U.S.

It seems to take into consideration the needs of the majority of motivators.

A week off at Thanksgiving just seems logical and facilitates travel planning.

seems much better than F1

It gives the students a more refreshing Thanksgiving Break

I like this one better than F1. It facilitates a cleaner orientation, and a longer break at Thanksgiving.

Like the longer Thanksgiving break

Often times in our studios the final push after thanksgiving is overwhelming for students, having the extra class time would be a great improvement.

removes the two sub-par days of teaching before thanksgiving. gives students a few more days in the summer. improves travel logistics for thanksgiving break.

Parents would not have to take time off for move-in day, and more time between Thanksgiving and exams. Unsure about benefits of longer Thanksgiving break.

This also takes care of the childcare issue in August, and it gives the students more study time for finals

Thanksgiving break should be a whole week.

same reasons as for F1. F2 is preferable to me because many students already miss class time to take the full Thanksgiving week off. making this the norm would do wonders for mental health. also lengthens summer.

More time after Thanksgiving to reorient towards final papers and the end of the term.

Full week of Thanksgiving holiday.

better breaks

The current Study/Exam period is excessively long.

Weekday orientation schedule is preferable to weekend orientation. The full week for Thanksgiving travel is beneficial for students who live further away and want to go home to celebrate with their families, and is consistent with observed student behavior patterns.

Long Thanksgiving Break is great!

I like this one better. Having labor day off and a longer thanksgiving break.

This is the better of the two options, I like how Thanksgiving Break is actually a break allowing time for travel and rest before the end of the semester.

Weekday orientation is better for students when all employees are on campus and all offices open.

All weekday orientation sounds like a good improvement. I'm not sure a week long break at thanksgiving is necessary, but it could be nice. Staff should be given the day before thanksgiving off as holiday, as well. An 11 day exam period is sufficient. I dislike the 12 variation.

Makes orientation during the work week which is much better for faculty advisors and staff to manage. Move in is over the weekend which is easier for parents to come to Cornell during the weekend. Having a full week Thanksgiving is really important for students having to travel more than few hours drive. It adds some more days after Thanksgiving so the student don't just come back to have 1 week of class.

The placement of orientation is optimal, the extended Thanksgiving break will be helpful to students, faculty, and staff, and the reduction of the exam/study period is minimal. This accomplishes a lot with minimal disruption.

Extra vacation for Thanksgiving is more useful than other break times. Many students or staff travel over holiday. Students often miss class during Thanksgiving week to travel.

adds extra days during Thanksgiving, which some students already take anyway. It also adds days at the end of the semester.

adds days to summer, addresses other issues such as Orientation, Thanksgiving, etc. I like it!

Orientation is now on three week days; move-in day is on a Sunday/weekend, which would be easier for families and MAY encourage parents to leave the same day so they can return to work on Monday. The longer Thanksgiving break makes the semester more like the spring, although it remains very late in the semester (nothing we can do about that!). The exam schedule is compressed and more manageable.

Although the semester start date isn't addressed as effectively as in F1, the Thanksgiving break should be an improvement for students.

I like this even more. Many students leave early for Thanksgiving as it is. This will allow students to take a week break before the crush at the end of the semester.

Having orientation on weekdays makes more sense, as it conveys a sense of "work" or "purpose" or "instruction" and more fairly impacts faculty and staff. Allowing a week for Thanksgiving makes it easier for more students who are able to go home. But what are the plans for a much longer break for international students and those without monetary means?

makes good use of time after Thanksgiving