

# S1GradDisagree

don't really see the difference

I like the early placement of February break and prefer to be done earlier than later.

IT makes sense to match spring break with other campuses.

The February break is unnecessary

If our goal is to allow students to spend time with their families, lining up our breaks as much as possible with Presidents Day and Easter where feasible is prudent as it allows families to travel together or otherwise spend time together. By breaking from other educational institutions this makes it EXTREMELY DIFFICULT to plan for vacations, etc.

Creates extra childcare days and reduces study days

I guess it would help to understand if starting a little earlier in January is an option. This would "push back" February break without creating additional child care conflicts. Would also want to know if an "unusual" spring break would align our break with the school district. For students with children, aligned spring breaks not only alleviate childcare, but it's a full week so there are options for family travel and activities that the two-day break in February doesn't allow for. In terms of childcare, it may also be more cost-effective. You essentially have to pay for camps in February anyway, if that is how you cover child care, since the break is only two days for Cornell and a full week for the school district. Then pay for camp again during spring break--money you could use to spend time with your kids. Two years ago breaks were aligned and I know people took the opportunity to do something special because it's rare.

No significant change to academic calendar.

Childcare is difficult enough over the fall break when it only partially needs to be covered

I like the February break where it is.

The current February break usually lines up with a chess tournament I go to over that weekend.

I think February break should fall in line with President's Day weekend because many families make plans for that time and students will likely have to skip class.

It ends too late

I think the Feb. break is in a good place. But these changes seem negligible.

There is not a significant change.

I think the major problem with the spring term is that it starts WAY TOO LATE in the year. Winter break is ridiculously long, and so the academic year ends too far into the summer for us to be able to easily get internships. This schedule does not help with that.

Would be nice to have spring break coordinate with other schools, so that mutual holiday trips can be planned.

Spring break is still too late, compared to other schools.

I cannot understand why our Spring break is significantly later than other schools. Feb break is totally useless.

Sacrificed a study day during finals

The school year runs too late - May 26. It is already difficult enough to fit summer work in during the current schedule, this would make it even more challenging!

keeping feb break over president's day makes it easier to coordinate family vacations for students with siblings in

other schools

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february break should match ICSD

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I don't like the February break being moved; extra childcare is needed and it doesn't fall on a national holiday anymore.

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As explained in evaluating the fall calendar proposal, the proposed spring revision does not address a core structural problem that too few days are permitted for pre-exam study. Indeed, by eliminating one study day within the middle of the current exam schedule, the S1 proposal worsens the situation. The S1 delay of the February break may have marginal benefit. However, I'd argue that, as in the Law School, the February break should be eliminated entirely. It serves no real purpose. Better the two days be tacked onto study week, when students can benefit from them more.

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This doesn't look like the semester starts on Wednesday, rather Thursday, which makes little sense to me.

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I think the Winter break is still too long (compared to our peers). Spring semester could start the Monday of that week in January, which would give more time between start of classes and February break, and the timing of February break wouldn't need to change and cause the other issues stated in S1. I don't think that study/finals period should be compressed, and I think it is important to keep a study day in the middle of finals period to give students an opportunity to recharge and prepare for their next finals; having seven days of finals in a row would be incredibly stressful for many people.

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An awkward spring break makes coordinating visits with family and friends from other schools difficult. Since the semester can become very busy and draining quickly, I do not feel like the February break is too early. It's nice to be able to reset after the first few weeks.

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I think it's better to have a longer study/exam period with more study days interspersed throughout than to have all the study days at the beginning with the exams crammed together in a short time period afterward.

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I agree that February "break" comes too early, but it also is a pointless "break" anyways.

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I prefer an earlier February spring break.

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It works well for February break to coincide with President's Day weekend because of childcare days but also for students who want to coordinate travel over the break with partners or family who have time off for the holiday.

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The semester may end even later, which is restricting for summer research projects.

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I don't think the changes result in a big enough difference to help with any of the problems listed under "S1 motivators."

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It is better to have the February break match with the federal holiday.

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It isn't better or worse than the current one.

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Winter break should be shorter. Having a shorter exam period in the spring just makes things more stressful.

