

S3GradAgree

I'd prefer a longer summer over a longer winter break.

More time for internship.

Current winter break is extremely long.

This schedule is great, but should not be changed to if either the F1 or F2 schedules are also changed to. I honestly think the first two days of class should be moved to the end of the schedule, but otherwise, this is the best schedule change thus far.

Intersession can be very long - I like starting a bit earlier, students get two weeks to relax and regenerate from long fall semester and then still in "school mode" when they return back to campus sooner. Also makes summer longer - better for summer employment opportunities.

Commencement does not interrupt Memorial Day weekend and the between-semester break is shortened.

Winter break is too long, and we go too late into summer for some internships. Still, delaying this schedule 1 week would seem better, since it makes winter break very short, and we don't need to finish this early in May.

We need to have commencement before the general commencement

The Spring break is better coordinated

I really like the shorter winter break.

I would prefer to start the semester earlier and have an earlier commencement. Memorial Day weekend is quite late, and can increase traveling expenses for families attending graduation. The breaks are also well-positioned within the semester.

As I mentioned before, I'm in favor of an earlier start in January. It accommodates most of the concerns without having to make a lot of changes.

The Christmas break is crazy long. This makes everything work out well.

I like how the semester starts earlier, I always found myself searching for programs and things to do while my peers had already started classes. However, I'm wondering how moving graduation before memorial day will affect the ability of families to take off vacation in order to travel for graduation.

Winter break is too long. Longer summers allow for more internship flexibility. Memorial Day is a bad traffic day already for parents traveling from costal areas.

Earlier semester means breaks more evenly spaced Indifferent (as a grad student) to start and end of the semester - but might help other grad students with field seasons, who would be glad to leave early Indifferent to shortened exam period

Winter breaks have always been longer than necessary, and some internships have earlier start dates than when the last exams take place. It would also be easier for families to reserve hotels if commencement isn't so close to Memorial Day. Spring Break would also occur around the same time as other school's.

HIGHLY IN FAVOR OF THIS SCHEDULE - earlier end of semester.

except I don't like shortening study period

While having a break day immediately is weird (and maybe could be dropped), moving spring break back a week seems good, and the two additional class weeks in the beginning makes February break make more sense.

I prefer shorter winter break in exchange for longer summer break.

winter break doesnt need to be as long as it currently is.

Increased length of summer break is beneficial for summer employment. However, I think it would be better to start on Jan 16 instead, with two days of class added to the end of the semester, and keeping a 13 day study/ exam

period (move out day would be May 16).

Summer break is not long enough, the extra weeks help that greatly

This is good, but I prefer S2. February break disrupts momentum built early in semester. Time later on will allow us to work on the bottleneck of work late in the term (ie. term papers, pre-lims, etc.). Also, current placement of spring break falls on Easter. Flights and travel cost twice as much on Easter compared with one week earlier in my experience).

Moving classes earlier is better. Winter break is too long, anyway.

The winter break is unnecessarily long. I would prefer to start the spring semester earlier and end it earlier as well.

This is excellent. Get the semester over with earlier so that summer can be better used for internships, research experiences, other jobs, or better use of vacation time

Keep's President's Day weekend.

Commencement is earlier which is helpful as well as an earlier spring break. I would recommend still starting the semester on a Wednesday. Might be helpful to break up the study days instead of back to back exams.

Big fan of this. Start the semester earlier in January, get a longer summer break.

But maybe this is a little bit too extreme? Why not start on the Tuesday after that 1 day January break?

Best Framework, gives more time for research in the summer

This is the best!!!!!!!

I like the arrangement of Feb & Spring break. I'm ok with beginning earlier and ending earlier.

Much better to start the winter term earlier!

Starting class earlier in January would solve a lot of issues; the winter break is far too long, and having one more week of summer break makes a big difference.

This is pretty close to what other schools follow

Spring semester needs to end earlier for internships

This positioning of the Spring break is ideal because it is not too far away from Feb break but not too close either.

Yes, this is even better than S1. Would be even better to start the semester on the Monday of the first week if possible.

Winter break is too long. Ending class earlier in the Spring means students have more time for internships in the summer.

Having a shorter winter break and longer summer break is desirable and the breaks during the semester are evenly spaced.

Earlier end day of spring

I like the idea of starting earlier in the year

This is a massive, overwhelming improvement to the current calendar. Cornell's current winter break is bizarrely long; the extra 2 weeks of "vacation" time do not improve students' mental relaxation, but push the end of the semester much farther into the summer than many other colleges. Faculty and grad students don't really benefit from starting the spring semester so late either, since most are expected to resume full-time work shortly after new years', but they would benefit from an earlier summer break since this would allow more flexible summer travel plans. As with the S2 calendar, moving Spring Break earlier is also an improvement, since the main benefit of Spring Break is to have time off to escape the winter cold (and it's less likely to be snowing in April, where our break is currently).

Much better to have the semester start earlier and end earlier!!!

I prefer an earlier start to the semester. Currently winter break feels a bit long.

closer to ICSD calendar

like the idea of starting the semester earlier.

This is the best framework yet. Start the spring semester earlier, and move the break to be earlier. I really like this.

For graduate students this is a definite improvement since many of us are back on campus working by early January anyway. Moving spring break forward a week definitely helps, as does shortening the exam period. I am less sure about extending the amount of time students are on campus during the cold and snowy part of the year.

I like the idea of starting the semester earlier in January. This would give more time for internships. The winter break felt a little long anyway.

