

S3FacDisagree

The winter break is shortened too much given the two proposed fall calendars. The spring break is still too late.

Many faculty and students travel, attend conferences, do research in January.

The winter break is too short for faculty to do the research and admin work that needs to get done during this time.

This schedule would have a strongly negative impact on faculty that use the January break to apply for the grants necessary to fund their research programs, since many of those deadlines come in mid to late January. This is a vital part of our careers, and we need to have the time to do this well, or I fear our funding rates will decrease! This schedule would also eliminate the possibility of winter term courses, which are a valued part of the Cornell experience for many students. Please, please do not institute this schedule!

Too much change here. Not much of a break between semesters.

It is vital for anyone associated with Cornell who has family overseas to have enough time over winter break to go see them. Not having enough time could be a serious mental health issue in some cases, and in general forcing everyone to come back earlier in winter would almost certainly make our mental health issues (which seem to be close to a breaking point) much worse. Also, why would we sabotage recruiting by telling students they will have to be here during the coldest part of the year. I disagree with this one most urgently.

Leave January alone.

eliminates opportunity for January field classes

This plan improves the weird positioning of spring break, but commencement on Memorial Day has always worked for us, as has having most of January away from campus for internships and things.

This makes summer way too long. And most people may be unhappy with changing graduation day.

The calendar starts too early, especially if we move the fall to end later.

would rather have less classes in Jan when commuting is worse for weather considerations. Also international students need time to go home over break to make it worth the trip.

S3 prevents the use of winter break for other meaningful activities -- likely academic engagement away from campus, like Cornell athletics winter training, etc.

strong impact in the clinical professional teaching and formal classroom teaching I do, both at the beginning and at the end of the semester

Proposal S3 has classes starting on Jan 11, which would mean we start prepping our courses right after New Year's! I think the faculty and students both need more time between semesters. January is the only real pause in the school year for faculty professional activities other than teaching.

1. Moving start of classes forward is definitely good. The Jan. break is too short for extensive work anyway. I much prefer a longer summer for more continuous work time. 2. XX: a week-long break 4 weeks before end of semester is very disruptive for our unit. I really hope this goes away with any version.

I'm STRONGLY opposed to an earlier start to the semester, for many of the reasons listed already in the comments on this site. I have both studied and taught at other schools with a shorter January term, and greatly appreciate the extra time here at Cornell to decompress -- both for me and for my students. Also, any number of non-academic but important activities take place in January -- musical tours, conferences, athletic training camps, etc. -- and I believe we should value and respect those as an equally important part of the whole Cornell education.

won't be able to have January special classes anymore. Academic year ends way too early. Hard for people to attend graduation when it is not on Memorial Day weekend .

I like the idea of finishing the semester earlier, and I definitely like moving Commencement away from Memorial Day weekend. However, I definitely do NOT like reducing the number of days during winter intercession. Those

weeks in January are often times when I take students on international trips for experiential learning classes.

Without those days, we would be limiting the amount of time for those kinds of international experiences.

Shortening the winter break would completely interfere with a winter course I am involved in with 20 students. It's also a good time for others to go to conferences and write articles without academic disruptions. Strongly disagree with S3

The earlier exam period and commencement are good, but starting classes on Jan 8 seems too early, both for students and faculty

Current January break is essential for international academic courses and travel. Faculty need this for working on grants and course preparation.

The start date for the spring semester is too early for many research programs to have an effective research window during the break.

For faculty who have both teaching and extension responsibilities, starting the spring semester so early would make it very difficult to do both at the same time as many extension events take place before the spring semester starts before late January. Also for classes that have labs, it takes time to prepare for the labs. Starting the spring semester on Jan 8 would make it extremely difficult to get ready for the semester.

not an improvement because it destroys the teaching prep time we have come to rely upon in January. A lot of professional meetings like the Linguistic Society of America happen in early January. NIH and NSF deadlines etc.

