

S1AlumUnsure

Feb break is too early

There isn't much value added in having Feb break that early in the semester. Students are still getting used to their classes and likely aren't in need of a break that early. Nice to have spring break off schedule so tickets are cheaper to wherever people need to go.

Again, the study days are important to many students. I absolutely agree with adding a senior day. It is the last opportunity for seniors to be together before everyone moves on with their lives. It should never have been taken away in the first place.

Partly agree - I agree the February break is too early. We come off of 5 weeks of break and then have another break 2 weeks later - it's very strange. Delaying it is good from a student's perspective (especially since spring break is later than normal) but I understand it "creates 2 childcare days." As a junior/senior, I like that the spring break is later in the semester as it's usually better weather than the middle of March in most places in the country. But it's inconvenient for say, freshman, who don't get to see their hometown friends during the break time (as a freshman in spring 2013, I went home for break and I was so happy to have 1 friend that shared the same break). So there are pros and cons.

Delay of February break splits the semester into three nearly equal length segments of classes

The study/exam period is shortened, which means finals are no longer dragged out at the end. There is more time between the beginning of the semester and February break.

I think there should be more even spacing between breaks in the spring semester.

February is very early- moving it back a week would be good. I think the timing of spring break is great currently (other schools/old Cornell calendar had it very early and then have 2 full months of class without a break, which is not fun). It would be nice for senior week to be another day. I would keep the exam period at 13 days - since Slope Day is the first day of study week, you essentially lose a study day.

Better placement of February break (more significant class time before break and balances breaks better) and more reasonable study/exam period

The abruptness with which February break arrives (and leaves) is distressing. The S1 framework is also more practical in terms of graduation festivities for the senior class as well as a turnaround for accommodating family and friends staying on campus for the ceremonies.

Delaying the February break would make it more useful

The delay in February break allows it to feel more like a real break from school. The compressed exam schedule is not as bad in the spring as the winter since the nicer weather makes people happier. Extra senior days are usually viewed positively.

It reclaims some of the former "Senior Week." Shortening that was one of the most unpopular decisions made when the change to the current calendar was made.

I agree with having shorter study/exam periods.

February break currently comes too early in the semester and students can't take full advantage of the time off.

Last possible exam day is earlier, Feb break is normally too early, starting one day later in January is also nice

February break is indeed too early and the study/ exam period is too long, so this seems like a solid solution.

Spring break is already oddly timed compared to a lot of other schools

I like that February break comes later. It currently comes too early in the semester. I also like the more concise exam schedule.

Not a bad idea to move February break back a bit. Unusually placed spring break works for people looking to travel with fellow Cornellians and go somewhere that is usually packed during spring break without it being too packed. On the other hand, siblings coming home for spring break from different colleges might not match up.

February break is too early. I would get exams from some classes on two weeks worth of material. It makes no sense. I do like having two breaks but it should be timed like fall break. I also think that slope day should not be on an official study day. Its not fair to the students who have exams on the first few days of the exam period.

A later February break is better

1. The February break is too early: Agreed. It's become hard to really dive into the semester since this break was established. 2. It is important to have two breaks: Agreed. The wait to Spring Break with nothing in between was always difficult. 3. Too little time to prepare dorms for graduation: I can't speak to this one personally, though I can say that shortening Senior Week was a disappointment for many in my time. That's a time to truly enjoy Cornell during a beautiful period of time. For graduating seniors, it's one last hoorah before graduation to lock in their love of and support for Cornell (which, yes, plays to Cornell's advantage financially for years to come). Adding more days between exams and commencement is a plus in my mind. 4. The study/exam period is long compared to our peers: See my notes from F1 and comments on F2. I do like S1's transition from instruction to study to finals.

February break is definitely way too early, maybe shouldn't exist at all

February break is too early, and Spring break remains strangely placed anyway.

Spring break was always too early compared to other schools. I would add the proposed variation to keep the longer study/exam period

February break is definitely too early. I didn't actually mind having a later spring break as other schools, because when we traveled costs were usually lower and places were less busy due to being out of "spring break season". Extra senior days are a plus, I was sad we didn't get a full senior week. I think it would be even better to shift a day from May to January (use the original Wednesday start date) and get an extra senior day (or study/finals day) out of it

Shorter exam/study period

The current February break is too early, but having two breaks is definitely necessary.

