

## S3AlumDisagree

REALLY would be nice to get out at a normal time - compared to other schools. Found that winter break was too long and students were ready to go back in early/mid January. Having a longer summer break by moving classes forward allows people to have longer internships and get more job experiences.

Shorter winter break is good. Earlier Spring break is good. Moving commencement off of Memorial day weekend reduces conflict (e.g. national champions for club ultimate).

Yes I agree with starting the semester earlier. The winter break is too long. And getting out earlier in May is nice simply because that's more consistent with other university calendars. I have no qualms with the "summer break being too short" or "commencement weekend being late." When you're a senior, you never want it to end.

I like that there is more space between start of classes and February break. I like that the study days are all together instead of spaced apart.

The spring semester can start earlier since Cornell starts much later than other schools, and the spring break should be earlier.

Much more comparable to other schools. Winter break more reasonable length and allows for earlier graduation/longer summer. This is the best Spring option in my opinion.

Seems like a good plan. Would just need to think about Greek life recruitment fitting in

Winter break is too long. Provides additional short break around MLK day. Ending earlier in May will likely improve summer schedules for non-graduating students.

The current December break is too long; starting earlier in January is better! Moving Spring Break up one week is an improvement and will align with more other schools. Ending earlier in May will be good for starting internships and jobs. Lengthening summer break on this end is smart!

Winter break was too long. It was good to relax and refresh but then most of my friends went back to college and I still was just waiting around for it to start up again.

Starting classes early in order to end early is good. however the concern is if family will be able to attend commencement from far away because typically they would have off on memorial day weekend which allows for extra travel time without taking a vacation day.

Cutting winter break may be unfavorable at first, but the benefit of a prolonged summer break is advantageous.

The only thing I don't really understand is why you have to move 8 days of classes into January. Why not like 4 or 5? I agree with starting the spring semester earlier in January though because the winter break starts to drag on. Note that this schedule would go well with a FIRST SEMESTER that ends EARLIER IN DECEMBER, not later, as you are proposing in F1 and F2.

This one is best with more ideal distribution of breaks and earlier graduation

I think moving the schedule up is fine.

This is the best proposal thus far -- starting classes earlier makes sense as long as the last exam day is not crazy late, if you change the fall semester to either of the proposed schedules this would start classes too early and shorten the winter break too much. That being said, the current break is unnecessarily long and classes could definitely start earlier. With this proposal, the breaks are better positioned and the earlier Spring Break enables students to potentially be home when their friends are. Ending the semester earlier gives students a longer summer, more time at home before their internships/jobs start and helps reduce the likelihood of a conflict between start date and end of exams. Ending classes on a Friday would also be an improvement and not having commencement over memorial day weekend could potentially reduce the cost of transportation for those flying in (which is the majority of those attending). Biggest critiques are again starting class on a Thursday and I would move the fourth study day to the following Saturday.

This makes the most sense. Winter break is too long.

It makes more sense to pull Spring calendar earlier into January in order to lengthen the summer than to push back the Fall calendar into the holidays. Both breaks make sense with regards to holidays and the calendars of peer

institutions. While walking to class in winter isn't always pleasant, a long winter break serves no purpose (and for those of us who experience winter regardless this doesn't make a noticeable difference).

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This is an ideal layout. This version still includes two breaks, which is very important and also moves up the commencement date. Commencement is currently difficult for seniors because many jobs have set start dates. I only had 2 days off between graduation and my start date for my job because commencement is so late. I agree that the winter break (between semesters) is particularly long. This was nice to have especially because Ithaca is so cold in January, but I believe most students would be happy to come back earlier if it meant a longer summer break. The only issue this poses is that students in greek organizations would need to come back right after New Years for recruitment. This also might pose issues for athletes who have winter training camps. Overall, I think this timing has the best balance of breaks and instruction, while not adding undue pressure to the timing of everything.

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January break is awkwardly long. This is a good fix to that and spring break. 2 class days before a 3 day weekend reduce the significance of those two days. This might be acceptable since most courses will only meet once between those days and the class time will be spent reviewing the syllabus, etc.

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While having classes start earlier isn't ideal, it would be nice to have the end of the semester/graduation around the same time that other schools end

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I think Winter break should be shorter on the January end of the break because it really sucks being stuck at home when no one else is there. Also, graduating on a weekend other than a major holiday would be nice because the traffic sucks. Also, Slope Day on a Friday or Saturday would be way better than a Thursday. This aligns more with other colleges from my experience.

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The winter break is currently too long. I'd always preferred to have a longer summer.

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This is by far the best option. Our breaks between semesters were always a week too long

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The awkwardly long between semester break is reduced, although this might create concerns for international students.

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It is easier to do work in the cold winter months rather than in the summer when I'd rather be outside. This still splits it up evenly and leaves the longer break to the end. I prefer the variation as I liked longer study times and more spaced apart exams.

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Gets everyone out of school in time for Memorial Day, ideal for "real world" scheduling (sales, travel incentives, planning for people with children), allows for a proper adjustment period before the February break (often heard complaints that it was too early), maintains the week-long spring break, gets final exam period over with and leaves enough time to prepare for commencement.

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Winter break is too long...I'd rather start internships and such during the summer sooner.

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This brings the end of the school year earlier, making it easier to find internships. Winter break is too long, so shortening it is good. Shortening the exam period, however, is a bad idea. Get rid of spring break and lengthen the study period

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Great plan! The winter break is way too long anyway. It's good to have the longer break when it's more likely to be warm out. Exam period should be 12-13 days long.