Flights into Ithaca in early January are often cancelled due to weather and packed with other people trying to get to campus. Even this semester, I had a number of students who had their flights cancelled and had to miss the first couple days of class. Moving the start date of spring semester earlier would result in even more people being delayed due to weather. The later start in January seems like a necessity.

Starting classes on a Thursday makes no sense to me. I think students who take classes and work during January would not like this schedule. Implications for recruitment in the Greek system. Internships don't start until June so the extra weeks in May are wasted. I wonder what the energy impact would be of needing to fully heat the buildings in January.

too early start in January.

Faculty need to write grants during winter break because many are due in the spring (a consequence of the Federal fiscal year). Our grant revenue may decline a lot if the break is shortened this much. International educational opportunities for students are optimal during the winter break. The campus looks absolutely stunning in late May. It will not be possible to do the same in Mid-May. The graduates and their parents build a stronger relationship when their farewell is from a blooming campus than one just waking from winter.

I don't object to the earlier start. But this delays spring break too long. This is problematic for students and may not be the best academically given the short period after the long break.

Starting earlier in Jan is a terrible idea.

I would agree with this if and only if this would move the summer session/summer college start date earlier (which I'm guessing it won't since it's offered to high school students). There would also be a HUGE conflict at the vet school as there are elective surgery classes that are offered in early January. I'm not sure if they would be able to be moved anywhere else and it would be unfortunate if students weren't able to take them because they could no longer be offered.

I wonder if having so much of the semester only during the winter months in Ithaca would prevent students from seeing the campus when the good weather comes in May. It might sound a little silly, but I think being here when the weather is nice is good for mental health. I would think a school year with a compromise with our very late start and this rather early start might be better.

As a faculty member intensively involved in both teaching and research, I need a winter break of the current size to catch up on the research part. Many students and faculty have seasonal affective disorder (winter depression), and deal with it in part by spending the winter break in an area with better light. It's as much as 30% by some estimates. For these individuals moving semester days with good light to the month with the worst light would be a serious problem.

This would be an improvement EXCEPT the fall semester is being moved later, so this makes winter break too short.

Starting earlier seems good. But why do we have to go all the way 2 weeks earlier? A better option than both S3 and S4 would be to start 1 week earlier and keep the February break.

Too early start to semester.

The early start does not allow for an adequate winter break or time to prep classes after holidays and kids go back to school.

This is a terrible schedule. Effectively eliminating Jan break cuts off many travel research and study options for those of us who work abroad. I realize this does extend the summer, but for many of us January is the only time it is feasible to do research in certain parts of the world (parts of the tropics). Many valuable short study abroad trips are also run during this time, and moving them to the summer would be problematic for students who are also working, doing internships, etc. Being on campus in Jan would also increase everyone's heating bills, not to mention it is a generally awful time to be in Ithaca. Why should we have to be here in January instead of in May, when it is much better weather? Having the long January break is one reason some of us faculty decided to take jobs here in the first place, and is an accepted compromise we make with having to live in a cold, dark winter.

This is the worst change of all possibilities proposed. Giving up the prep and recharge time between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester would have an awful impact on the quality of work, preparation, and the ability of those who live far from family to travel home. Semesters are relentless and exhausting. We need more time between fall and spring. The summer break is already long.

I like graduation on Memorial weekend. Probably makes it easier for folks to travel.

Commencement weather is critical factor. Also, many family members have memorial day off of work. I also this this plan gives students less time to enjoy Ithaca when it is nice. We know the winter is really hard for some students.

The early Jan start is terrible! Cuts off our prep time for spring classes and opportunities for service learning trips over winter break.

Unless compensating changes are made to the Fall calendar, S3 makes having a winter inter-session exceedingly difficult, and it drastically reduces the uninterrupted time that graduate students have to work on multi-term projects (e.g., MEng students), particularly if combined with an international visit home. Classes taught on MW (or M only) have a full week less class time compared to TR courses. Commencement would always be on Mothers Day.

Not eager for such a large reduction in Jan no classes

I like a longer break in January and classes into May.

Too short a January break

I like a long winter break.

