

# S2GradDisagree

I think people are more in need of a break later in the semester than earlier in the semester, as in the way that the largest break in fall is near the end.

I would like spring break to be around Easter to spend time with my family.

Spring Break is too early; early March weather in Ithaca and throughout Northeastern US will hinder travel plans (snow, low temperature).

Two longer breaks (Holiday break and Spring break) too close from one another.

I think having a week-long break so soon after the winter recess is not as desirable as having it later in the semester.

not really useful for students

Reversing the order is a terrible idea.

The spring break is far too early on the S2 plan.

The semester is harder later in the semester. The week long break towards the end helps students relax, allowing them to do better during the last month and a half of classes.

Spring break is too early

The only issue I might have with switching the breaks is that when the semester starts, we're not tired enough yet, so a break of a couple of days is enough to charge the batteries, but towards the end of the semester we're quite tired, so a longer break would be preferred.

I like looking forward to the long spring break. Also it's warmer later in the semester.

No, we need the short break first, and the long break towards the end.... that's when students are most burnt out and need the extra time. Although, it does increase the likelihood that students will be working over spring break, because assignments tend to be back-loaded.

long spring break should be the later break

I like a later spring break.

This calendar is counter intuitive. Students burn out further into the semester and thus a week-long spring break is much more useful later in the semester than earlier.

If I have two breaks, I would rather have the longer one later in the semester.

Again, drastically breaking from other educational institutions makes planning a NIGHTMARE for those who have families with other students of educational age. Cornell is not the only institution in the world, and if the goal of breaks to allow time with your family (or potentially a family vacation) this completely undermines this purpose.

Later Spring break is necessary because there is more stress later in the semester. Also same issue with removing the finals break day.

I think the longer break should be after the smaller break, it would make for students feel a very long semester and be tired.

Similar comments as before, though I think the previous option takes more factors into consideration. Childcare isn't mentioned here, but this would be the the most burdensome in that regard.

They seem similar to me and I'd rather have a break on a Monday/Tuesday than a Thursday/Friday. Isn't this spring break already posted? I worry that seniors will have already started making plans for the spring break dates that were posted.

Shortening spring break is a bad idea.

This doesn't seem to solve anything.

Dislike spring break being earlier - more needed later in the semester Indifferent to shorter exam period Indifferent to start date

Spring break is glorious because it's actually almost spring. To have spring break in the middle of winter feels like a waste of a break. Plus it's nicer to have the longer break later in the semester, because more work will have piled up and students will appreciate the longer break more for catching up.

Having a 5-week block of straight instruction in the beginning of the semester is really rough.

I would like to know why the committee thinks that reversing the order of the break is "best academically." I would think that most students, like me, would prefer a longer break in the second half of the semester, after prelims.

It is better to have the longer break later in the semester.

The new placement of spring break is way too early. Looking outside right now (today would be the first day of break), it doesn't feel like spring at all.

I would rather have spring break later in the semester

Childcare over February break is hard as is

Having spring break 4 weeks early is too much. Even though students complain, they should have more stamina early in the semester, so a break placed at the midpoint or slightly after is probably better, even if it does not align with the spring break of other institutions.

The students probably need a longer break later.

I like the longer break later in the semester.

Spring break should be in the second half of the semester

Spring break is way too early in S2.

I think there is high value in having the longer break towards the end of the semester. The last half of the semester is way more stressful and the long break gives students a chance to decompress.

It is more beneficial to have a longer break later in the semester, rather than earlier when students have just recently returned from a long winter break.

Long break is too early. Prefer the normal order

Spring break is too early in the semester, I don't think this would be better than having spring break later. The order of the 2-day and 5-day breaks should be kept as they are.

This is just dumb. Longer breaks should be reserved for better weather when it is more useful

S2 places spring break too early. We need more days off later in the semester to catch up on work.

Later spring break is better.

No President's weekend break.

The February break is helpful and commencement is too late.

Please don't move Spring Break back that far. Lots of people are looking forward to doing things in warm places, which we still be cold if you move it back 4 weeks.

Same reason.

Longer breaks closer to the end of the semester give students additional time to review and prepare for exams before the start of the study days.

Long break in February is unnecessary; semester is more stressful later on. Winter break is already too long. Why not just start a week earlier?

The longer break should not be made earlier.

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I prefer the spring break later, cause I'm more exhausted then.