I agree strongly that February break is too early, but I am glad it is being kept. My freshmen year we did not have it and spring break seemed like it took forever to get to. This ties back to my fall criticism, but I disagree that the study/exam period is too long. The reason that ours is so long is that we have a really long exam period, but our study period is short. I think that a study day should be 5 days with at least 3 week days (so students don't have to completely kill their weekends in order to alleviate stress). Other than the fact that this cuts a study day, I like it.

I think delaying Feb break will make it more effective, as I felt that it occurred too early in the semester to have maximum benefit.

I like the new spacing of the Feb break, and agree it is too early currently. I prefer the variation, since I know other students and I felt stressed by shortening the exam period. That will lead to a higher likelihood that exams will be back-to-back-to-back.

more senior days, and an more equal distribution of class days between breaks.

Later February break is good. Extra day of Senior Days is good (especially after the cut from Senior Week to Senior Days, which was super disappointing -- another one of those changes that looked like it was solely made for the professors at the expense of the students)

February break is definitely too early. Reducing exam days would be fine.

February break was too early

Delayed February break, shorter exam period

Spring finals seem to drag on too long. I agree that February break seemed too early. My senior week period seemed very rushed, and I would have liked an extra day.

Even though I don't like only a two day week to start with, February break definitely needs to be later in the semester to break it up more evenly. Also, it is nice to have more time before commencement. Also, I always really liked having Slope Day on a Friday and students were probably less likely to continuously drink for ten days than if

Slope Day is more in the middle of the week.

The Feb break placement is better, but the other changes will have little effect on students.

The February break was always way too early

fewer exam days

The delayed February break is better timed - the original break is quite early into the semester.

Feb Break is too soon

February break is too early in the current calendar. An extra senior day would be nice

Moving February break makes sense.

Fall break more evenly splits the semester.

Current February break is too early. Added senior day is great!

February break is too early.

It's still going to be snowing in March. You should have the longer break when it's more likely to be warm out. There is nothing wrong with a long study/exam period. It keeps students from having to pull multiple all-nighters. I would recommend keeping the 13 day exam period or choosing the alternate start in January that yields a 12-day study period.

Spacing of the breaks is better

I did always feel like the February break seemed a little early. Good move. While the shortened exam study/exam period is still concerning in terms of students mental health, I do think this will be appreciated by seniors. For senior who have exams on the last day, it can seem like no time at all before commencement comes and goes. Seniors days are important and cherished.

February break a week later would help with putting a break closer to the middle of the semester, when the course load/exam schedule is more heavy and students need a break

More senior days is a better move!

I don't agree with starting later, but pushing Feb break back is great. Also adding an extra senior day would go much appreciated

This spaces out the breaks more evenly and gives a longer senior week (can go to more senior week activities if fewer overlap and the current calendar doesn't give enough time between exams and graduation)

I think a later Feb break is better and a shorter exam period is better as well.

More senior days are needed! flights anywhere during off time spring and february breaks are less expensive.

The current timing of the February break is too early.

February break was always too early, and then the semester was too long before there was another break.

I like the later placement of February break. The unusual spring break is fine and S1 is doing well not to change it. I preferred having spring break on a different week than most other schools.

The February break was definitely too early. More valuable to have it the next week.

The current way the study period is set up with that extra study day doesn't really help, especially if students have all their exams right in the beginning. Gives more to senior week.

I was mostly concerned about ending too late in May (because it limits the start date opportunities for internships), but having the semester end only 1 day later and having Feb. break 1 week later looks good.

Slope Day being on Friday is more convenient for alumni that want to visit. Having an extra senior day is good too.

Two breaks in spring are important, week delay seems like a better spacing out.

February break, as it currently is, is completely out of place. It was just too early to make any sense; it offered no real "relaxation" from prelims (if anything, dread for the prelims to come).

The later fall break makes the vacation more valuable to students

Long exam period is good, it allows us to take the time to review material we wouldn't have if we were just doing assignments. I like that Feb. break is a little later. I don't find an extra study day necessary in the middle of the exam period, as most people don't have exams half of the exam days anyways.

One more senior day would be much appreciated as one of the classes whose senior week was shortened substantially to days. And February break is almost certainly too soon to provide adequate relief from classes.

The February break should be later and it would be nice to have an additional Senior Day

I agree February break comes to early and would be beneficial to have it pushed back by a week.

Longer senior week.

february break is usually too early in the semester, having it later will be a more effective break for recovering and have stamina until spring break

Moving the last day of classes to a Thursday makes slope day on a Friday more feasible which makes it easier for alumni to come back to visit.

Overall, I'd say I like this. However, I think we can move the classes as a whole a week early and end the semester a week earlier. It can be hard on internships to have classes all through May.