Start of the semester is too early.

Absolutely too soon in January to start and too earlier to end.

Too early of a start in January. Conflicts with other institutions' commencements.

too far into January for me to comfortably get ready for spring semester

It just doesn't make any sense to have Spring break so late and start so early.

Foreign students travel expenses are great - this version limits their time between semesters

NO! We're starting way too early. Faculty need a substantive winter break, and this plan denies us that sorely needed time to regroup and focus on non-teaching responsibilities.

This start is too early and will impact winter break courses. As well, one of the main things that Cornell should be looking at is syncing its Spring break with the local K-12. I can't believe that this isn't part of the conversation.

I prefer the longer break between fall and spring semesters.

Not coordinated with ICSD; partial week in early January is odd use of time.

Moving up the beginning of the semester will reduce opportunities for semester break study abroad.

Starts too early

The academic calendar of the CVM does not fit with this framework. Important distribution coursework and externship opportunity blocks are planned year round based upon a Memorial Day weekend commencement date. The CVM does not want to break with the rest of the University to hold a separate graduation ceremony, as do the Law School and Med School. Likewise, it is not to the advantage of the students completing their degree requirements to have to continue classes after being allowed to participate in graduation, since their families generally attend commencement exercises and often assist with student relocation efforts immediately after graduation activities.

no time to prepare for lab courses.

This would make for a VERY short winter break, especially if fall semester is pushed even closer to Christmas. In addition, Jan and Feb are worst winter travel months so starting this early could be real issue. having only 4 weeks after week-long spring break is also very odd.

Long January break is extremely valuable for catching up on research projects, and for course preparation for the Spring term. I feel that shortening it would negatively affect my research and teaching.

While I like the idea of an early start, it does not make sense to start the course and have MLK day off. Also, for classes meeting on MW, this calendar imposes a great reduction in class dates.

Bad option! Prevents January courses, which are valuable experiences.

Classes start WAY too early

Compressing the winter break will hinder research activities (travel, panel service, etc.)

Would conflict with study abroad and other international travel programs that occur in early January. Don't see much is to be gained other than avoiding Memorial Day weekend for Graduation. Don't parents like having the holiday weekend to celebrate and move their graduates? I would think this is more convenient.

Starting classes so early in January interferes with a lot of students who do short internships and immersions over winter break. Starting classes on a Thursday means the many Mon/Weds classes have no class first week. Do not like moving graduation earlier. Everyone counts on it being Memorial Day weekend.

winter intersession is too brief, bad for faculty, students, and winter intersession classes. I am vehemently opposed to this change

Winter break is very useful for many department functions

For foreign nationals is it a little bit difficult to be back that early to start the semester.

This is by far the worse scenario. Winter break becomes too short to do research abroad. Also, considering Ithaca weather, I think it makes most sense to let faculty and students come back later from the winter break. Besides, for those traveling internationally, airplane tickets are way too expensive early January.

Starting so early in January will make it very difficult for return travel, touring, and January research projects.

This preserves overlap with ICSD on breaks but starts earlier. I prefer the later start and longer inter-session.

As someone who runs a trip to South Africa over winter break, this would be a huge problem.

NO!!! a mid-March spring break would be nice, but NOT at the expense of starting so much earlier in Jan.

Dont like the very early summer start

This will kill all of the international study trips that I am aware of or have conducted myself. The winter break is really the only time to do this and this will take all of that away. It does provide flexibility for spring break but that is a shorter period of time so the international study courses are really confined and that makes it more difficult to conduct. I like the idea of ending earlier in May but not losing the winter break time for international activities.

Do not like the sharp reduction of winter break.

Long Jan break is great for getting stuff done. I like Commencement on Memorial day.

no! no! no! no! definitely do not want this!!!! winter break would be way too short!

