

S3FacUnsure

The rhythm is good and breaks nicely spaced. I do, however, appreciate the longer intersession winter break.

We really need a longer winter break!!!! But good that the semester ends in time for students to start internships BEFORE Memorial Day. I would prefer shifting this calendar forward by one and a half weeks --- to start a little later than planned here.

S3 does not work well with the Fall variation that pushes classes back into December (which I favor), because the winter break is too puny for true rest and meaningful activities like winter internships. The long winter break is good. However, I applaud any spring calendar that moves up spring break as an improvement on the current calendar, which has spring break way too late. I write these comments on March 9, when I am desperate for a spring break that seems like it will never arrive

This does significantly impact athletics and would defer to student/coach impact on this. A shorter holiday break does seem logical, however.

A start date of January 14 is good (assuming MLK birthday is still an observed holiday) but January 8 is too early. The two spring breaks are well placed as is commencement.

I like the idea of removing days from end of semester and putting into Jan. I do not want to start too early in Jan because following winter break, I truly value the time without students to prepare lessons/syllabus for spring. This schedule only gives us one week. Starting semester on a Thursday means students won't actually return to campus until the following week.

Again, it's interesting; there's an advantage and a disadvantage here, clearly.

Sweeps in MLK, which is useless as a break day. Presents difficulties for the current plan of staggered graduation dates, which helps with hotels, etc. But: would this eliminate slope day? If so I am for it.

Remove the 2 day break. Start Jan 15.

This reduces the Winter Break for students doing internships: they won't have enough time to gain useful skills / knowledge from their employers in this short amount of time. But having Commencement on another date than Memorial Day is a plus.

The February break is well aligned with K-12 school break but the spring break doesn't align with the K-12 break in either framework (S3 or current), so it's a coin flip as to which one is "better", if either.

Students get out earlier and Faculty with summer research (e.g. field work) are freed earlier too. NSF pre-proposals for many Biological sciences are due in early January, however, and this puts them in the start of the semester rather than out of the way beforehand.

My colleagues depend on January for travel with students. Honestly, I'm not wild about any of the options, or framed in a more positive way, the ideal would synthesize some of the elements from each. For example, it seems as if we could begin the semester somewhat earlier, say, a week later than this one, to allow for some January travel experiences -- the three present something of an all or nothing approach to changes at the start time -- the first two begin very late, and this one begins very early. I do really like the timing of the spring break above -- since we have moved it, it feels very late. I used to like the 'old' timing very much, it worked well in terms of timing in the semester.

I don't see a benefit to any of these spring changes.

I like the idea of moving the calendar up in January, perhaps by one week less than you have indicated here (preferred start date January 17)

January can be a good time to do field work in the tropics and to catch up with writing (papers and grants) and research. Taking that time away just shortens that productive time needed between semesters

I'm fine with starting earlier in January but PLEASE always make sure to make Cornell's February and April breaks coincide with those of the Ithaca School District! This is very important for parents.

removes a useful 2 weeks break in January for getting research done. Ending earlier does not really have huge benefit.

I do like the idea of starting the spring semester sooner, but these seems quite radical.

I like that the last exam date is moved up. Right now I get many requests to reschedule exams due to desires to attend siblings graduation, and start internships, etc. Starting on January 8th seems quite early though. It wouldn't leave much time to regroup and prepare for the Spring. (Especially if the revised Fall calendar ends up going later.)

I am neutral here. My main issue is lining up the breaks with the public school breaks.

Seems very early to start

Agree with the graduation being very late and the summer break with the new calendar seems better for students and their internship or summer classes in the US or abroad.

I really like the earlier commencement. I am less certain about starting so quickly in January --the winter break typically is used by faculty to write papers and catch up on work. Beginning mid Jan is fine, but beginning Jan. 8 seems much tougher to imagine being able to meet all the demands.

I like the idea of starting classes a little earlier in the Spring but having MLK off right after classes start seems funny. Also is there a reason we have to move everything up two weeks rather than one? Can't we have commencement one week before Memorial Day?

longer summer good for students job experience/chance to earn money but reduced Jan break interferes with the types of experiences for which they sometimes opportunities. Graduation would be a lot earlier so big risk for weather for outdoor ceremony.

This semester break is too short, especially if the fall exam period reaches deeper into December.

for professors wanting to do research over the winter break this cuts off time, agree that commencement is too late though

Winter break too short for students traveling abroad.

If this shift to earlier is better for the students, I would agree

Earlier graduation is good. Short break is not needed--especially so early.

The drawback is that the students would have a longer winter experience on campus. Whether this may hurt the matriculation rate should be considered.

Not sure why public school calendar is not mentioned

This is more in accord with the faculty's contract (a real 12-week summer instead of 10 weeks as we are expected to be present for Commencement activities) and preserves "childcare days," but it is at the cost of January travel/prep time for second-semester classes and all of the other activities that we currently cram into the several days before the second semester starts.

Start early and finish early may or may not be good

Much as I would like to see the semester end earlier, this calendar will impact winter academic international trips--such as the IAD program to Chiapas..... But I do like the idea of starting earlier and ending earlier.....

Limits flexibility for January coursework at field stations. [But there are other, more important reasons why Cornell's flexibility to teach field courses in January is more limited than our peer institutions that are linked to administrative priorities.]

I'm strongly in favor of bringing commencement forward to the middle of May. I like that there's considerably class time before the Feb. break. But I'm unsure about starting as early in January as S3 proposes. I have found the first weeks of January to be very productive periods; I would be reluctant to reduce them to this extent.

Schedule for students appears to be an improvement. For faculty, those first couple weeks of January are prime time for actually getting work done, so losing them would be disappointing. On balance, probably an improvement.

I'm ambivalent about shortening the winter break and lengthening the summer break.

Why not just start the day after MLK day? Seems crazy to have a two-day week and then a three-day weekend.

Love the idea of earlier start and graduation, shorter exam period. Makes the Spring semester less LONG! Increases the length of summer for internships and ends the semester before other 'summer' activities including professional conferences, etc. begin. Perhaps I would be able to go to the major meeting for my field for the 1st time ever! Are two breaks needed? Where is slope day?

Winter break is too long. Don't start classes on a Tuesday. Two day break is disruptive to schedule and completely unnecessary.

The February break is too early, and also too short for many students to take advantage of.

In some ways I like the idea of having a longer summer. I worry, though, about winter fatigue, especially among students who will be in winter for a long time. I already see that when we start in late January. If we adopt this calendar it may be beneficial to have the week long break earlier rather than later