

S2AlumUnsure

Drastic change. If new spring break location matches other schools better, could make sense. But the longer break farther into the semester seems like better placement (S1) current students may have better insight into their preference for when a longer break is most needed

Agree with adding one Senior Day

It depends on how the week-long spring break lines up with peer schools. If it does, the schedule could work well.

Spring break is super early..

I like the idea of an earlier 5-day break--any catch-up work could get done then which would make the rest of the semester go more smoothly -- especially in cumulative courses like math/science. But cutting the study days, for the reasons mentioned above doesn't make sense to me.

The breaks lengths are switched, but I still wish spring break fell on Easter so I could spend it with family.

The break reversal is interesting and I'm not quite sure how I feel about it, I like the idea of having an earlier spring break because it allows students to participate in conferences that are planned for spring breaks and increases the likelihood of students being at home as some of their friends to catch up and hang out during the break. Moving the two day break to April is also nice because the breaks come closer to when students need them but it is very different from the current schedule and might throw people off. Again, classes should start no later in the week than Wednesday, ending on a Thursday is an improvement but exams scheduled over the weekend are and annoyance and come across as inconsiderate to religious students.

I didn't have any problem with the spring calendar. Switching these breaks is a bit drastic...but it's not a horrible idea that I'm against. Just different.

Better to have the second spring break longer rather than vice versa

I'm intrigued by switching the order of the 2 breaks. The potential issue is bad weather for students to travel in early March. Although I don't celebrate Easter, it would be nice to have a break around Easter weekend for students who celebrate it.

This idea has potential. I personally like having a shorter break first and then a longer break when I'm more worn out, but this makes the split between breaks look more even. Again, I like the variation better to start on the Wednesday and either get a 12 day study period or an extra senior day. Another thing to consider: I took ice climbing as a PE class, and we went on a three day trip over February break (one of my favorite experiences at Cornell). This obviously would probably not happen in late April due to the snowmelt, and I'm not sure what the interest would be in a week long trip or a shorter trip that cuts into spring break, so you couldn't really do anything that for the rest of it. I think there might be other PE classes this could impact (for better or worse), so it would be worth looking into. COE is a great program and I wouldn't want to disrupt that.

I like the spacing of the breaks better, but more of a break as the semester picks up is nice in terms of reducing stress. I prefer the variation for the reasons stated for other calendars.

Important information not given: when do other universities have their Spring Break? Cornell's might end up too early instead of too late.

might be a good idea to move Spring Break forward but not entirely sure.

Reducing the finals / study period makes student life incredibly difficult. It becomes nearly impossible to space exams out so they do not happen adjacent to each other / on the same day. February Break has always been way too close to the start of the semester. It provides little respite from classes as they have barely started at that point. Adding a day to senior week will be a good addition for students. It is fine that the semester would start one day later

I do like the idea of switching the breaks. Though if there is only a short break in April a compressed study/finals would be even more difficult as people can start working on final projects during spring break.

Seems like a very long stretch between the start of the quarter and the weeklong break. Typically it seems the longer break is more beneficial later in the quarter when students are feeling worn down.

Having a later spring break I think was actually more helpful because the stress level built as the semester progressed, so the longer break helped alleviate it

I'm not sure what affect reversing the breaks would have.. although again I do like the extra senior day. I personally liked having a later spring break as it is generally warmer and it meant that you were closer to the end of the semester.

I don't like switching the duration of the breaks or the shorter study period but the longer senior week and the better spacing out of the breaks is good

I am unsure about how these breaks would feel as a student, but it looks like it would be a good option.

I do not like the idea of a shortened study period.

I like having a longer break near the end of the semester because classes get more stressful as time moves on, but the timing of the breaks might actually be better for courses.

Everything else besides cutting study period is fine.

The earlier week long break may make it impossible for students to spend a break with their family if they have younger siblings with later spring breaks.

I think both calendars are ok. I might lean towards the current one. I say this because in the current one your first break is short and your second break is longer (which will help if you start feeling burnt out/overwhelmed). In the new proposal, there is a week long break after one month of classes, and in month two there is a two day break. Two days that late into the semester may not be enough time to re-asses and tackle any challenging projects or concepts students are struggling to do.

I think the pros are that students are more stressed by March than by Presidents' Day weekend. However, March 5 is early for a real spring break.

Since Cornell starts its spring semester later compared to many other schools, having a week-long break so early may be unnecessary. This could work, but if I were still a student I could see myself feeling like I didn't quite need a full week that early in the semester since I'd just come off a long winter break.

Improvements on Exam Dates: 2 study days, 3 exam days, 2 study days, 4 exam days. So there is time in between to adequately prepare depending on how exams are scheduled. I don't know if this is possible but have: Feb 20 Break (1 day, so 3 day weekend), March Spring Break March 19-25, April 17 Break (1 day off, so 3 day weekend)? Or something similar? This gives students equally spaced out breaks and needed rest.

That is a very early spring break. I like that Senior days is longer, I think it should be a week like it was before.

The plan for Spring break is good - it should be earlier, and this aligns with breaks from other schools. But again, can't agree to a plan that consolidates study week. That week is essential.

not sure about reversing the breaks i agree that spring break is too late compared to peers, but not sure if getting rid of feb break and moving it later is right choice.

Adding senior day is good. Reversing the two breaks is a big change. In theory I would prefer having an earlier spring break, but seeing it on paper is jarring. The New spring break is a little early for such a long vacation I think. Could you push it back a week?

This break schedule seems weird but it might actually work. The first break seems kind of early, but the second break works well. Not sure how I feel about it.

neutral

This would be a very big change, however I can see the benefits

Love the extra senior day. Having a later spring break is nice. Give more time to plan.

switching the breaks would be a bad idea. The whole point in the February break is to have a small mental health break until Spring break but i think the semester gets more difficult as it progresses so having a shorter break later may be ineffective.

this spring break plan may line up better with other schools which most students would appreciate

I tentatively like this, but that's a /really/ early spring break, not sure about it

INSUFFICIENT DATA. This calendar is enough of a departure from the current one that there's no way to tell if it's better or not. The shorter exam period is still a good idea though.