I have always been a strong proponent of January break for scholarship and/or travel-based courses. I do not agree that "winter break is too long" because for many students it does not all become a break - it allows a creative "mid-session"

This is horrible! Starting classes on January 8 means there is no down time for faculty or students. Students have little time to spend at home (e.g., applying for summer opportunities). A lot of faculty research and proposal writing happens over January break, as does preparation for Spring courses. Having a winter break that is this short would make the entire academic year feel like one uninterrupted slog. This would be awful. In addition, this schedule destroys the Memorial Day graduation, which is much easier on our graduates' families and their travel schedules. It shortens the winter break which is an important time for intellectual work, preparation for the spring semester and travel, particularly for international members of the community.

Semester starts too early.

There needs to be another response option: vehemently disagree? violently disagree? totally disagree? There are too many good uses for the January break, that have been elaborated on the 'comments' web page, including many instructional opportunities that have no other space to occur. In my department it allows overseas field study linked directly to a following spring semester course - which students simply could not do if the field component had to be in the summer, in the middle of summer employment.

cuts into winter break too much.

Semester starts too early.

Study period too short. And many graduating students likely already have travel for parents lined up for commencement. If implemented there should be more lead time for this

too early to start the semester

This is a terrible idea. It effectively delays a useful break until week 11 of classes. That is just crazy.

This would eliminate the option for engaged learning activities in the January intersession. I propose that Cornell should instead encourage engaged learning activities in January.

Absolutely not feasible. Starting this early in January is unthinkable. Whoever came up with this?

Eliminates too much of the winter recess.

Maybe move one week back, but not two. Break needs to be long enough, especially for students far away, to be viable.

see prior comments

I'm all in favor of starting earlier in January, but this plan obliterates the possibility of running intersession field courses. Why not start the day after MLK Day?

Grad students who are involved in teaching and faculty need a winter break of the current proportions to focus on research, writing, and field work. Currently, grad students who teach some subjects (such as languages and first year writing) need to defer some research to the break, because teaching is too demanding. Taking this away is unfair to the point of being exploitative. The same considerations apply to faculty like me who are active in research. For the 1/4 of the student and teaching population who have seasonal affective disorder, trading long days for short

ones is a really really bad idea. It can't be shrugged off, because SAD at the limit is depression, and depression at the limit is life threatening. This option is horrible.

Bad! early start disrupts winter travel, faculty prep, and study abroad

The fewer class days in winter, the better. January is dark, nasty, and enervating, and we all need as long a winter break as possible to gear ourselves up to it. And not doing commencement on Memorial Day weekend complicates parents and relatives' ability to attend since they will likely have to miss work to schedule it given that it takes forever to get in and out of Ithaca from anywhere else. This is absolutely the worst proposition.

I don't think it's a good idea to start so early January. We have enough winter weather anyway and both students and faculty like to be able to leave for a while.

The breaks are better spaced in this option (relative to current or S2) but shortening winter break by this amount really will limit travel over the winter. The relative loss to winter break is much greater than the relative gain to summer.

winter break too short

many pre-term activities would be eliminated/curtailed.

Students will not show up until after MLK holiday from winter break.

prefer to start later in January

I like our nice long winter break. It's needed. Again, if you think of breaks as both time for family, rest, and doing some work--more time is preferable.

Don't like starting a week earlier.

We should absolutely not start so early in January. This would be a hardship especially if we choose a new fall calendar that goes later into December.

Need time to prepare for Spring classes during January

I like the winter break at current length because I use it to prep for spring term. if shortened no one will die but it will be harder for me

Does not maintain 4 week winter (Dec.-Jan.) break.

This is a bad proposal for me professionally. The spring semester starts too early some years to participate in important professional activities. I know other faculty with the same issue.

I very strongly disagree with this one. Moving the start of the semester earlier by two weeks gives much too little time between the two semesters.

Classes resume too early and February break isn't needed.

This is just an awful idea. January break is used for a variety of conferences and prep time and TA respite.

Too short a break in January.

The early start of classes in January eliminates opportunities for other January class sessions that are linked to fall and spring semester course options. The early end of classes at the end of the semester has no apparent advantages for students I am familiar with.