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I like the February break corresponding with Presidents' Day. I like the April Spring Break. But shortening the reading/exam period is a good idea.

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Honestly, I'm not sure what is problematic about the timing of February break. It seems fine to me.

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Not in favor of pushing February break later, as it will no longer coincide with the President's Day holiday and would require 2 childcare days.

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I think February break is in the proper position, no need to move

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The main problem I see with this Spring proposed calendar is for students like me that have children. My son goes to one of ICSD and they give him a full week break on February. If the February break is not synchronized with the ICSD February break, in this calendar, I will have to pay for a full week of child care. So, I'm in favor of keeping February break the way it is.

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Doesn't change too much.

The extra senior day is nice for students who will graduate, but shortening the exam period puts way too much pressure on students living in dorms to move out on time. During my time as an undergrad, that pressure to move out and the stress that it created significantly negatively affected my ability to deal with final exams.

Summer needs to be lengthened, and this does not provide enough extra time for summer. Students will not be able to get 12-14 week internships, and will not be able to volunteer for orientation or relax after their summer job.

Several companies have specific internship start dates for cohorts and they usually overlap with the Cornell exam schedule. It would be helpful to see what schedules competing schools follow.

Unusual Spring Break!

Having a spring break during a different week than other schools makes traveling to conferences, RAVS, etc very difficult.

My spouse gets Presidents' Day off.

Too little time between finals and graduation.

would be great to end the semester as early as possible to help early internship joining.

February break childcare.

I don't think it is a good idea to reduce the study/finals time.

The only improvement is the later February break, but my main concern with the spring schedule is starting so late in January and ending late in May, thereby making the summer short. This is only marginally better than the current schedule, so I would overall disagree that this is truly an improvement (i.e., the timing of the February break is a minor issue).

As a graduate student I don't take fall break "off" so when it falls has no impact on me.

I like the longer study/exam period to reduce stress.

The timing of the S1 framework creates too much of an irregular schedule.

February break is fine where it is, and this does nothing to lengthen summer break and shorten winter break.

Pros don't seem to outweigh the cons

Gets out too late in May.

Childcare days are a significant extra burden

Mostly because S2 is way better.

Why can't our spring break be at the savma symposium dates like most other vet schools?

Cuts too far into the spring field season and summer employment. Wastes time in January

I don't see the value in February break because I'm a graduate student. However, I'd rather the semester start earlier and keep the breaks where they currently are. In this sense, February break won't seem so early.

It is unclear what benefit this change has. A difference of one week for the February break, in the context of the lack of other significant changes, does little to improve the schedule.

It takes away study time during finals.

February break closer to mid-term does not feel like a break and will end up being exhausting.

Creating a schedule that makes two additional childcare days seems like it could be unnecessary extra cost for the University.

The break should be during President's Weekend, regardless of when it occurs, due to the federal holiday.

Not that big difference (only 1 day different)

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I like the early feb break

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It would be inconvenient to have a February break that does not align with the Presidents' Day holiday.

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This doesn't add any significant changes to the current schedule.

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An insignificant change. I think it would be better to start classes earlier

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Too difficult for those who need child care if the break doesn't line up with kids school break.

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What break is in February right now? We should get two breaks in the spring, but otherwise I don't really understand the advantage of the S1.

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Goes way too late into may

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I would like an earlier start to the semester

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On board with a shortened exam period but do not like the late spring break. Prefer to keep Feb where it is and move spring break up a week.

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I think the original spring calendar is good

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i like having a longer exam period

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Spring break is at the wrong time, only move Feb break doesn't help it.

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It's beneficial for the student mental health to be home around the same time for spring break as their friends

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Cornell already starts classes way later than any other school. Winter break is too long. Everything could be shifted earlier one week and then spring break wouldn't be at a different week than every other school

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Study period should not be shortened.

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No! This childcare burden is severe for graduate students and faculty. I like the shorter exam period, but not at the cost of holding Feb. break over Presidents Day. Also, why have a senior day? What's the point? The entire UG population takes the days before/after Slope Day off, anyway. They don't need additional breaks.

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Spring semester starts too late