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I prefer having the shorter break first. March is too cold to be able to spend rejuvenating time outdoors. Also, the major problem with our spring term is that it starts WAY TOO LATE in the year! It lets out too late for us to easily schedule internships, or get a single day of vacation between the end of the academic year and the start of an internship. This schedule does not address that.

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Full week break later in the semester is better to study for exams and write papers. Can't write the papers at the beginning of semester

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Too early for a long break

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The longer break needs to be second, especially as it is "writing papers" time for most grad students

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Students need the longer break later in the semester!

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I do not want to have a spring break before February break.

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I like spring break where it currently is.

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This is not good at all. Break should be placed near March 20th so that the pressure of studying is kind of broken

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The long break should come later.

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The long break in the 1st week of March is too early for such a long break, it would disrupt the flow of grad student adjustment.

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The longer break should come later. That's when students really need a breather! How is having the longer break earlier better academically?

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Spring break is currently situated between half semester classes. Moving it like this would cause a big disruption in the flow of those sorts of classes rather than falling at the natural break. It also helps to have spring break to look forward to when classes are hard and winter is cold, moving it up this far it is so close to winter break that there will be little to look forward to the rest of the semester

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Having the longer break first doesn't make sense.

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Sacrificed a study day during finals

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Would rather have the full week off for Spring Break.

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I like the current location of spring break in the semester timeline, but that's just a personal preference.

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screws up childcare

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As a student, I am more stressed during the second half of the semester. This is the time when I would need a week long break for my mental health. I think switching the breaks would hurt student's stress levels.

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The reversed breaks isn't a good idea. This will add stress at the beginning of the semester in terms of covering material, and also means there won't be a break when students most need a longer one.

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The S2 option worsens the problem of inadequate time for final examination study and paper preparation. A better option would be to eliminate the two-day February (or April) break, and position spring vacation mid-way between the current schedule and the S2 option. Ideally, spring break should fall approximately mid-way between the start and end of the semester. Unfortunately, for Law School students, the current spring break falls near semester's end, due to the Law School's unique academic scheduling requirements. Law students are overwhelmed and disadvantaged. For them, almost as soon as spring break ends, final exams begin.

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Reversing the two breaks is not a good idea. Having an entire week off earlier in the semester would disrupt many midterm schedules

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I think having a full week in early March is not as valuable for those who remain in Ithaca because the weather is

most likely to still be not pleasant and so the break is still more dreary and wintry. I don't think that study/finals period should be compressed, and I think it is important to keep a study day in the middle of finals period to give students an opportunity to recharge and prepare for their next finals; having seven days of finals in a row would be incredibly stressful for many people.

That is an incredibly early spring break and a long stretch between spring break and summer

Spring break seems too early on this schedule.

Spring break is too close to the start of the semester. Our current spring calendar is preferable.

A full break after the gap between fall and spring is a bit much

Is better to have a longer break in april when people are more than in march

an early spring break is better placed toward the end when burn out is more likely.

This isn't better or worse than the current one.

I don't like the fact that our spring break doesn't match with other universities. It's hard making plans with people outside Cornell. However, having such a big break that early in the semester makes it easier to lose momentum.

Strong no. The longer break should come later in the term when people need it more.

Winter break should be shorter. having a shorter exam period is stressful. It is better to have the one week break later in the semester when students are more in need of a rest and the weather is better (makes for easier, safer traveling and more enjoyable time off).

I have no problem with a later Spring break. Provides a rest to look forward to.

That looks pretty bad to me. Here the spring break is moved and that is terrible. If you want to have any time with your partner, fiance, or friends who are at other schools you just have been robbed of one of the most important ways to spend time with each other.

I think the longer break should be the second "Spring break".

It is nice to have a short break at the start of the semester when work is less overwhelming, and then a long break later in the semester when one might feel tired, overwhelmed, or burnt out.

Spring break would be much too early in the semester with this schedule.

Definitely not in favor of switching the breaks! Having a longer break in April is more beneficial. However, I do agree that the study/exam period is remarkably longer than our peers'.

The main problem I see with this Spring proposed calendar is for students like me that have children. My son goes to one of ICSD and they give him a full week break on February. If the February break is not synchronized with the ICSD February break, in this calendar, I will have to pay for a full week of child care. So, I'm in favor of keeping February break the way it is.

Doesn't change too much.