The loss of January really hurts faculty productivity both on research and grant writing. This is a terrible calendar which will leave faculty and students totally burnt out by March.

January is key conference/research time. Faculty at a significant disadvantage with this schedule.

February break is a waste of time; does not really help students with stress-related issues.

Terrible idea to have such a short winter break. Faculty need time to prepare for new semester. Students use the break to travel and do winter classes

Starting on the 8th seems very early. No room for winter academic options such as trips. I like having an earlier spring break.

You're starting the spring semester too early. Delay it by one week and hold Commencement on the 21st.

This S3 framework does not work for people who are offering courses that have winter field trip components. Currently I teach a class that I take the students to Asia from Dec. 27-Jan. 18 so this will not work at all. It will also make the summer break too long.

This makes the winter break way too short, in my opinion.

You are looking at guaranteed retention problems if this schedule is implemented. This effectively erases all winter study abroad programs. More importantly from where I stand it gets rid of a very important period where many faculty do research or perhaps actually take a small break before we begin teaching again. We need time between semesters to prepare our courses. Junior faculty faced with increasingly stringent tenure expectations can not possibly meet them without a decent winter break.

Too early a start, significantly impinging on winter break research/writing time

I would not like to start earlier in January. It does not allow for enough of a break.

Doing away with January time just seems like a bad idea: it would essentially abolish winter session, wouldn't it? Plus faculty need it for research, esp. when that research is not in the northern hemisphere, but not only then. Students can line up internships, take classes, write theses.... January is a productive time as is.

This one is a disaster. It moves two weeks from the end of semester (when Ithaca is finally pretty and everyone enjoys it) to dark cold gray January days. Surely more cause for student depression. Also January break is essential for faculty - time for research, talks and conferences. It is essential we keep those January weeks and need to reject both S3 and S4.

Wont work as my students will be on field trip abroad

The winter break is far too short, giving me too little time for new preps and students too little time for vacation or other interests.

Too much class time during the coldest season

• Need the extra day between the last exam and graduation. • With an earlier start will there be no winter session?

interferes with national professional meetings

It's nice to have early start of summer, but starting from the second week of January may make the winter break too short.

Having a one-day break just after two (or seven) days of classes simply makes no sense. I don't see it serving any productive purpose but only to diminish the value of the first two or seven days of classes. Moreover, in those years when it follows only two days of instructions, it could potentially encourage certain students to purposefully return to campus late.

Commencement on Memorial Day weekend is easier for travel and better chance of nice weather; early January is best time for grad student exams;

Need a longer winter break.

long break between semesters is important to keep research program going between classes

This option is really not good. It is so much better to have long winter break and teach into May, then finish so early

By itself, this is not a bad schedule. However, since the alternative calendars all push Fall later, making Spring earlier at the same time would be a disaster.

Starts too early.

It's ridiculous to spend more time in Ithaca in January and less in May.

Pretty radical. Is it no longer important to have the dorms closed over the winter to conserve energy? This schedule will be problematic for spring sports teams who will have league games that conflict with exams, and maybe graduation weekend. For example, the Ivy lacrosse tournament is the first weekend in May. I assume this does not cause a conflict with IC graduation weekend since that would be a disaster.

A strong "Please, no!" Do not start the spring semester so early in the beginning of January. There is no time to relax between semesters.

Starts way too early

The start is way too early and erases any possibility of getting substantial research and/or class prep done during winter break.

The January break is important to research time.

Second semester starts way too early.

I find winter breaks to be very valuable for research.

Makes winter session (which I have taught for 15 years) impossible.

Need long inter-session for international and other experiences.

I don't support drastically shortening the winter break

this start date makes it impossible for students to travel internationally over break.

winter break is valuable (essential). Semester ends too soon.

The best of the 3, but I still think the prefinal exam study break should retain the second Sunday. i.e. A day off to study near the end of the exam period is still a good idea.

Longer winter break is important for research!

Great if you teach just on Monday! But you have three extra weeks on a Thursday and Friday. I was at MLA on January 8, along with half the faculty in modern language departments.

