

S1FacAgree

Feb break is too early

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February work is currently too disruptive.

later fall break, longer January break without lengthening semester in May

Causes minimal disruption to current calendar. Breaks are spaced an appropriate amount.

Moves February break later

The delay between start of classes and winter break is an improvement.

A shorter study/exam period is good. Delayed breaks are good too.

current Feb break comes too early.

If we're going to have a February break, pushing it back a week makes sense. Minimal shortening Summer break for many students, but no shortening would be better.

February break needs to move later.

The short winter break is valuable after an initial period of intense work in classes. Putting it a week later when students and teachers need it more is an incremental improvement.

I agree, February break is too early.

Keeping a late January start is crucial. Many of us do research or study abroad trips during January, not to mention that Jan is a very cold and bleak time to be in Ithaca. Exam period is currently too long. Would be better to have a spring break in March, though.

A later February break makes exam scheduling more reasonable.

Current February break is too early. Current Spring break is okay. Study/Exam period can be shorter.

A condensed finals period is preferable from a faculty perspective

More equidistant breaks

The rationale makes sense to me.

Modest change, don't think it makes that much difference but does even out breaks during the semester. The main way to improve the Spring calendar (not discussed in the options proposed) would be to align our breaks with those of the local schools.

Winter break is too soon after the start of the semester. Disrupts the flow of class before even settled in.

Moving February break makes sense.

February break is too early.

yes, the current Feb. break occurs ridiculously early in the spring semester. Again I lean toward a later start for first day of classes

Slightly later February break creates more recovery opportunity for students (and faculty).

The breaks do not coincide with any breaks related to grade or high school so we don't get any advantage there. It does preserve the winter break time for international study trips, and that is important for many of us.

February break comes too early to be useful in the current schedule. This schedule preserves a decent length

January break, which is needed by faculty, staff and students — particularly those who travel out of the country over break (many faculty and students). This schedule preserves the Memorial Day graduation, which is much easier on our graduates' families and their travel schedules.

The current fall break is not really early, but students and faculty are more in need of a stress-relieving short break after five weeks than after four, so this is a clear improvement.

The February break *is* too early.

February break is indeed too early. If we're going to have a break it should be at a time that's good for the students.

I agree with the stated rationales.

Feb break is too early.

finishes earlier for jobs and frees up Memorial Day Weekend

Agree to all of the rationale part. I like a later spring break and I like less study/exam days.

Like the delayed Feb break since there is better spacing of the breaks. Fine with the delayed start and ending of the semester.

Only a little. Later Feb break is reasonable.

Maintains 4 week winter (Dec.-Jan.) break.

Starting a little later is good professionally. The positioning of Feb break seems better too.

Moving the Feb break by one week is very helpful, as the current break is too early in the semester.

a little better but probably not enough to make the change worth it.

The breaks are now more evenly spaced.

The current February break is too early, so this makes a minor adjustment to the current schedule to improve that. Other than that, this is a familiar schedule.

Not much difference, but earlier break is desirable for students. Considering "childcare" days is not relevant to most students' mental health, which is what the calendar ought to primarily consider.

more efficient

Moving the February break makes sense...

February break is way too early presently

Breaks spaced more evenly -- better for course planning and easier on the students

Agreed with all S1 motivators

The February break is too early.

Having the one extra break day on each end is better.

Spaces breaks out better

Current placement of February Break is nonsense. That said, this is not a major improvement because Spring Break is still absurdly late.

It's better, but February break is still too early.

Jan 28 works best as students will get back from International trip Jan 22 and gives them 5-6 days of rest to get back to classes

If the Wednesday start variation were chosen, this spring schedule would work better than the current schedule, because of the better-placed February break.

- Having an extra day between final exams and graduation would provide breathing room for getting final grades and checking that seniors have met all graduation requirements (in addition to providing time to get rooms ready.
- With an earlier start will there be no winter session?

Feb break is too early in current calendar, and travel is very expensive

This one is by far the best option. It keep a long winter break.

Yes, the extra day of winter recess is useful. But, the later February break is the best feature of this calendar.

The spring break is disruptive and comes too soon after the beginning of classes

Starting the Wednesday would be a good idea

The later two-day break is good. And having a shorter exam period is desirable.

Breaks are better balanced

I agree the Feb break is too early.

winter break comes too soon

More even distribution of breaks

Current February break is TOO early.

February break is too early.

for the reasons given, feb break has been too disruptively early

fewer study/exam days, but I don't know that we need to start even later than we currently do Is the last exam day correct? It looks like this ends on the same day as S2, but that says May 18/24 as last dates

later Feb break is better placed. Shorter exam period

Feb. break is too early now!

I like it for all the reasons you give. February break is indeed way too early. Also I don't mind the unusual, slightly late spring break that is out of sync with other schools. Makes it easier to travel. I do prefer starting classes on a Wednesday rather than a Thursday. There are classes with lectures M and W that would not meet at all in the first week if classes start Thursday.

later Feb break more effective

Slight improvement because the too-early break becomes a little later.

February break is too early. Reduce exam period regardless.

This Feb break works better.

The premise of the calendar seems correct to me

Current Feb break is too early

having the Feb break later is a big plus

Keeps the long winter break which is essential for faculty to be able to travel for talks/committees/grant proposals/course preparation.

. . .but not by much. The only good thing from a faculty perspective is a later early break, but this comes at the cost of more problems with childcare--not a good trade-off.

Breaks are more evenly split

No drastic changes required to our current spring schedule. Changes that are proposed here make sense to me.

I agree the Feb break is too early in the current scheme

February break is typically too early.

Spring exams seem to go on forever

S1 is an improvement on the current calendar primarily by moving the Feb. break later.

Leaves a long winter break when combined with F1 or F2.

slight improvement. I can fit a full set of Tu-Wed-Th labs in the final week.

good: better balance of breaks, shorter exam period

I agree that the current February break is ludicrous. The previous calendar architects should be reprimanded for laying this trip on the University. Childcare days?? How many are affected by this fact? Are you concerned about students (very few undergrads have kids, grad students, or professors). Up until 5 years ago there was no February break so please delete this reasoning from the discussion.

The current February break is too early.

Feb break is too early. Starting one day later is fine but not a great help.

It's a small improvement. We have an April spring break this year -- for the first time? It seems odd, but if the February break comes later it would help.

February break is currently too early

Sure, having the Feb break a week later is better but not a big deal