

## S1FacDisagree

I think it hinders the learning of our students to compress the exam period, however it would be better to have more time to grade finals before graduation. Despite giving an easier, shorter exam to accommodate the short grading time last year and working into the wee hours, I barely made the deadline to turn in grades. I don't mind moving the February break later where it could do more good.

Seems not very different....

no strong opinions

No impact in my teaching schedule

Not certain it really improves. Do agree with current February break being too soon though.

Same reason. Not sure I have used the current one. They look very similar

both look very similar

Postponing the February break is good, but S1 doesn't do much to address the late exam period and late commencement.

spring break still comes too late on this scenario; I'm not sure whether moving Feb break improves things or not.

See little of significance.

I don't think this addresses a major issue for the students, which is out late semester timing. They really are disadvantaged in the internship market.

Not much difference between current and S1. The Feb break felt a bit early this year, but utilizing President's Day makes sense.

I like the idea of having a later February break, as I find it to be disruptive when it comes. However, I am unsure about the idea of pushing classes later, since we already end so late compared to other schools.

Even though I don't have kids, might be nice for spring break to coincide with Ithaca-area spring breaks so CU members with families can take a vacation. Starting semester on a Thursday means students won't actually return to campus until the following week.

This does not seem very different, though I do like the February break coming a week later. That extra momentum build in the first weeks is good for my syllabi

I don't have strong feeling either way about the differences between S1. Either works, so far as I can see.

I'm not sure how many people are inconvenienced by adding child care days. Agree with a shortened exam period.

The current February break feels too early when there are less than 3 full weeks of classes prior to it, but I do not think this outweighs the benefit of having it in synch with ICSD break.

A later Feb break has some advantages in terms of early evening prelims that I regularly face. Shortening study/exam and a later start are not positives, but they are also not large changes here.

I see almost no difference here.

I like the study days together, and it's great that we start a tiny bit later, but it doesn't seem to make very efficient changes.

Spring Break is ridiculously late. Delaying Feb break helps--it comes far too early--but not sure if this really improves things.

Not sure why the need to start on a Wednesday vice a Tuesday in Jan. What would happen if added a study day in May as the original schedule has so you start with: 4 study days on Thursday, then 4 exam days, one study day, followed by 3 exam days? The Feb break move is a good thing as it does seem to come too soon in the semester.

I don't see what this schedule accomplishes.

Seems to have little effect

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late spring break

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Seems the same

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Not much of a change

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Not sure that this is an improvement, but it is perhaps the most conservative option. Nonetheless, I would like to point out that "breaks" for families with children are normally more a reason for stress than for relaxation. While I understand that the students should be at the center of any change in schedule, I still find it difficult to understand why in a little town with just a few school districts and only 2 major universities, there can not be a little bit more of consensus to make people's lives easier. If the Cornell and IC calendars can not be accommodated to fit the school schedules, why not to work with the local schools to have them match Cornell's break schedule? If this won't work, why not have Cornell's cooperative extension and outdoor recreation offer interesting, educational and low cost options for all of us that have children?

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Its kind of pointless its so similar to the current. Feb break should be removed.

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This seems fine to me. Changes are minimal, so I am not sure of the benefit.

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The placement of February break doesn't matter as much to me, so I am fine with either option.

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Does not seem to change much.

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They look quite similar.

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This minor change provides no real improvement, and makes the coordination with public schools even worse than it is now.

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Agree that Feb break is too early, but also good to have it agree with childcare breaks

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My main problem is with the two extra days at the end of February in both scenarios; I'd rather end earlier or have a longer break end of March/beginning of April.

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I don't think the February break is important

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I do not see the value of Feb break at all for our students.

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I agree with the academic motivation for delaying the February Break, but the two child care days are problematic.

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Not really sure why 2 breaks are needed. Also, the timing of spring break with other schools (not local) may not be as critical.

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In this calendar a Wednesday has been dropped from the front end, compensated for by the addition of a Thursday, but this makes no sense whatsoever in terms of classes that are scheduled either MWF or TR. The result is an extra Thursday class for TR classes, and a loss of a class for MWF classes. The better and more rational solution is to start on Monday and end on a Friday--not start on a Thursday and end on a Thursday. So I would simply eliminate the two orphan days at the beginning and add on the Friday at the end.

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changes are so minor I don't have an opinion

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Not that different, 2 day start week is kind of silly.

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I don't know child-care repercussions.

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This doesn't seem all that different to me.

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It makes sense to have the breaks come later in the semester. My only concern is that staff have to work on Memorial Day weekend, which doesn't seem fair. Can you start the semester one week earlier so that graduation can occur one week earlier?

This change does not accomplish much.

Our students may miss out on premium travel deals for spring break as a result, along with opportunities to connect with friends at other institutions who are on more standard calendars.

Minimal change from our current calendar

Moving one January day into May doesn't seem to address any problem, while creating new ones (again MW courses will be shorter than TR ones). It's not clear to me if postponing the february break does much, but it will certainly affect staff and faculty with small children.

Don't understand why we would move the February break from Presidents' day to a week later. This is totally nonsensical for faculty with children (does not affect me anymore but I just can't understand). Otherwise it is basically the same as current one.

i don't think that the one week delay of the February break makes much of a difference.

no big improvement in my opinion, but not worse either

Not sure that this fixes the late issues with the semester. Furthermore, it only works IF the variation is chosen. You cannot lose a Wednesday and trade it with a Thursday. Classes do not work that way.

Better that exam period is shorter. Worse that February break is delayed and spring break is out of sync with other schools (and comes too late).

No major changes. Very similar. No strong opinion about this. The good things are the breaks spaced out better.

this really is not very different from what we have now.

Seems like only a minor variation, unlikely to make much difference. The shorter study/exam period is good, though.

I think we should synch the February break with Ithaca city schools, 2017 was the first and only time I had experienced that happening

Changes here are minor in my view.

Minor tweaks. Minor impact.

Does not make much change.

Feb break creates two childcare days.

Spring starts too late. Too long winter break. February break may not align with local school district break.

I would rather just eliminate the worthless February break. There are no data to support any benefits to student well-being - which is why this was implemented in the first place.

No strong opinion either way

Moving the two day break a week later sounds good but I worry it will create problems for parents

The major difference here is the placement of February break. I am not sure shifting it by a week will make a large difference either way. I like the delay in the start of of class, but only because there is a conference that occurs then.

Two additional childcare days is a burden on faculty. Timing of first break not that critical for student

No real change overall but has more child care days

I am not convinced that we need a February break, even if it is delayed.

The change doesn't seem significant.

Later February break an improvement. Winter break is already long so not sure why we should make it even longer. Does not improve on constraint for preparing dorms for graduation.

No significant differences

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I don't think it really gains much relative to the costs (child-care days, etc.).

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Not sure this really makes a significant difference.

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Very small improvement pushing feb break back, but more could be done