January break is necessary for both Faculty and Students. The 3 weeks between terms creates space for international travel classes during a January term. It's important to have an extended period where this can happen. Especially if you want students to have an international experience and offer classes such as International Agriculture tours. Please don't eliminate this break! for faculty this also allows some preparation time for spring classes.

January is a very valuable and productive time for me. Also, it makes more of the school year happen in very cold weather.

truncating intersession reduces possibilities for research travel

In addition to breaking for certain holidays, instructors conduct research, prepare for spring classes, and do graduate admissions during the intersession. I would preserve it.

Reduces the winter break substantially. Affects all kinds of winter break sessions, 3 week session etc. More students doing international stuff during winter break. This is not a good proposal

Not enough time to catch up on research activities between semesters. No possibility of student projects (such as undergrad research projects) during Jan break.

The long break in January is really important for those of us who have to do field work or archival research abroad.

Starts too early and would impact off campus programs that take place during winter break. As someone whose research is mostly off campus-the longer winter break affords me opportunities than this calendar.

Need a longer between semesters break

The loss of the January break is a mistake. Students don't need EXTRA weeks of winter, and the extra week off in January is very helpful for faculty research.

winter break would be too short

Poor positioning of Spring break.

There is no choice for "ABSOLUTELY NOT." I feel strongly that January Break must remain so students can have an opportunity for international experiences or other activities. When I was in college my January experiences were life-changing, and now that I am leading these, I can see the same thing in many of my students. We need to keep this time open!!!

This is way too early a start in January. Many faculty use January to finalize preparations for new courses; there are many professional meetings planned for early January, after holidays, and although moving up commencement is a very good idea, I'm not sure it should come at the expense of both so many days off during the semester and starting so early. Also, the MLK holiday just two days into the semester seems confusing for all.

This new spring calendar would be especially problematic if combined with one of the two proposed fall calendars as it would make the winter break all too short for those of us who need to travel to for work over the winter break. This would result in problems getting teaching done at the beginning of the semester.

S3 *significantly* hurts the winter break. This is an essential period for faculty to travel/work on grant proposals/course preparation, etc. Ending the semester in mid April is extremely early when looking at when internships start, so there's no real point for it.

Winter break too short. Spring Break too late.

Too short of a winter break

The long Jan breaks is EXTREMELY VALUABLE research/writing time, particularly for junior faculty. I am STRONGLY opposed to any proposal that makes a substantive cut into this time.

Not a reasonable choice given the Ithaca climate. There may be more mental health issues.

Faculty and students need winter break for outside projects, internships, etc. I would be super unhappy if this break is shortened.

An earlier start in January would be brutal. Most of us really depend upon that longer winter break to get important work done and prepare for the spring semester. Travel is so hard in January that there will be more disruption to all kinds of plans.

Strongly disagree with shortening the January winter break. This would interfere with many winter session classes and winter vacation options for families.

Too early a start and spring break late

The long January break is great. I wouldn't want to lose it.

The first few weeks of January are packed with committee work, admissions, proposal writing and so forth. This very early start would create lots of unneeded stress for faculty. For the students, it will take away an opportunity to experience a few nice weeks of summer weather in May.

Absolutely not. This breaks up two one week cycles and would throw off all classes that have to schedule sections each day a week, like mine.

Having a long winter break helps with grant cycles.

Scientific conferences are scheduled in the first two weeks of January based on past schedules. The winter break is an opportune time for research faculty to do research, which requires interaction with colleagues nationally and internationally.

Winter break is too short both for students and instructors. For faculty January is filled with a variety of committee work (search committees, admission committees etc.). Also, I feel we are robbing the students of the chance to see Cornell and Ithaca when it is the nicest here (spring time). In the long run that may be quite bad for Cornell's reputation.

I like the long January break

Winter break should not be as short as is proposed in S3.

This eliminates time to prepare for teaching the spring semester and for having special courses (and research) during January.

Term starts too early. Why not start after MLK day?