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Our winter break is too long and as a result we graduate/finish the spring semester much later than a majority of other schools.

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Winter break is unnecessarily long.

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YES! I have always been in favor of starting earlier in January... most of my peers were bored come mid-January. Adding the extra time at the end of the semester before starting internships and full time jobs would be ideal for a lot of people.

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Commencement timing better I think, true that break in winter is long, which is nice but could be shortened

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Makes students for flexible for summer internships due to earlier possible start dates. Therefore makes students more competitive

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More beneficial to have a longer summer.

I've thought the between semester break was too long -- it's too short for internships, but it's too long if you have nothing really to do. I'd also suggest adding in a study break during exam week to keep everyone sane. This will also lengthen the summers to address the "too short" summer concerns from the F1/2 portion.

I can get on board with this. Would love to see a shorter winter break, although it may limit the ability for students to take winter classes? Extends the summer break and the ability to pursue meaningful internships.

I really like this one because it allows us to have more flexibility for internship opportunities in May and the shorter winter break makes more sense to me since most people aren't doing anything then (but a lot of people want to spend the summer traveling, working etc). Also having Graduation later was a real pain this past summer since I effectively got no time off between graduation and the fall semester.

This helps to increase the duration of summer break, and allows for greater flexibility for summer plans, which arguably are very important upon graduating for a variety of reasons. The breaks are evenly spaced out and well-placed in terms of first/second round of prelims. The initial 1-day break might be awkward, but isn't entirely harmful.

I agree that the between semesters winter break is ridiculously long and it would be better if those days were added to the summer for sure - especially if you're doing an internship and you want to extend it. This one's good!

Aside from the study period shortening, moving break time from the winter to the summer is a clear win

This is the best option! I don't like how late commencement is. I think it's much better to finish earlier than start later. This also corresponds with the schedules of other schools.

Radical change but i think students would ultimately like this.

I agree. The winter break is too long so I think it would be a good plan to start early and then the spring break is at a more reasonable time for spring training for sports teams. However, I still feel that there should be an extra study day during the middle of exam week.

This is the best scenario. Spring break is early, but with another break earlier on. Study week starts on a Saturday, allowing for 2 weekdays of study week closer to exams.

Ending classes earlier is better. Moving the last day to a Friday brings slope day back to Fridays which is good.

I love the idea of starting earlier and ending earlier. This seems the best option for summer internships.

Jan 8 is a little early, especially with the later ending in the fall (you may want to end earlier if you use this frame work for the fall semester), but I like that graduation is earlier a lot

This is probably the best bet for the spring calendar so far.

I do think that the January break is really long, but I know that some students use this time for internships or trips. I usually spent Winter break in Ohio before returning for Greek recruitment. I think a longer summer could be beneficial, since it would allow students to possibly extend summer jobs or internships.

It moves Commencement up two weeks. Cornell has a late commencement date already .

I thought our graduation was way too late, my employer wanted me to start in June which was only a couple weeks after. I don't think we need so much time off in the wintertime, I think most people will utilize that free time more effectively in the summer.

While the long winter break is restful, starting (and ending) earlier in the year is preferred. Longer summers allow students and graduating seniors to have more flexibility in finding jobs. It matches Cornell's schedule up with those of our peers. Shorter study/exam period a plus.

huge improvement! the current schedule lets out FAR too late in the summer, almost in June! would much rather brave the winter a bit more and be released earlier in the summer, especially since most internships start at the start of June, which leaves almost no time with the current schedule to move back home, then move to and get settled in your internship

More time for internships

Earlier commencement allows more time to go home/move out/move in to new places prior to starting full time jobs or other next steps after graduation.

Things I like about the S3 Calendar: - Earlier Commencement date - Study days distribution Things I do not like about S3 Calendar: - Earlier start to instruction - Spring break is too late

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Jan break is way too long and it would be nice to get out earlier in the summer.

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The extra week in summer would be nice for people starting internships on June 1st.

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this is very different than what we are used to but I think its a good idea! More in line with other schools

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Nice to end earlier - more in line with other universities.

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(I prefer the variation mentioned) Our winter break has always felt a bit too long, and I feel this remedies that. Additionally, I also felt commencement was far too late, so I appreciate it being moved earlier.

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YES!!!! Our winter break is too long and effects winter plans. Don't take the days from the fall, shit the spring forward.

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students would be able to finish the spring semester sooner

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Commencement Weekend is way too late

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I don't think I would have minded the circumstance where I ended around May 8-14 and didn't have to start again until around August 28th. Maximum summer is always preferred.

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Moving commencement before memorial day weekend makes it easier for families to travel to Ithaca.

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Our commencement was ridiculously late compared to everyone else and gave graduates minimal time off before starting full-time jobs.

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Potentially longer summer

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Shortening the winter break is a good idea, especially post-holidays. Moving the spring break earlier will help it to align with other schools' spring breaks.

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Winter break is too long.

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Love love love S3. Winter break does not need to be that long and internships/externships during winter are widely seen as less valuable than summer internships already.

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If people really want a longer summer, this is a valid method to do so. It might also give Cornell Students a leg up in seeking internships (i.e., they become available sooner).

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This is nice as graduation is often too late in May. Granted that usually means the weather is a bit better, but it makes it hard for some internships and jobs.

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Longer winter break and later spring break

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Finishing early in the spring is good, although late May gives better weather for a ceremony and time for grass and flowers to grow. Where is the three-week January session? S3 could be shifted one week rather than the excessive two. In other words, a January 14-21st start and May 14-21st finish.