

S2StaffAgree

I really like the set up of the two breaks. I think also they are perfectly timed.

Interesting way to spread out or more evenly space the break times during the Spring semester. We need to teach and support students in learning to embed downtime into the course of their lives. This feels more balanced.

Having the larger break earlier seems needed for students and early March seems like a good time. No concerns with the other date adjustments.

The break timing makes the most sense and I like the addition of another "senior day".

Longer break as placed is better for study. Seems to also balance out when prelims would be with the breaks.

Of the two options this is more attractive.

This schedule seems like it would be a little less stressful from a student's perspective.

Earlier week off is better.

YES yes yes!

Ordering and timing/placement of the two spring semester breaks is a significant improvement and would align substantially better with other schools. Commencement is still too late, should be a week earlier. Starting 1 day later is of limited value so the "Variation" may be attractive.

Earlier spring break is nice.

The inverted breaks are fantastic!

Better spacing of breaks. Cornell first spring break coincides more closely with other school's breaks. Breaks closer to the end of semester tend to get eaten up by class projects rather than being true 'breaks.' The shorter break at the second half does not interrupt the flow of classes at the critical period when they are building towards completion of final projects/exams.

The break in March give sense to the February break.

I like that S2 places the spring break in a more traditional time slot (March). It also preserves a long winter break.

I like this version better, with a shorter break later in the semester. With the current schedule, it seems like the students are just getting settled, then ar already on break.

For completely selfish reasons: if the spring break is in early March, I can see the desert bloom in Tucson :)

Wednesday start is good.

spring break is moved up to a comparable time with other schools and a small break in April makes more sense right before the end of the semester

Like having the break work for when students are beginning to feel stressed and academically.

I like having the spring break earlier in the year with a shorter break just prior to exams.

Switching the Feb/Spring breaks may align better for some students and faculty. Personally, I am ambivalent.

Allows for one extra day of facility turnovers in preparation for Commencement weekend.

I think this calendar is a very interesting take on the changes that have been requested! Reversing the breaks seems like a great idea. And this schedule leaves an extra day to clean rooms before Commencement Weekend guests arrive, which I know Housekeeping staff will appreciate.

Seems better academically (spring break is more midterm-ish, maybe better for year-end momentum).

Reversing the order of the two breaks makes some sense. I like the idea.

It's a minor change that we could live with.

this could work too

Like switching the two breaks. Provides more time for residence hall turnover.

Seems better to have the longer break right in the middle. This seems like a good option. I wonder how all of the changes would affect the Registrar's calendars, though.

It is better than the current calendar as the long March break is definitely an improvement for students but the second break is really not necessary and there is still the Memorial Day weekend graduation issue. Study/exams should be no more than 11 days (especially compared to other schools).

later, longer break. shorter break later in the semester makes more sense

Good break distribution

Honestly I think this would be fine.

I like the flip-flop of the two breaks.

Breaks seem to fall in more effective order after classes start in late January.

The full week break at a mid point in the semester is a very nice place for students to catch up and rest.

This calendar provides students with a longer break earlier in the semester. Given Ithaca winters it would be a morale boost for students to have a week in March rather than waiting until April. Students seem particularly stressed at the end of February and early March because of exams and papers. How does this new calendar impact prelims? Could study days be reduced to one? Allows more time for dorm prep and gets students out early. We seem to end the semester later than other institutions.

A shorter break at the end of the year makes sense, as it's getting close to exam time.

The break makes more sense to me. Why have a full week off in April when classes are almost over

The only question remains is the turn around time to prepare the dorms that are used for Commencement housing for facilities staff. Moving the February break to the beginning of March and having a shorter spring break will give that break before finals but not too long where the momentum prep is lost.

I believe this one will work better. Although the shorter break will occur later, students and faculty still get similar time off as peer schools and local schools so childcare and vacations should not be as interrupted.

Better for students to have longer break while it's still winter (March) and shorter break in April

A shorter study period is sufficient

Moving the first break out of February is a major improvement. A long break is not needed academically so late in the semester as it now occurs.

Re-positioning spring break and February break provides breaks at key high-stress times in the spring semester.

The March spring break seems better.

I really like the idea of having a full week of Spring break mid-semester, rather than toward the end. The study/exam period is still only moved one day up, but that's better than nothing.

Better than S1

if the best time for a break, academically is the one proposed here, then we should go with it unless the other options are better for students in some other way. ON the flip side, a break in April opens up more options for students to take a break in areas that are not break friendly in March. Also helps that our students don't have to

battle the other students from colleges all over who are also on break at the same time in March.

I prefer S2 over S1 because of the swap of break times. A March break makes more sense and the rest of the schedule changes are single days.

addresses more concerns

Better balance for when breaks occur.

I like the idea of reversing the breaks! It is best academically.

I like having the full week break earlier, although I'd probably have it 1 week later than what is on here.

I like this option better than the first alternative. Especially the reversed breaks. Again, the compressed exam schedule may be hard on the students.

the longer March break seems better

Although spring break is usually in April, it is true that the break is too late in the semester as exams are only 4 weeks away from when students return. This has no effect on staff.

The timing of breaks is better aligned with the curriculum.

I like the idea of switching two Spring breaks and the longer break in March will provide better stress relief for students

Seems reasonable with the 2 breaks reversed

It's a little radical in terms of moving the spring break, but I kinda like it! Seems less disruptive to education while allowing for rest and relaxation. The "senior week" is plenty long already, IMO. It doesn't mess with the length of the winter and summer breaks unduly. This is a plan that looks promising!

Like the earlier long break and the later short break

Oreinting our schedule more 'normally' seems like a big win.

The February break is too early, and the spring break too late. The study/exam period is too long, and does not encourage studying.

Per my previous answer, S1 calendar didn't make sense. S2 calendar would be ideal. The semester would still begin around the same time, but would end Before Memorial Day Weekend which saves a lot of stress and hassle.

Like the idea of spring break being in March instead of April. Still would like to see Commencement some other weekend than Memorial Day.

Yes!

Again, this seems marginally better but there seem to be better options.

like the breaks flipped

Moving the longer break to March seems like a good idea. I prefer the S2 variation with classes starting on Wednesday in Jan.

This is the best of the 3, not perfect, but nothing will be. Wednesday start would be better, two class days and a weekend has always been an issue. March spring break (mid semester) has always made more sense; March 12th would be even better I think to align with other schools. Aligning the later short break with Easter would also be nice. Most importantly, units get enough time over break to prepare for Spring semester, especially combined with the proposed later end to fall semester.

Early March break is logical for academic purposes

More balanced amount of instruction time around the breaks.

A full week off when the weather is often still nasty in Ithaca is good

note on variation: Wednesday start means staff will have a day in the previous period, better to start on Thursday, the first day of a bi-weekly pay period. Unless there is setup and training needed before the official start, in which case they are there the previous pay period anyway and it is a moot point.

Makes much more sense academically.

earlier spring break an improvement

The order of the breaks is better.

Better to put the spring break in the middle of the term instead of so close to the end, as is done currently.

This break setup makes the most sense

The February Break does little to nothing for students as it currently exists, and the spring break doesn't match a logical break in the semester (end of 7 week courses)

The breaks are better spread apart.

My husband would be off for my birthday.

Keeps the Jan. start date about the same and Commencement the same. Moving the Spring break to March works for students and give them a break when they need it.

spring break in March seems like the best option; students don't seem to run out of steam as much as when it's held in April. The addition of 2 days of break in April seems lovely just before the end of semester.

The breaks, in both timing and length, make more sense.