

S3FacAgree

I don't mind trading off a longer summer break for a shorter winter break. More family friendly. I often have to miss graduation because Memorial day is a popular time for small conferences overseas that are seeking participating from US based academics.

This is a much better calendar from a family perspective. We would be able to coordinate child care and family holidays more.

This is better than the previous two options - the long January break especially is not helpful.

I really like the earlier graduation date and moving commencement away from Memorial Day weekend. That way commencement does not conflict with family holidays.

Moving exams earlier is a plus. It means that students can do 12-week summer internships. The earlier spring break is nice too.

Addresses most of the concerns.

This works too.

Allows for longer summer break, enabling students to compete with students from other universities for internships.

Shorter winter break

Would be fine. Earlier start in January makes sense (January is not all that cold anymore).

Awesome - have been hoping for years to see something like this! The January break is a real waste - much better to have longer "summer" for faculty research and student employment/internships, etc.

Shortens winter break, which is currently too long. Extends Summer break duration significantly.

only one partial week of instruction. this is helpful.

Better to go back sooner in January and have graduation earlier. Nice to have two breaks, well spaced, but some might feel that the first January return dates are too early.

Allows personal use for memorial day weekend.

Much, much better to start earlier in January and have commencement earlier But still don't need 2 breaks

Ending classes in late May always seemed problematic. By the same token, the long Christmas break always seemed too long.

Moving semester earlier, and retaining the two breaks makes sense. I would propose a S2-S3 hybrid where the calendar is as in S3 but with the week-long break in February as in S2.

I like it though I feel many would dislike the shorter break in December/January time frame. Again the difference between a Wednesday or a Tuesday start is negligible. A shame we can not get Ithaca College's time slot for Commencement. Perhaps a rotation of every several (3-5) years could be an agreement between Cornell and Ithaca ...?

Breaks better positioned. Longer summer for working. Sooner start so more internships possible. Winter break doesn't need to be as long as it is now.

starting earlier helps but needs to be managed against the recruitment calendar.

Much more even calendar in breaks. Ends for summer earlier

Love it. Much saner and gives a bigger summer work time.

It seems more convenient for those planning summer projects.

Takes advantage of January for classes and gets students out earlier for summer school or jobs.

Spring break isn't so early

We might as well get on with it and start classes early and end them early, instead of being in limbo where there is enough to do that one isn't able to fully focus on research anyway, and finish earlier to get the summer going. This way also the period around Christmas and before class starts will hopefully be viewed as quiet time.

Moves Commencement forward, lengthens the summer, breaks properly distributed

Not having work demands on Memorial Day weekend is a good thing. I still would like to see the breaks aligned with the public schools though.

Better to reduce the January break and move the semester earlier

Memorial day weekend has always been problematic. This could definitely help.

Much better to have commencement at a time other than Memorial Day. It is a travesty that our family can never do anything this holiday weekend. Jan 8th is early, but could be worth it.

S3 is a big improvement over the current calendar. My students all struggle to get started on summer jobs because they are tied up with finals far later than other schools.

Moves commencement earlier and shortens winter break, which is too long.

Longer summer break. Moves commencement off of Memorial Day.

This is a huge improvement. Graduation is ridiculously late right now. Longer summer period is a big win for students and faculty.

Breaks are more evenly spaced.

Earlier start in January is good. This leaves more time in summer for students to have meaningful jobs and internships - with some vacation time.

Earlier commencement trumps all. I'm agnostic about having a Presidents Day break.

This is the best of s1, s2, s3. long winter break is a waste of time. move that time to summer where it will be more useful

Worth considering - could we start on a monday or tuesday?

But the January start is too early.

Having a longer summer would be ideal. Does this mean getting rid of winter session?

From a purely personal perspective, I like the long Summer! However, having taught Summer School I worry about the impact of this calendar on both the Winter period and the Summer School periods...

MUCH better to move Commencement earlier. Seems to be a more balanced option.

start early! (it doesn't have to be Jan 8, but Jan 21 seems very late)

Would rather have the extra time in May compared to January (the long break in January seems fairly useless to me).

Prefer shorter winter break and longer summer break.

The winter break is now too short for research and too long as a respite...better to move that time to the summer...

