

S2FacUnsure

The winter break is still too long in this model, although I like putting the week long break where it belongs, when the weather is still poor and more towards the middle of the semester.

I believe that student learning would be hindered by switching to a compressed finals schedule, but am in favor of additional time between the end of exams and when grades are due. (I explained on the previous page that, despite giving a shorter, easier final to allow for a small amount of time for grading, I almost didn't make the deadline after working flat out.) Moving winter break to a mid-spring break might not be a bad idea.

don't have a strong opinion on this one either

Why the same question?

I don't see why moving the order of the two breaks is a good idea The spring break is not too late, and I don't see why coordinating spring breaks with schools that start much earlier is so important.

This should be based on general student valuation and, particularly, input from Spring athletes and coaches. Our teams do sacrifice a lot, already, with the early (for Ithaca climate) Spring schedule.

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.

Spring break in early March is weird, but it could work.

Reversing the breaks seems to be less disruptive and give students a break when they need it. They still don't match with secondary school breaks. Shorter exam study period seems better

I don't have strong feeling either way about the variations in the S2 schedule. I agree, in all new possible scenarios presented, that study/exam period can be reduced. Switching the order between winter and spring break seems plausible to try

Appears to maximize child care issues.

The notion of switching the breaks is interesting; students do feel tremendous pressure in the weeks prior to our current spring break and clearly have some difficulty "making it" until then.

unclear what the best placement of week-long spring break would be for students

Reverse order of two breaks is an interesting idea and would lend itself well to the semester academic goals. However, Spring break would not really feel like "Spring break" since it'd still be wintry.

Either is fine for me.

Seems the same

I find it more reasonable to have a short break first and reserve a week-long spring break for when the semester is starting to weight a lot on all of us (students and faculty). But in all fairness, this schedule is more reasonable in terms of scheduling prelims (the rule that work should not be requested of students during the break is a killer for scheduling prelims). This option, though, is even worse in terms of families with children.

It is a long haul from spring break to the end.

It is pointless to move around the 2 day break - these are such a waste of effort since they are routinely disregarded.

I think the one week break later in the semester makes a bigger difference for the students. On the faculty caregiver side, might we consider matching the two days break in April with the public school break. For 2016 and 2017, the school week long break followed the Christian holiday of Easter Sunday. However in 2014 the kids' spring break preceded Easter Sunday. I don't know if they have switched or if it changes year by year. Might the committee inquire about this.

Personally I think the current Spring break dates make more sense, but I don't think this is too bad either.

I feel having a long break so early in the semester won't balance the weeks well, but I could see it working either way.

Better in some respects but Spring Break would seem to come awfully early.

By mid-March or April, one is really fried (whether student or faculty) and the Spring break is very very welcome. But it might have less of an effect earlier on, when one isn't quite fried enough.

This might work but the breaks do not coincide with anything at the grade to high school level. So anyone with children don't get to take advantage of the time. Other than that, it preserves the time in the winter break that will allow for the international study trips that are routinely conducted in the period.

Don't have a preference for when the breaks are positioned.

Same as before

No strong feelings about the positioning of the breaks

Spring break will be more in line with other universities however the later two day break in April will still make scheduling classes/exams/assignments difficult

The February break is just right. The spring break could be moved to one week earlier. It is not important to keep pace with Ithaca schools. Many faculty do not have children, or they are grown up.

Spring semester still ends too late for biologists conducting field work.

This ordering of breaks does not seem preferable to the current ordering, but I am stating "unsure" since the committee seems to think the average professor thinks this is "what is best academically." My main concern is that summer is too short, and this calendar reduces summer by one day.

I agree that the current February break is early, but the solution to that seems to be to postpone by one week. S2 just switches the long and unbroken period to an earlier time in the semester, which doesn't help a lot.

I am not sure about shifting the two breaks

Are the two days off in April centered on Easter?

switching order seems good but I can't elucidate why I agree spring break brought in congruence with arizona state and the internet says arizona state is good at spring break

I think having the longer break earlier does not make sense given that they have already been through a long winter break.

That's a really oddly placed Spring Break...

Interesting experiment. I'm not sure what I think. What is most important to me is for the spring breaks to line up maximally with ICSD schedule.

Losing a Wed class period is a disadvantage, but moving the February break may balance the semester better.

Does this line up breaks with public school break calendars? If not, I am neutral. Lining up school breaks is the most important issue to me.

In this schedule, staff continue to have to work on Memorial Day weekend.

It's important to have 2 breaks but it'd be nice to have a longer break (spring) later, when it's spring. Preferred S1.

February break works better in first option.

START EARLIER, don't shrink the finals week.

it may be better to start a semester one week earlier so that students can attend internship better.

This is a better option than S1 in that it ensures an equal number of instruction days for both the MW & TR classes. I also think 27 - [5] - 23 - [2] - 19 class day streaks, with a longer break coming first, might provide a more effective rhythm for instruction.

interesting concept; not sure about early spring break

This works better than S1 for me, especially if it is tweaked to reflect Easter and/or Passover each year.

Nah. The current is okay

It seems like this makes Spring break kind of early. I doubt this Spring break matches up with that of any other college but maybe I'm wrong about that.

that spring break is really early, I do like the reduction of study/exam days

I would not enjoy a long early spring break that happened in winter.

Please dont delay the start of the semester any further!

I prefer the week in March, well after the semester starts. This gives those that want to celebrate Easter away from Ithaca the opportunity to. However, this creates child care problems for families with school age students.

Not much impact on academic programs. The timing of the breaks might be a matter of taste.

Neither one of them is very good.

late short break makes more sense, but don't really need it.

this could be an improvement. It allows students to get out of town on a week when there is both a lot of stress and our weather doesn't help their morale (usually). I's still like to see what it would mean to align our semester with the spring ICSD calendar. There more I look at this one, the more I think it is an improvement

Does not say if/how it is related to publish school breaks

The "long" break is too early

I'm unsure whether an entire week of break prior to the middle of the term would seem too much too soon. I'm unsure about the small relief (2 days in April) during a 9-week stretch of the semester. (In my view, the second half of the spring semester is the most difficult stretch of the academic year.)

Neither break overlaps with public school breaks and is therefore not family friendly. S2 would be better if second break was coordinated with school break.

An improvement, but Spring break too early. We don't need a 2 day break in April!

Addresses problem of long break being too late in the semester. However, further lengthening winter break seems to go in the wrong direction.

No signfiacnt differences

The summer is too short. Move august days to December. Don't start classes on a Thursday. Two day break is disruptive to schedule. 1 day break is worse. Full week Thanksgiving break is good.

A slight improvement if it's possible to get out of Ithaca for the earlier spring break. This calendar could go either way -- an improvement or the opposite.

Could the spring break be just in the middle of the semester, without the April break? It seems to make more sense. The February or April break seem too short for anything.