Senior week needs to be longer. An unusually placed spring break is smart because plane tickets are cheaper.

The later February break is a huge improvement over the existing schedule for student stress. It also allows for a less condensed second round rush for Greek life.

February break was definitely too close to the beginning of the semester, and seniors will like that end of the semester better I think. Better to get more time of nice weather and to fully enjoy Ithaca.

It makes the schedule more even around the breaks. Still the two-day less study/exam period may be more stressful but I like that commencement is the same (it's hard because we graduate a lot later than most of our peers)

Bring senior week back.

I felt the first February break was too early after classes began, this is a great solution

February break is too early. The addition of a senior day is nice. I graduated in 2014 and was part of the first group to go from senior week to senior days and I know we all wished we had more time to relax with friends after exams before graduation activities started.

February break did seem to early to most students, and shortening the exam period would be reasonable.

Delayed Feb break spaces semester breaks more evenly, which will help with focus and with stress. Shorter study/exam period good. Extra days for seniors is great...time to celebrate and say goodbye.

If you are going to keep the February break then this makes more sense. There was a ton of negative feedback on the original decision to cut senior week by two days.

agree because it allows more time between coming back to school and going immediately on feb break as well as adds a day to senior week

Slope day falls on a Friday, making it easier for alumni to come back

I think the more obvious benefit is having the February break later so the two breaks are balanced within the calendar.

Like having a later February break

Breaks would be spread out better. All schools have spring break at different times anyway.

Moving February break later is definitely better. Shorter exam period is better. Extra senior day is good.

I like the later February break as the current one is a little early. In addition, seniors do greatly appreciate not having to plan around final exams when it comes to buying tickets for Senior Days so any exam day that is removed from the week before graduation is a bonus.

The short February break was too early - later date will be good. Senior Days were also too short, so an extra day would've been helpful

February break would be good moved back

Delaying February break times it with when the semester course load is building and a break is beneficial. Additionally the currently short senior week was a very stressful very short turn around time. I felt very acutely that I did not have time to say all of my goodbyes, to people and places, and pack my apartment during my graduate year (the number of goodbyes I had to say after completing my master's was substantially fewer than I had after undergrad - I can't imagine how difficult it would have been to manage it all).

Feb break should be pushed back a week. You can't have too many Senior days!

The February break comes too early in the school year. Many professors have complained about an early February break. If the break comes a week later, it gives students a chance two days to really get work done, as well as enjoying free time with friends during a more burdened part of the semester.

February break is definitely too early. Senior week should also be closer to, you know, a week.

Adding senior days is always good. The Feb break was too early.

Pushing back the February break makes a lot of sense. Having a consolidated study period works as well, albeit a condensed exam schedule that will likely lead to exams getting stacked on one another.

Feb break is too early

It makes sense to move Feb break later, and the other changes this entails are quite minor.

I agree that February Break is too early. I still feel the current length of study period is appropriate, but I agree that senior days can be moved.

I agree that February break was too early. The additional day between exams and graduation would be very nice. I appreciated the old schedule more so than the 3 days I received when I graduated in 2015.

I like the variation of S1 with classes starting on Wednesday and having a 12 day study/exam period. Having a later February break would be beneficial. Currently the break feels wasted but with it later, students have been in classes long enough to have covered a substantial amount of information and this break may give them time to study for exam or work on additional classwork. It also more evenly breaks up the time between the start of the semester and spring break.

Spreading out breaks makes the semester better. Having more time between exams and graduation is good too.

Moves long weekend in February back. Currently it is too close to the beginning of the semester.

i don't care about our misplaced spring break

Feb break delay is a good idea because it starts too early. Our spring has traditionally been in an awkward time compared to other schools.

February Break does fall too early in the semester, and the shortened exam period will be an improvement.

Shorter exam period in the spring makes sense

Starting later in January is better. Ending in a (hopefully) sunnier May is a great start to summer break. Students need to enjoy Ithaca in beautiful weather.

i like the later February break

Nothing looks super crazy. Seems to be a small change that wouldn't make too much of a difference

feb break usually feels like it comes too soon

feb break is later

I would advocate for the variation schedule but the February break looks much improved regardless.

The shorter exam period and later February break make sense. But only nominally so. It's not that much of a difference from the current framework.

Breaks are more evenly spaced.

February break has always been too early. Students rarely have started exams by then and find it nice, but pointless.

Feb break too early

February break is currently too early, and there should be more senior days