A week long break is needed much more later on in the term than closer to the beginning, to work on papers and final projects.

Spring break is too early

The week long break in April is a bit of a chance to catch your breath in the middle of the chaos of spring semester. I think it will have more impact on students' lives and well being later than earlier--that's right around the time the semester begins to become very difficult.

This does not address the length of summer issue. Summer needs to be extended by more than one day.

Like a longer spring break.

Spring break is at a good time.

The middle of the semester is more significant for classes whose finals include the contents of the entire semester, so a break to study the middle is better.

I don't think it makes sense to have the long Spring break first. Also, I don't know what a "senior" day is and the additional details do not clarify.

It's a relief to have a week-long break later in the semester, and this one is too early.

I love the February break. It is a great time to recuperate after the stressful initial period. It is a good mental health break, as people call it.

I don't like the longer break so early in the semester. It will throw off the rhythm of classes just as they get going.

After such an unnecessarily long winter break, why would any student need an entire week off after just five weeks of classes? This is a terrible suggestion. Again, it doesn't address the winter break (too long; we should start classes earlier in January) or the short summer (too short; we should end classes earlier in May).

No. A late spring break means it's warmer everywhere and we can avoid other schools on break.

I think it's a good idea to reduce the study/exam period, and I agree that the February break is too early, but I don't think that switching the spring break for the February break is a good idea.

unless this 2 day break is moved every year to correspond to easter, this is a horrible calendar. It means that we have awkward days off and then may turn around the next week and take another 2-3 days off skipping class. If this is done to match easter every year then I do like this calendar

April is more stressful than March, and thus should have the longer break.

Too little time between breaks. Placing two day break at the end of the week means we'll lose students starting on Tuesday or Wednesday of that week.

Spring break is too early and personally I think the longer break is better after the shorter break.

over all the semester is shorter (good), but the longer break needs to be later in the semester

Better to have spring break later (more time to study further in the calendar)

A spring break in march is too early.

I don't like reversing the order of the breaks

Same reasons as before - wastes time in Jan and cuts into spring and summer field season and employment

Longer break post mid-term prelims work better as one can actually relax and rejuvenate rather than worrying about an impending prelims or papers in case of the proposed model.

Spring break in March is weird

Like the week break later. Too much work between March 12 and end of semester with only 2 days off.

The Spring Break should come in between sessions.

Feb break makes more sense considering Ithaca's weather/climate!!!

I like feb and spring break where they are now.

I want Spring Break later in the semester. You need longer breaks later on to rejuvenate.

I would rather have the longer break later in the semester.

Students don't really feel the need for a full one week break after only 5 weeks of classes.

First week of March is too early for Spring break

The longer break should come later when the weather is nicer and students have been more worn down by the preceding weeks

Moving spring break

Spring break is too early.

Prefer later spring break.

Spring break too early.

A longer break is better later on.

Too long until Spring break, which seems early. I think students need a longer break later in the semester (rather than the short 2 day break).

Goes too late into may

The spring break is too early.

Semester starts late. Spring break is a bit too early.

The breaks in S2 feel awkwardly placed to me.

It's better to have the long break later in the semester

I don't like the flipping of breaks.

Spring break is now super cold

This made spring break too early! Nobody wanna worry about prelims during spring break!

Prefer longer break later in semester

This is a VERY early spring break. More beneficial to have time off in February because you can get away from a frankly somewhat depressing time in Ithaca and have a break before everything gets crazy with classes, giving you time to actually relax rather than a break in April where you'd have to be working over it.

I feel like this doesn't affect the vet college's schedule but I would not want the Feb and spring breaks to be reversed.

Smaller breaks more enjoyed, as it allows for a breather during the semester. Longer ones often loaded with work.

i like having a longer exam period

That's too soon in the semester for spring break!

It's better to have a longer break when the weather is nicer. And it doesn't make sense to have a long break right after winter break. Students need the break more longer into the semester

Spring break would be too early and start date doesn't make much difference.

It makes more sense for Spring break to be after the "february break"

The size of stress is larger later into the semester and that warrants a longer break.

Going on a spring break trip in early March would be more expensive if I'd want to go to warmer weather.

Do not shorten study period.

Longer breaks later in the semester when students are more tired/have more work to catch up on are better than

long breaks toward the beginning of the semester.

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This is the worst schedule change I've ever seen. Don't do this.

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Spring semester starts too late

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