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This makes no sense to me. I don't see any value from this arrangement. This is worse because the February break doesn't exist now during President's Day.

This spring break is totally useless for parents with kids in local public schools who will have a different holiday schedule.

I don't think the two day break is necessary in April. I also think that ending the semester earlier in May is a better idea.

This doesn't help with the need to have a break somewhat early in the semester, and adding a break at that point in April will be very disruptive to a wide variety of end-of-semester activities (recognitions, Cornell Days, etc.). Neutral about moving Commencement earlier. All in all, this version of the calendar feels like a lose-lose plan.

Too long for students to go without a break during the break time!

Spring break is late compared to other institutions, and spring semester starts late

'Spring' Break is in winter. I don't see how this is better academically. winter break still too long

Cornell's spring breaks need to coincide with the local school district breaks to minimize stress (both financial and time constraints) on staff, faculty, and student parents.

A longer second break is probably better than longer first break.

- It's better to have a longer break in April, it feels better placed

Some courses that involve significant/international travel over Spring break could be compromised if break happens in early March: delayed or canceled flights, etc. This could in turn impact the university's ability to provide enough international travel opportunities for our student body.

too early for such a long February break

See notes on S1.

This still creates childcare issues for employees, and I don't see how it's better. I do like the earlier spring break though.

Hideous. It would be too much of a culture shock to make the long break in early March, and some "afterthought" mini-break in April (probably to coincide with Easter, which, even though I was raised Catholic, I have yet to understand which is the obsession with Easter in this country that many stores and restaurants are closed on Easter Sunday. It's not an official state holiday. Let's keep state/schools and church separate). If you're starting classes January 22 -January 28, a "long" break after only 4-5 weeks is way too soon. They don't need a long break that early. I was a student here; I was content with my spring break on the last week of March. I think April is too late, and if you're going to keep the mini-break, leaving it in February, then last week of March is just enough time spacing from that. The above scheme leaves Commencement on Memorial Day weekend, which we've tolerated for years, but I think, again, that the study period is too long (limit it to two weekends, at most). End classes on the first Friday of May, begin exams on first Monday after that, and either run exams through Sunday (leaving a week for seniors and/or dorm clean-up) and Commencement on the 3rd weekend.

It probably makes sense to switch the two breaks from the teaching standpoint, but from the "family gets away for a week," March is too early and the weather is better in April.

Too soon for spring break

Spring break too early in the semester, leaving a long stretch til the end.

In my experience in talking with undergrads, the longer April break is preferable.

Original spring break placement better.

Don't need two breaks. Summer is too short.

Start the semester earlier and get rid of Feb. break.

For staff with children, the spring break does not line up with the public school system breaks making it difficult to take time off), and commencement weekend still falls on Memorial day - which make it very difficult for staff.

breaks very different from local school districts

I think it's important to have the long spring break closer to the end of the semester.

President's Day weekend is a good time for February break.

Too early for the weeklong break.

need longer april break

see previous comments

The Feb. break should not be a week or replaced with spring break. Don't really see the need for two breaks with this calendar. It interrupts the routine too much.

I think the longer break in the semester is better for students.

A week off in early March is ridiculous.

I do not like the way the scheduling days work out.

Students need every study day they can get.

longer break in April is better than in Feb.

Need longer break near the end of the semester

as a staff member who has to work memorial day, i don't like the extended semester

S2 waits too long until first break. S2 second break not substantial enough for that late in the semester.

Spring break too early

Spring break is too short.

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the only change from the current calendar is swapping the breaks and does not move commencement away from the holiday weekend

doesn't address short summer, Memorial Weekend Commencement. Spring break a bit early

I think that last stretch of classes would be hard for students, especially when they're thinking about graduating and the days get warm.

Graduation too late.

Spring Break is too early.

Why is a full week off early 'best academically' ?? Students tend to have a hard time getting back into the swing of things (studying, prelims, papers) after a full week off/away. When Spring Break is near the end, it doesn't matter much. Early on, they might lose 2 or 3 weeks of concentration when it's really critical to be focused. Then, by the time the 2-day break comes up, they've already been away/home and are more likely to just stay in Ithaca partying instead of having a relaxing or family break. Also this version means Cornell staff who are Ithaca parents are stuck having to find childcare the whole week of the kids' break.

I don't understand why students at Cornell get back so late. Is there a winter class session or something?

spring break is moved from the late extreme to the early extreme - again this doesn't help anyone.

Spring break too early

If the spring break is too late (problem 2), how does moving it later fix that? Does any other school have long winter and short spring breaks?

I still don't like pushing exams closer to graduation. Not sure why we need a break in February. Study periods are already generous.

From an academic standpoint, I think the longer break is much more helpful later in the semester when students start to feel overwhelmed and behind on work.

I think the 2 day break in the spring semester is unnecessary.

I don't think its necessary to have a long break so early on in the semester. The normal spring break time gives students more time to decompress before exams, etc.

same concerns as the other version of this with the start of the semester. Also would this change affect Alternative breaks and other service projects that currently use that time?

Too long after spring break to graduation

again the spring semester should begin on an earlier day to allow for more class meeting times.

9 weeks of classes after the long break, with only a 2 day break in that 9 weeks, seems like a sure recipe for increased stress.

I like earlier start in January; earlier commencement

Breaks should coincide with public school breaks.

I like the current break times

Commencement on Memorial Day weekend is too late

A week off at the beginning or March is too early. Needs to be "spring"

The reversed breaks run contrary to most academic institutions. Spring break used to be at least a week earlier at Cornell. I agree it's too late. I still think you have too many study days. I would begin the spring semester at least on Wednesday (maybe Tuesday), and shift everything back, so move-out day is on a Sunday.

March is too early for Spring break and doesn't mesh with other commitments. Keep middle of exam period study day in current calendar, but cut exam days by one.

This still has the long winter break that serves little purpose and the commencement on memorial weekend, which is terrible.

don't need two breaks

Spring break preferable when weather is likely to be better. Moving it earlier may result in more weather related travel delays

Graduation should move off of Memorial Day

No need for such an early week-long break.

strongly disagree. need spring break later in the semester when students are more burned out/in need of a break

A full week in March? WHY? WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT TO ME?

Don't see the value in swapping the breaks unless we make more substantial changes to calendar.

confusing

Better to have a later Spring break

spring break too early

Working Memorial Day weekend...again!

This version does not solve many of the spring calendar issues. Moving Feb break is a bad idea for staff and faculty. Senior days are a waste for most of the university. Only privileged students have the means to participate. Commencement is not moved.

No significant change to start and end dates, so no significant gains.

no need for two breaks

Late start to the semester; very early spring break (although it is better to get out of Ithaca earlier to recover from the winter); odd 2-day break in April.

Again. Now there is no break alignment with ICSD.

i do not see any reason why the longer break in feb considered better academically. i think the current schedule is better

There should just be one week-long break at the middle of the semester. Winter break is too long and this does not improve that. How about starting the semester two weeks earlier and graduating two weeks earlier?

spring break is very early, students may prefer a longer break later in the semester

putting the full week "spring break" first does not enhance the flow of the semester. Creates disharmony with other schools on a traditional spring break calendar.