

S2AlumAgree

I like that the finals week is shortened, which avoids dragging out exams. I like the reversal of the breaks, leaving spring break long and a shorter break when the weather is nicer.

Spring break is at a better time

Reversing the order of the breaks would better align the calendar with our peers and could allow Jewish students to go home for Passover seders or Christian students to go home for Easter depending on when the second break falls
Spring break in March is way better, nice to overlap with other schools and a good time to leave the cold weather!
The other changes also make sense (like a shorter exam period) but aren't as important in my opinion.

Spring break is far too late, even with the short February break in between.

Although the spring break is early, it is not unusually early compared to other schools and there is a break afterwards that may help students relax or refresh before finishing their classes.

Makes much more sense in terms of break placements

A break in april is nice

I like making the 2 day break a Thursday+Friday break. I think Monday and Tuesday are more valuable days (such as more office hours held these days than Friday). I don't particularly like shortening the study period though, and would rather start one day earlier in favor of one more day in the study week. I think there is more value to having "whole weeks" during the semester than there is in the first and last weeks, when you are respectively going over syllabi and wrapping things up. That lab/discussion hours you have during the semester are more valuable.

I believe this framework allows for more substantial learning time in February. The new spring break date is also better aligned with other schools. The later 2 day break can also help students be home for either Easter or Passover depending on where it is placed.

This is good. I think you meant to write that it starts on a Thursday though, not Wednesday (at least as represented in the image)

I like the earlier spring break. I agree 2 breaks are good. However, maybe just splitting that 4-day weekend and turning it into 2 3-day weekends would be preferable. I remember feeling as a student that those little breaks that we got in the fall were very helpful and much appreciated. I always wished we had more little "breaks" like 3-day weekends to break up classes a little here and there and I think it would help reduce stress for students -- it would just split that 4 day weekend.

Having a normal spring break would be good for traveling with friends that go to different schools. I still think slope day should be a separate day from study period.

Better with the earlier Spring break, but I still don't think it is necessary to have two breaks.

I think a break in April will be more effective in helping managing stress than one in Feb, so close after Cornell's relatively long winter break. Plus the April break will likely fall right within prime prelim season, so again, I can imagine really taking advantage of a breather around then.

I always thought the first half of spring was just brutal, the weather's bad, there are no longer breaks until spring finally comes, and once it does come you don't have time to enjoy it

The earlier spring break might be a bit weird, but I think I like this better overall because it allows a solid chunk of time before any breaks and then the second short break comes in right when you need it during the last part of the semester. Maybe it's better to have a shorter break later because the mindset is different: at spring break you sort of check out for the whole week and pretend you don't have any work (maybe a bad thing later on) whereas a shorter break might be used more to catch up on work and sleep, helpful at that point in the semester.

Early spring break is better!

I appreciate the longer senior week. I also like the shift of both breaks later, since evenly dividing the breaks doesn't consider the fact that academic stress seems to increase somewhat linearly; they should be later. Many students will appreciate escaping Ithaca earlier and having a break that aligns with other schools'.

This is the best one yet! Personally, I like having a large chunk of classes, and having the breaks closer and closer together towards the end. A February break is too soon. An April break actually has a chance for good weather. It would also be nice to have a Spring Break that overlaps with other colleges so that you can visit any friends and/or family at other schools. Definitely add more Senior Days. Then there is a chance the grades will all be in before graduation.

Glad spring break is moving up on the calendar.

Moving spring break earlier has multiple advantages: it coincides with breaks at other schools, it allows students to get out of the Ithaca winter for a week if they so choose, it allows plenty of time to catch up on class work before it becomes overwhelming.

Great idea

Much better than current or S1. Winter break is unneeded. Would much rather have two days off toward the end of the semester.

February break is too early.

I'd give this a shot, always felt our spring break was a little late.

Addresses all the issues I described for S1 apart from the study period length. Students get to go home early for the summer which can subjectively compensate for the reduced study period length.

Yes add a senior day! Also other changes good like shorter study exam period but better organisation of breaks to support academic success

normally timed spring break and two breaks needed. break in April is more likely to coincide with Passover to help people be able to be with family during that time. also more senior days are needed.

This would allow Cornell's spring break to be more in sync with other schools, I think this would be an improvement. It'd still require re-tooling of syllabi, but that needs to be done either way for spring classes.

breaks are timed well, earlier spring break, no need for feb break after coming back from winter break,

I like the break switch, starting on a Wed, and extra senior day. and 12 day exam/study, not 11

I like that Spring Break is earlier and the other break is closer to second prelim/finals time (when things get hectic)

Reasons that you provided in the rectangle

Earlier spring break could be better timed with peer schools, although weather could be a concern barring continued climate disruption.

I agree to the extent that I feel like early March is the appropriate time for a break. Also, the two-day break in April works too.

This might be better than S1 because the spring break is more strategically placed compared to other schools. Additionally, it's nice to have another break before finals, when students start to get burnt out.

Longer senior week. No class on Slope day (Friday).

Having a Monday study day before exams is helpful. Moving spring break to the same time as our peers is beneficial.

Agree on the condition of the 12-day exam period variation being adopted.

Moving Slope day to a Friday is better for alumni. Otherwise I don't see much benefit to this.

I like the logic behind the earlier, longer break and shorter, later break. But, I think people would be upset about Cornell's break not matching with the break of other schools. I don't think most people would have the opinion I have that S2 improves upon the current calendar.

Senior week!

Having an earlier Spring Break makes sense. The long weekend in April should coincide with Easter/Passover.

I like the idea to switch the breaks - that would put us more in line with other universities. I disagree with shortening the study period again, though.

Travel for a short February break can be difficult due to weather, but s2 corrects this.

This does not seem much different than S1. It was nice to have Senior days, but I would keep a longer exam period (variation).

Spring break is at a more reasonable time, and the 2 day break after that splits up the second half of the semester nicely. Finals week and study week are also set up more logically

At first was perplexed by the idea of switching breaks, but after thinking about it, I love the idea. Yes, the weather will be different, but most will travel anyway. A shorter break later in the semester will let students enjoy the warming weather while still keeping focus on upcoming exams and deadlines for semester projects. Shorter study/exam period and more senior days good.

Slope day falls on a Thursday, making it easier for alumni to come back; good number of senior days

The earlier long spring break seems beneficial for students and the academic calendar.

Things I like about the S2 framework: - Reversing of the breaks - More senior days Things I do not like about S2 Calendar: - Study days distribution - Spring break is too early

This follows what most other schools do! Makes beginning of semester less broken up. Better option all around

Again, I do not like the removal of a study day during finals. I do like that spring break would be aligned with other universities.

This makes a lot of sense and has spring break aligned more with what other universities do. I like that it doesn't push the semester to end too late.

i like the current start date, i like the earlier spring break and keeping the 2 day break, i don't mind the later graduation time

Spring break is better

Yes!!!!!! the first two weeks of March are always the WORST in Ithaca- you expect it to start warming up but it is cold and miserable. Get the students out on a long spring break earlier in March ! This makes so much more sense Making Spring break earlier would allow students to recharge after the short new member education period of Greek life.

Agree on positioning the breaks for the best academic outcome. Advocate the variation for students with demanding course loads.

I think the long break just before the middle of the semester could be useful academically.

As an institution of higher education, changes to the calendar should support what is best academically.

Like this Spring semester best. I think having Spring break at a normal time with a long weekend later on will help manage the stress of the semester.

Longer winter break

It is interesting and radical. It is true that the spring break is too late after changes made under Skorton's administration. There were reasons the calendar had remained fixed for many years.