

S2GradAgree

It would place spring break at a better time for students.

I don't think a break is needed so early. This may work to have a small break later.

Fixes the useless February break (too early) and adds decompression time before the high-stress semester end.

This is such a good idea!!!!

I think an earlier Spring break is more appropriate.

Spring break is earlier, and there's a break by late fall

Spring break is more traditionally placed, the 2 day break is in the spring with a greater chance of warm weather. The original position of the 2 day break was too close to winter break.

There is less academic disruption with this proposed change. Spring break in April makes the end of the spring semester very stressful.

Spring Break is closer to when other schools have it so students can coordinate with friends outside of Cornell. A shorter break later also ensures students won't become too distracted in April/May when it's close to finals.

Distribution of breaks is an improvement, as is the shorter exam period.

Switching the order of the breaks seems reasonable and I especially appreciate the possibility of having a break adjacent to the Easter holiday for travel purposes.

February break disrupts momentum built early in semester. Time later on will allow us to work on the bottleneck of work late in the term (ie. term papers, pre-lims, etc.). Also, current placement of spring break falls on Easter. Flights and travel cost twice as much on Easter compared with one week earlier in my experience).

I like spring break earlier and switched with February break, especially if the 2 days in April fall on Easter weekend.

It is better to have more break in the winter season when people tend to be more depressed.

Spring break is too late. Please move it up.

Although the period after Spring Break in this model is very long, it is better than waiting until April. I don't think we need the February Break, so I wish that could be eliminated.

The current spring break is very late in the semester. The less time spent in Ithaca during the coldest winter months the better.

Fixes the spring break being too late!

Having spring break earlier is a good idea

Wow! I'm so happy that what I proposed in my comments on S1 is actually an available option! Yes, I think this is a much better schedule. The full break falls right after the first round of prelims (presumably) so everyone can recuperate, and then the short break in April should help students to get through the final push of the semester. Also, for Catholics/most Christians like myself, it looks like every few years we may have Good Friday/the Holy Week weekend off, which would be a treat/make it easier to get home to celebrate with family. I assume it would also coincide with either the start or end of Hanukkah frequently.

Earlier spring break

Earlier spring break & late-term short 2 day break is a good idea.

I would rather leave Ithaca for a longer break when it is really cold.

I like that spring break would be scheduled earlier

Earlier end day of spring semester

It's nice to have a longer break in the center of the semester, as spring semester is difficult due to the cold weather. So an earlier spring break would be nice.

even distribution of break periods

An earlier Spring Break would allow us a vacation in the dead of winter, when traveling someplace warm might really help. This is better than the current system of having Spring Break just when the weather here is starting to warm up. Turning the random two-day "February break" into a short "Easter break" would also work, and would make a little more sense given that Easter is actually a holiday. (Of course, I'm only guessing that the two-day break would be attached to Easter; it would be scheduled for the two days before Easter this year, but there's no discussion of what would happen in other years when Easter falls on a different weekend. Would the break move to follow Easter, or would it become another random non-holiday break?)

I like that the breaks are flipped because that helps with mid-semester stress better. And I like that the last exam day is a little earlier. However I would be willing to start the spring semester even earlier so that the semester can end on an earlier date.

swapping the breaks is a really interesting prospect.

This makes a lot of sense to me to have the spring break earlier in the semester, but I must say that having a two-day break doesn't ever really feel like a break, rather just a prolonged excused absence of staff and professors to avoid responding to questions and requests for guidance. Students and student-workers are still expected to study and do TA and RA activities over these short breaks, so I don't recommend placing them at the end of the semester when the frequency of requests for their labor and demand on their study time increases naturally with the work demands and due dates. Instead, there should be a university-wide culture of planning syllabi to be sensitive to the stress and accumulated demands on students towards the end of the semester. The syllabi and pedagogical approach should respond by decreasing a number of deliverables, readings, graded papers and due dates towards the second half of the semester.

Moving a full-week spring break that early would have a major affect on the operation of the semester and it's hard to determine exactly how that would play out. However, the current February break is definitely too early and the exam period is too long.

I like the idea of a full week spring break earlier and then the two day break later in the semester.

The break order is S2 makes more sense.

I don't mind the order of the breaks as is, but this could also work, especially if the shorter break could align with Easter. Wednesday start would be preferable to a Thursday start in January; however, ending exam period a day earlier is best.

Moves Spring break earlier

A break later in the semester is certainly welcome, normal spring break is good

Earlier spring break is better

I like the removal of the February break, it was too early, and instead bumping up spring break and adding a break in able. I feel that fits better with the prelim schedule.

It's better to get the break when the weather is warmer than having it in cold February

this option is better. Gives us time to enjoy a SB but also time to put into outlining before finals.

Much better than the first alternative because of the change in the two breaks, but the exam period is still a bit too short. Spring break should definitely occur earlier than it currently does because as it stands, it happens way too late in the semester when the workload gets a bit heavier and needs our full attention and effort. Sometime in March would be the best time to place spring break so we can get some relief from the cold weather.

Shorter exam period. I like the switched breaks

Definitely agree. Reversing the orders of the breaks is an excellent idea. Winter break is always VERY disorienting at the beginning of the spring semester, and it is so close to the start of the semester it doesn't meet its goal. Moving spring break to the beginning of march also aligns it with other schools, which is great for coordinating with friends and family elsewhere.

But I would place the March Break a week later to match with other schools, like March 10/15 beginning.

Holiday redistribution.

Absolutely they should change spring break to march

Maximizes time efficiency throughout the semester

This option is better than the status quo, but not as good as S3. Flipping the breaks is a good idea, but this does nothing to fix the overly-long winter break and the too-short summer break.

Ends earlier.

Same as S1

I really like spring break being in March.

I think the switching of the two breaks would be better!

The break arrangement makes more sense.

Having a Spring break more in line with those of other schools helps, although the greater intensity of the late-semester period may make the 2-day break insufficient.

I am not sure when other universities tend to have spring break. I actually think that having it at a different time than other universities is better. For instance, it might be easier to book hotels when college students from the entire country are not spring breaking at the same time.

I don't like the reduction in finals study days, but moving breaks to more stressful parts of the semester is probably better.

I like the idea of reversing the order of the breaks.

This brings the spring break more in line with other schools.

Better distribution of break time

march break is nice

It makes sense to have a shorter break later in the semester

February break is currently far too early

since i would observe fall break, as a graduate student, this would affect me. i think it'd be better for morale. it's a long time between the start of the semester and spring break for us.

I like this arrangement of breaks, but I'm not sure how it affects people with children who have to pay attention to school breaks and childcare.

The re-arranged breaks makes a lot of sense and they are still reasonably spaced.

Current spring break is too late.

A week-long break in April is almost pointless. Either you already managed to get your outlines done or you're incredibly behind on them to the point that you'd probably need more than a week to catch up.

reversing the order of the breaks makes a lot of sense

This is more in-line with when my peers have spring break

I like the early spring break, and the positioning of the two breaks.

Early Feb break is silly

This is great! I love the idea of not having to stress about anything while on Spring break (even if it is early)

Makes sense to me to have spring break earlier considering the worst part of the winter are in the earlier months of the year. Also big projects usually come at the end of the semester so spring break wouldn't get in the way of school.

More logical than current system, but again, START CLASSES ON MONDAY, JAN 29. It is a waste of money to open for 2 days...

March is when the week break is needed. Nice to have the long weekend when the weather is nicer.

I know lots of people would like their spring break earlier

The February break always seemed kind of unnecessary and way too early in the semester.

Would rather enjoy spring break further from exams.

This also is an OK Spring schedule for me to have Spring break earlier.