

S1GradUnsure

I agree that we have a rather long exam period. I'm not sure how exactly this would be fixed, since exams times are decided ahead of time and they're not self-scheduled, but I would support a shorter exam period (in both fall and spring), if it wouldn't intervene too much with pushing both fall and spring to finish later than they already are.

I still very much dislike the shortened finals and study period. But I definitely like the later February break since it feels too early right now.

dont see much of an improvement

February break is too early, but this doesn't do much overall.

Both pretty similar

difference is negligible

This doesn't seem significantly different from the current schedule. My graduate program does not observe the February break, so its placement would be irrelevant to me.

February break should be later, but I have qualms about removing the break day from finals.

I like delaying the February break, but also like starting on Wednesday.

I appreciate delaying February break, but I am unsure if S1 improves on any of the other motivators listed.

I don't think it matters when spring break lands as long as there is a February break. I don't think it matters when that lands either. There will always be stress of getting work done before breaks.

No real significant differences

Non-ideal spring break consistent between both options Less good to have Feb break on non-holiday Don't mind shorter exam period (but as a grad student, this impacts me less than the undergrads) Indifferent to January start date

It is true that February break is a little early, but currently that puts it before the first prelim season, whereas the change puts it in the middle of the first wave of prelims, plus the extra childcare days is inconvenient. Shortening the study/exam period is good though.

I would personally like the one week delayed Feb break to spread out the breaks but moving it away from President's day seems inconvenient for those who are balancing childcare.

The main change seems to be moving february break, but I don't think one week makes that much of a difference.

February break is already a privilege, compared to other institutions, so why move it? Childcare days place undue burden.

It's similar to the current schedule

If anything semester should be starting earlier, the semester goes way too far into May

I have no opinion on this schedule.

February break does come too early in the semester. But this option has the disadvantage of the Thurs/Fri first week. The position of spring break is not a concern for grad students.

spring break is still too late

I prefer the later February break in S1 but I am not sure my preference is strong enough to justify imposing additional child care cost on other people.

February break does feel early but an extra childcare day is a hassle

Agreed that the February break is too early currently. But not sure why it was created in the first place (when I was

an undergrad, we just had spring break, and it was fine). Why not do spring break (a full week) earlier in the semester, and then a long weekend in early April, around when Easter and Hanukkah fall?

Seems about the same.

I like the current date of the February break. I agree with reducing the study/exam period.

I am indifferent between these two schedules.

Pretty ambivalent between these two. Would prefer to start the semester a bit earlier.

Shrinking the exam period is good, but moving fall break off of a national holiday makes it align less well with days non-university employees get off work, making vacations and travel more difficult.

I like the placement but I would prefer a short exam period, and to start earlier and end earlier.

both work.

I don't see the difference between these two calendars.

My program does not use this schedule, there is no February break and spring break is in March.

I do not think February break is too early, and if moving it also creates two child-care days, then definitely keep it where it is. I think Senior Days should be a priority, so ending the exam period a day earlier is helpful.

Basically the same except winter pause is moved

They are similar.

Moving February break to a week without a national holiday seems detrimental, for those with children and for those planning to visit anyone who works (family or friends). I don't think these changes provide any advantage over the current schedule.

I don't see Spring Break being moved here at all. Am I blind? Moving feb break makes a lot of sense to me. The rest leaves me indifferent.

Never felt that the February break was too early.

Unclear what the benefit would be

Later February break would be better, but Spring Break is unaddressed

I am not sure what this really approves or accomplishes other than adding one day to the already long winter break for reasons that are not articulated or clear to me.

I like keeping the February break. But I don't know why this S1 would be any better than the current calendar.

I do like the idea of changing February break to one week later, but not with shortening the study period.

S1 may be an improvement because breaks are more evenly distributed throughout the semester's class days.

No preference

The same as F1

These are equivalent for me

as a graduate student, we don't observe february break so this isn't relevant to me. it does seem to space out the semester better from a pure numbers point of view.

The february break should match the rest-of-World carnival dates (feb 12 and 13 in 2018)

Does not really change much.

When classes have midterm exams at one-third intervals, the current February break gives some time to pause and absorb the material before the first exam. However, it could be equally nice to have the break after the first exam in order to make it more restful.

don't think it makes a lot of difference

Not very different, although the later February break is nice

I am agnostic about the break placement and additional time before commencement

No real opinion on this one.

I rather start summer break sooner

I don't care about February break

Can't tell the difference

The changes seem largely insignificant.

solves some problems, creates some new problems

Don't care. Vet college doesn't have a Feb break, and our spring break is scheduled by our distribution schedule.

Not much difference.

Fall break is a little too early now but it's convenient that it falls in line w an existing holiday.

Makes very little difference to me

Not really clear what the significant differences are for students.