In our department we have new graduate students usually start in our lab in the beginning of January. Thus, in the current schedule, they get about a full week of uninterrupted lab work before TA duties and classwork start-up. Starting class this early would be detrimental to getting our graduate students started in the lab.

This option starts way too early in January, and a break just two days after starting? Why not starting a week later? (Week of Jan 15)

I don't like the loss of the winter break in this scenario. For many of us, this is a valuable research period.

This would be hell. It would effectively eliminate any meaning break between the semesters and increase faculty stress by leaving little time for course preparation. It would increase all stress by giving no meaningful break in the winter months.

winter break too short

Kills winter break

Starts way, way too early.

I cannot emphasize strongly enough what an unmitigated disaster the reduction of the break between fall and spring semesters would be. Faculty members **DEPEND** on that time for research and writing, presentations at prominent conferences, proposal writing for distinguished grants and fellowships, spring syllabus refinement, and a host of related activities that enable us to achieve the excellence that Cornell expects--demands--of us. To hobble our ability to succeed by taking away the precious resource of winter time would be cruel and perverse.

This change may benefit some students who participate in summer internships. However, it intrudes on a number of major academic conferences in early/mid January that would impact professional responsibilities of faculty.

This is an abysmal idea. The January break is an essential period for intersession short courses, particularly those that require foreign travel, as in our college and department. This extended period is also a vital period for research activities and particularly for faculty to prepare federal research grant applications without dividing their time on teaching. In addition, it might even be unsafe, requiring travel to Ithaca during periods of bad weather, and will require more heating of dorms and other student areas, making achieving carbon neutrality that much more difficult. Finally I repeat my strong belief that two spring breaks are totally unnecessary and very disruptive to the flow of teaching.

This is the only alternative that keeps the early break --yay! But why sacrifice the January break, especially since we already finish up before many of our peers and we desperately need that time to prepare spring courses? I prefer the current spring calendar.

Too much of term in dead winter; cut out feb break and reduce exam/study to 10-11 days.

do you really want to kill the January break??

I really don't like this one. The January break needs to be longer than this. As a faculty member I use this uninterrupted time for applying finishing touches to spring syllabi, and sometimes for research and writing. A January 8 start would be way too close on the heels of the holidays, and would be even worse if the Fall term is rescheduled to end later in December. This also would kill the "Winter Session." which is not a major deal for me but might be for some people.

The long winter break is valuable for research.

absolutely unacceptable from a faculty perspective - early January is critical federal grant writing time. - this will seriously limit faculty productivity, especially if fall ends later **DO NOT IMPLEMENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!!!**

Moving classes to start before MLK day seems to make no sense as there is immediately a long weekend (unless they start right after New Years). The long break is still quite late in the semester.

We are combatting climate change and want to keep Cornell budget in good shape. This will add greatly to fossil fuel consumption at Cornell (if students stay at home-no impact on heating use at their homes) and increase our January bill by 6 figures. Put this one to bed-who want to be in Ithaca in January-talk about adding stress and depression to student lives!!!!

Removes winter break

Faculty need a longer winter break to prepare for the spring semester and to do research and work on grant proposals.

Free days in January are more valuable than free days in May, when you have the whole summer stretching before you. A bad idea.

I could see moving the Jan. start date up one week, but not two-- we need a significant break between the two semesters to catch up on research. The underlying problem, though, is that the semesters are simply too long-- without fixing that, no juggling of the schedule will really solve the problems without creating new ones.

Starts too early. Early January is popular conference time.

It would be better from my point of view to end the semester earlier but there are a lot of things at Cornell that use the long January break. Getting rid of all of them would be very very disruptive. In particular, hands-on study trips abroad would become impossible. International experiences? Forget about it.

No you can't begin classes in early January. It prevents any January programming. Good to have spring break in March, but not at this cost. No need to end classes so early.

I like having longer January breaks.

Please don't do start the spring break so early! How can we do any research abroad in such a short time? How could we fit the winter semester classes in this setting?