

## F2StaffDisagree

I don't have enough data to know why the orientation over the weekend doesn't work well, other than it cuts into staff/faculty personal time, which I completely understand. I don't know how much value there is to add two days to Thanksgiving break for students (I assume this doesn't apply to staff).

I am not convinced that an entire week off for Thanksgiving helps our student stress level.

No strong feelings. University services/employee work needs (dining, residence halls) beyond 12/22 continues to be the biggest concern.

I like the longer Thanksgiving break and the reduction in the study/exam period, but I disagree with having the orientation only on the weekdays.

Very few schools give a full week at Thanksgiving--the students will love it.

While the post Thanksgiving is better at CDS 9, the whole week before that is too much time off.

Having a full week off at Thanksgiving is disruptive to class flow, but would work better for those who take those extra days anyway. Does this work for orientation?

longer summer works, but Thanksgiving break is too long.

A week long thanksgiving break would provide an interruption in regular classtime contact at a crucial point in the semester (when students often need more interaction with the professors while working on final projects/studying for final exams)

It still pushes things too late into December, though moving the orientation days into the week makes a LOT of sense, and pushes start day off a few days later for graduate students and most faculty.

Scheduling orientation during the week reduces need for staff to work weekends and may be easier for students to consume. However, calendar start time of second to last week of August is still rather early. Weeklong break for Thanksgiving break is nice but may not be necessary as students will have an exam period that gets really close to holidays (x-mas, nye) giving dorms less time to evacuate and more expensive for students that have to fly home for holidays.

In my opinion, I am unsure that a whole week is needed for Thanksgiving break. There can be important teaching/learning done Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving allowing travel home for the students on Wednesday.

I like this calendar slightly better than F1, but am still concerned about how late the semester could end with this proposed calendar. As I stated in my comments for F1, in years when finals don't end until December 21st or 22nd, I'm concerned that staff and faculty will not have sufficient time to submit grades prior to the university holiday, especially as many people take December 24th off. Additionally, students already want their finals to be as early in the grading period as possible--how will those students respond to having finals so late in December?

I'm not sure it makes sense to have a week long break just a few weeks before the holidays. Not that I'm complaining, mind - I'm just not sure it's the best use of time. It could be - I've just never experienced a break like that. Could be interesting to try.

My rationale is the same as for F1

Not clear that a 5-day Thanksgiving break is a good idea - would need to understand why the shorter 3-day break creates more anxiety than a 5-day break would.

unsure if extra days are needed for the Thanksgiving break, as by adding two more I think the majority of students will just take the entire week

I prefer the F1 Version of Fall, but see benefits in this schedule. I worry that if you give all of Thanksgiving week off, will this become a larger University Holiday for staff, or will we be working here without students for an extra 2 days, and asked to use vacation time if we want to take that week off (Which is our current situation). If we could add the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a Holiday for all staff, that would be fantastic, and I'd be on board for keeping Thanksgiving as-is at 3 days of break, or extending it to a 5 day break for students. I still think the extended classes after Thanksgiving will be good for instruction, although my previous comment of "What happens when

Thanksgiving is super late" still stands.

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Agree with all points, except #4 and #5, which I do not know about.

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the later start date will help with child care issues in August. I think having a week of Thanksgiving break will increase the diminished interest in the classes after.

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I like the idea of a 5 day Thanksgiving break, but putting the end of the exam period on Dec. 22 sounds like it might not be a good idea, since currently it ends a week before the holiday break, and sometimes we STILL have trouble getting grades in on time. Having only a couple days will make that a nightmare. How about an F3 where students start earlier, and only go until Thanksgiving break? Then give them from Thanksgiving to New Year's off, and start them back after that. I bet that would make it easier on some with regard to travel plans and purchasing plane tickets/bus tickets, etc. to go home, and then come back for only 2 weeks, to have to turn around and go home again. Just an idea. When some of my friends went to college, that is what their schools did because it was easier on students, especially the International ones.

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I like the longer thanksgiving break but many students are international and dont even celebrate thanksgiving.

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This is slightly better but the late finish date is still problematic and unsure what the advantage of a full Thanksgiving week is.

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I realize students like to go home over Thanksgiving and this gives them a longer break. However they go home less than a month later for winter break. I prefer F1.

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This isn't something I use

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I'm unsure what August child care days have to do with the beginning of the semester: How many incoming Freshman have children and still the end of the semester is too close to Christmas.

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This also works. Having orientation during the week would make it easier to hold different programming. I am not completely sure students need an entire week off for Thanksgiving, though.

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Class schedule does not directly effect me.

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Many students can't leave campus for t-giving and then again for winter break, especially international students. The dining halls are closed over t-giving which makes it hard for students who remain on campus.

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I like the longer thanksgiving break so students have time to be home with their families but why can't we start regular time and end regular time? It's still the same amount of days. I do think the shorter study days makes since though because students seem to not use those days for what they are meant for.

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later starting dates in august - weekend orientation might be more appreciated by parents - although seems more effective for the student during the week? longer thanksgiving break might be nice but also seems odd with classes ending only two weeks later.

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I don't know enough about the issues with orientation to know if this is an improvement. I imagine the longer Thanksgiving break is nice for some people, but is it hard for people who don't have a place to go?

