

## S2StaffDisagree

It's not clear to me if having the week-long break first is better.

Cannot tell impact of weeklong break first and 2-day break 2nd

I like the longer break closer to the middle of the semester. I foresee challenges with the shorter break at the end of the semester --when students tend to remain on campus, and the weather in Ithaca is nicer that there may be increase high-risk behavior choices.

This option may work better for the students giving them a much needed break at a better scheduled time in the semester and a short break for the "Easter" break. I still support aligning the study/exam break with peer institutions.

Move graduation

I don't feel strongly either way about this calendar, but maybe the week long break would be more beneficial a week or two later in the semester? Even though there's a two-day break later in the semester, it's a long time before the week-long break and the end of finals.

Improves it somewhat. The earlier spring break is a great improvement. The 2-day April break seems unnecessary and inexplicable.

My rationale is the same as for F1, F2, and S1

You'll have the same child care/winter vacation issue as with S1 is you shift the first break away from the local school break. That said, if this schedule makes more sense ACADEMICALLY, then it should take priority.

This seems to only impact academia and not other full time staff.

These diagrams are quite impenetrable to someone who has not had the luxury of sitting on the committee. They need more context in order for the average staff person to be able to interpret in a meaningful way.

This isn't something I use

You are pushing exams dangerously close to commencement.

I think the students benefit more from the longer break being later in the semester

Seems like a better way to break up the academic semester, but will have added burden on staff/faculty since no breaks correspond with public school breaks.

Probably better if academically more sound, though students may not appreciate having two months of classes remaining after their long break.

This appears to be a more cohesive schedule. The early long break makes more sense, with just a short one before the end of school.

It is good that there two breaks in the spring semester, but I think the winter break is too long.

Interesting--might work to flip the breaks. But, why not try to time the spring break with Easter and/or Passover, too hard?

I agree on the shorter study days. Just not sure about reversing the breaks.

Spring break seems too early. Also, how can we move graduation from Memorial Day weekend, it is so late in May

From a construction / project perspective, this does not introduce significant changes. I would defer to faculty and the students for preferences on the changes listed.

I am somewhat ambivalent about S1 & S2. They are comparable to me. Either of these options & their indicated variations is fine.

I'm not familiar enough with how the Spring semester schedule works for the students, and it doesn't change anything for staff.

None of the proposed changes affect me much

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Thursday start date makes the first week a "waste" week, Wednesday start is preferable. a later break allows for a needed mental break before the final push. Semester still runs too late in the year

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The week-long spring break seems a bit too early. Students may perceive the "reversed" February break as too little time off considering the busiest part of the semester workload usually hits in early-mid April.

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I like the flipped breaks, though I'm not sure how it would affect things overall.

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Don't really know WHEN is best for spring break... what fraction of students travel for break... if many stay in Ithaca, then Early break (march) may be miserable... April break may be too late if students are getting weary of winter. Don't really know the answer.

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I prefer this shift of the February break but students may not. Most students come from the east coast where February breaks are common so they will like expect this to continue.

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Again this doesn't trigger strong feelings either way.

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While I like moving the breaks to better serve the academic calendar, I'm unsure about switching their order and how students would feel about this - it seems like a longer break in the nicer spring weather would be more serving to foster relaxation in the students. At the same time, I do have several students who might be served by a shorter spring break due to their overwhelming academic load at the time.

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starts too late, spring break is more appropriately placed

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Better than S1, but still not sure about the breaks. What are prevalent practices at peer institutions (where students, faculty and staff will have children, siblings, etc.)?

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doesn't affect me

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I like the positioning of the breaks with a longer week earlier in the semester and a shorter break later. I like the extra study day after the four exam days in the current calendar. I think that would be an important feature to retain.

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With the only change being the breaks switching I don't really see this as something the students will be overjoyed with. Taking a longer break early in the semester and a shorter one later when the need for a break from all the studying and papers is more needed, just doesn't seem right

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As a former student, I preferred a breaks to shorter to longer. Such an long early break seems to soon. I would not find this new order more stressful and less rejuvenative. I leave it up to students.

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Doesn't make much of a difference to me

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I like this one better than S1

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This one might work

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The earlier spring break is nice, however, this still eliminates the February break which is difficult for employees for childcare.

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Unable to read the calendar

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Don't know why this schedule is best academically

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Earlier week break is probably better, but I'm not sure.

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not sure how the earlier full week break coincides with other schools (may be an issue to student?)

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No significant difference for our calendar

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I would be okay with this if and only if the April break coincided with Passover/Good Friday/Easter, when schools are closed.

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February break doesn't line up with the local schools' February break

if changing the breaks is really helpful, then OK.

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I don't even know at this point--too many factors to weigh in.

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I'm equivocal about this. It is similar enough to me and the placement of Feb break is not so concerning.

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Week long break early in the semester doesn't seem as beneficial as having break later in the semester.

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The spring break is way too early in the semester. Maybe move it to the week of March 12th.

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Flipping the breaks is a good idea; the late start date is not, nor is the late end date.