Winter break is too long as is, I'm glad that it's been shortened.

This could work well for many, but it will impact the intersession duration. Some international trips (as part of classwork) are typically scheduled during that period.

This puts us in line with our peers, helps families and solves the academic issues. By far better than the previous two options!

I like not having graduation on Memorial day and starting earlier/ending earlier. But, spring break is still at 2/3 of the semester, not mid-semester.

Longer summer is good for fieldwork-based disciplines such as mine.

It is more in keeping with what other schools are doing.

These breaks seem very well placed, and we gain two weeks of summer.

Better distribution of semester over time

Ending earlier in the year is a much better idea. This will maximize student summer opportunities.

Winter break is too long as it is.. Finishing earlier would be an improvement. Why shrink exam period?

Love the earlier commencement, hopefully more faculty would attend. Students and parents love to see their professors. I hate giving up my memorial day weekend!

this is an improvement. however, if adopting a revised fall schedule that doesn't end until Dec. 22, the winter break becomes very short. Faculty do appreciate the extra time in January to focus on research, work on grants, etc.

A little too early to start, but a good compromise and summer break will be substantial if coupled with a late Fall start.

Great idea. Commencement weekend on memorial day means that faculty and staff who need to be at commencement can never really enjoy the long weekend for traveling. I feel that the Winter break between the semesters is too long anyway. If Spring break can be moved even further a week earlier that would be idea.

this calendar would eliminate our overly long winter break and improve summer internship options for students. preferred option for me.

Starting earlier in January is a good idea. There is no reason take a long, multi week break in December - January. And at least this preserves 2 days off during the local schools' February break.

Not sure why we start so late in January anyway

Hmmm. Interesting idea to cut January. This is the way it is done in Canada.

Major improvement. Students get an earlier start on summer study/jobs/internships (or get a little break between the end of the semester and the start of those activities). A variation could be to start on the Tuesday after MLK day, adding those two days in April/May. That would help those who do international travel, conferences, etc. in January.

It is more frequently useful to have the time available for other activities in late May than early Jan

Starting summer earlier is a plus. It will take a bit of getting used to starting the semester so early though; but I think most will adapt quickly.

puts Cornell on a calendar similar to peers.

Our late finish puts students at a disadvantage for summer jobs.

Longer summer break at the expense of winter break seems ok.

Starts earlier and ends earlier.

well spaced breaks. Feb break falls into the Ithaca School District break.

This is okay. The problem is that winter break is too short (spring semester would start fairly early, too early). But, having a February break is nice, and having the spring break earlier is nice as well. Further, finishing the semester early at that end of April is nice. But, calendar S4 seems better because it has the good qualities of S3 (absent the February break), but allows for the winter break to be longer.

The shorter winter break is better. Finishing the semester earlier is much better.

starting earlier is better since it enables a longer summer break (good for student internships). Also, graduation on

memorial day is not family friendly for faculty and staff.

Shortens january break, which is not well used, and gives us longer summer, while keeping february break consistent with schools: nice compromise.

I agree with cutting the January break some and adding to summer.

I am strongly in favor of starting the spring term earlier. Especially during the last 2 years (when I served first as a chair of a large department and now serve as a senior associate dean), I have found it very difficult to get people to do work that has to get done in January, because people seem to think they are on vacation until classes begin. I also think a longer summer period would be better for our students, especially those seeking summer work and volunteer opportunities.

Satisfies motivators and there is potential for overlap with public school break for first break.

May could be productive.

We don't need long intercession

This matches the ICSD school calendar--perfect!

while I welcome the long break between terms, a somewhat shorter one would also work. There shd, though, be a shorter exam period; the current system is a real time waster for everyone.

I like this model, but can see that it might meet resistance. It conforms to some other universities. It frees up time in summer that has typically felt very short, especially with people who have kids in public school until the end of June. I wonder what will happen to the three week "January session." But I like the idea that summer session teaching has more flexibility and I like having commencement earlier.

I have always felt that our winter break was too long. This creates a fairly long period after finals and before graduation, which some might not like, but I think the shorter winter break makes it worthwhile.

Big improvement. Our winter break is much too long. Commencement is too late here