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This doesn't seem to have as significant an impact as F1 on the length of summer / delaying the fall start date.

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I think the idea of having a full week Thanksgiving break is nice and students will plan around it but again, the end of the semester is so close to the university break that it's hard to get everything wrapped up & prepped in time both for faculty and staff. Also, given staff go 18 weeks without a paid day off in the spring semester, we need that time around the holidays, especially if we need to travel.

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While it addresses F2 motivators #2, 4 and 5, it does not improve the issues noted by motivators #1 and 7.

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i like moving the start days by a couple of days but based on my children's experience the weekend orientation works because it allows the kids to settle in and not worry about classes just yet. I do not agree that the TG break needs to be that long. If a one week break is needed, then it should earlier in the semester

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Comparing with the previous revised calendar, it appears that the two extra days for the entire Thanksgiving week, and the two additional days in December, are the major changes. I suppose from a faculty staff view, the overlay with the Ithaca schools schedule would be the determining factor for this rendition. I don't see different impact on the student population with this version, simply start and end dates changing.

Doesn't seem to significantly improve on the current calendar.

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Is long thanksgiving that important....

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Not sure what the Thanksgiving week off will accomplish, although it would alleviate stressful travel which is outstanding!

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more instructional days after Thanksgiving; 5 day break for Thanksgiving recognizes the reality that many students will take the whole week anyway, but pushes the end date very close to Christmas

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Good - Extra days between Thanksgiving break and finals.

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I like this better than the first option. I think the full week for Thanksgiving will be appreciated by students. It may also be a smoother start of the semester. Again having exams so late in December may be tough on the students due to travel and end of the year stress/low morale

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Like F1, the ending of December 22 makes it tough for grade submission for large courses, commencement in the middle of finals, travel time for the holidays, etc. Starting later in the summer is good.

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Summer is still too short. Thanksgiving break of that size seems decadent. Will international and distant students be able to stay on campus?

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I like the idea of moving the orientation days to weekdays from weekends but do not like the idea of 5-day Thanksgivings break

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F2 has merits as does F1 that's why I'm unsure

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this doesn't affect me

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I like the way the semester begins. I'm not sure about a full week at Thanksgiving. I think students lose momentum and then it is difficult to get that back in the last two/three weeks of the semester when they need it most.

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Not sure it's necessary to have a full week for thanksgiving. And like the idea of starting later in August. But like the idea of having more than one week of instruction after thanksgiving.

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Moving the semester further into the fall would allow for longer summer internships. Having a full week off for Thanksgiving will most likely distract students for the five days of the week before instead of just the three days of Thanksgiving week.

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A large percentage of students don't come to class the week of Thanksgiving anyway so having the entire week off might be a good option although maybe they would start leaving the Thursday or Friday of the previous week. And do they really need a Fall Break and then a week off at Thanksgiving. Still don't like the latest exam day being December 22 as it causes hardships on faculty and staff. It seems that the larger introductory classes often have exams on the last day meaning a lot of grading to do in a short amount of time.

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Monday/Tuesday instructors lose more class days. I'm not aware of the shorter Thanksgiving break as an issue, especially since it's so close to the end of the semester - but I do think that shortening the study period could be cruel so a longer break might balance that (and that break is less of a vacation than a way to prepare for exam period). Fewer students travel home since it's so close to winter break, so in effect it just provides catch-up time leading up to exams. I'm neutral on this schedule.

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I do like think the 5-day Thanksgiving break and more instructional time after Thanksgiving are improvements. The need for a day longer orientation is not addressed and a Sunday move-in day would cost the university a huge premium. Perhaps if had move in day on Friday and orientation went from Saturday through Tuesday, you would have a much better schedule. You could increase the length of summer with one of the spring options.

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don't see the difference from F1

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I am not sure this adds value, or that a week long Thanksgiving break is worth the disruption elsewhere. Yes, some students who used to not go home, may now choose to travel, but how many is that really?

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Like F1, there are 7 straight days of exams without a study day, which have been considered important in the past. Also, exams on a Sunday?

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While I agree with having the entire week of Thanksgiving off, it doesn't make sense to me to start classes on a Thursday.

I do like the full week off for Thanksgiving. Orientation during the week is nice too. The exam period is still ending too late especially with proposed earlier start date.

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Can't comment on Thanksgiving break anxiety for students,.

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Thanksgiving break seems long, especially for students that can't afford to go home then, and then go home again a month later.

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A full week for Thanksgiving seems odd.

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Doesn't make a difference to me one way or the other.

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very similar to F1

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Dec 22 is really late for traveling students

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It would be great with this calendar to still have students move in on Friday or even Saturday and have orientation start on the weekend into the upcoming week. It would then more closely align with what it use to be about 12 years ago. There is more time for students to meet with faculty and for students to participate in orientation events and not feel so overwhelmed with so many demands pulling them in so many directions. Maybe the Labor day holiday could be removed and that would give us one extra day so we can finish finals a day earlier.

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Students who have to stay later in the year will probably very much appreciate the week around Thanksgiving, but for students who can't afford to travel home twice, this schedule seems not helpful.