This seems like a great solution for the problem of the summer break being too short, which has been mentioned many times. It would put the Cornell academic calendar more in line with other institutions.

I prefer starting earlier in January and finishing earlier in May.

Spring breaks is spaced well and the semester will end at an earlier and more flexible date for summer travel/research.

Classes start very late in January

I appreciate having commencement before memorial day, that way we can easily prepare for our transition and use that break in our advantage.

Break in winter is too long. I would rather get out earlier in the summer.

In terms of work and externship experiences, a longer summer break and shorter winter break is helpful. This option also spaces the breaks nicely in the semester.

Moves start sooner, spring break sooner, and graduation earlier

I agree that our between semester break is overly long and I like the proposition to start the spring semester earlier to address that. This framework also addresses the issue of the summer break being too short and I think that is important. The spring break coordination with other campuses seems fixed in this framework, also.

This idea is phenomenal. The winter break is currently much too long, and the end of the semester is much too late, especially for those of us in the life sciences that currently need to start fieldwork while classes and exams are still going on.

I like having an earlier spring break, and all the major holidays are over by Jan 8th.

I like the idea of having a shorter winter break; I have always thought that it was too long. This schedule better resolves the "too early February break" problem, the "too late spring break problem" and addresses the graduation date being too close to memorial day.

I like this calendar because it keeps February break in the same position that it was before, which is synchronized with the February break from ICSD. This is important for students like my that have children. Also, I like the idea of starting the Spring semester early to give more time for the Summer. The position of Spring Break is nice.

This is even better than the other proposed spring calendars!! Early January days are wasted as there are no classes, but then summer starts pretty late!

I think this calendar looks great! It is more in line with other universities and allows for a long summer for research (important for grad students)

This is the best option.

This was the standard at my former school. It only works if more break days are given in Thanksgiving

Shorter exam period. Semester ends earlier in the spring. We don't need a 5-6 week spring break

This lengthens summer, which has so many benefits for students. A longer summer means more time to intern, as well as secure coveted jobs. This upcoming summer, I have to work 1 week past the time classes start, as my employer requires 12 weeks. I do not want to miss classes, but the current calendar forces me to do so due to its shortness. Next, this lengthens summers closer to the lengths of our peers. Additionally, this longer summer allows students to volunteer for Orientation, who were previously unable to do so. This is a good option.

I like the longer summer break, and shorter between semester break.

I would prefer having commencement earlier. As an undergraduate at Brown, I was unable to attend my best friend's graduation from Cornell because we both graduated on the same day/Memorial Day weekend.

Longer summer

Winter break is tooooooo loooong.

This is perfect, ideal, and allows for students to get to summer internships and jobs sooner as compared to other schools.

Earlier start in January

I think the between-semesters break is way too long. I think changing it justifies losing study days, but don't see why that is necessary.

I think having such a long winter break in January is unnecessary.

Between semester break is far too long!

Yes, this is by far the best alternative! This actually addresses the worst problems with the current schedule: we start the term way too late in January, which makes the summer too short. It also results in good spacing of the two breaks during the semester. This is a great suggestion.

Spring break should be in march

This is the best choice -- the gaps between the February and Spring breaks are shortened, and it effectively lengthens the summer and shortens the winter break. As a grad student who needs break times for research purposes, this is ideal.

This would not allow for a winter term (which I don't know how valuable that is as I have never partaken), but would make summer longer.

This would be perfect for any grad student with field work or for students with summer jobs. Current late finish hinders students from getting field jobs since we finish so much later than other schools.

(1) Semester starts and ends earlier, more consistent with peers. (2) Spring break is at a more 'normal' time. (3) Shorter study/exam period is better.

Seems fine, although the later January travel does tend to be more affordable.

I like the semester ending earlier

To enable F1 Visa holders to participate in April lottery. I sincerely hope that the university starts the session early and consequently ends the session by April.

This is also a good variation. Most schools begin their semester on the week of MLK day. This also deals with the problem of having well placed breaks.

Although the Spring break remains unusually late in this proposal, it is useful to have the semester more closely aligned with those of other universities.

I like the idea of having a long summer break.

Classes finish and it's not even May yet

Lines up with kids' schedule better.

The current winter break is too long, and Cornell ends the spring semester several weeks later than most other

semester-system schools. However, if this spring semester calendar is adopted, then the fall semester calendar should not be changed to move school days from August to December, as this would make the winter break much too short (I think a 3-week break is ideal).

This is a really good idea!

End date more convenient for people engaging in summer activities

I think it is good that classes are started earlier and exams end earlier. The placement of the breaks is also appropriate

Longer summer

Winter break is long. I like having the start of the semester in early January and then also getting out about 1 week earlier in May. This is more consistent with end-of-semester dates at other institutions.

Winter break is too long. Having graduation over memorial day makes travel difficult.

Winter break is too long. Prefer a longer summer.

Makes the summer longer

Starting earlier makes sense and I like the break distribution

Finishing classes earlier would make it easier for starting summer internships, etc.

Early semester start

I'd rather summer break be longer than winter break. Winter break is ridiculously long.

Better for summer research by far, spring break is better positioned.

I rather have longer summer than between-semester break.

The semester ends earlier, allowing better use of summer time (constructively).

The winter break is too long. This is better. The only downside is that Spring Break potentially no longer covers the Frozen Four.

It made summer longer and spring break is in a great time

The winter break is very long - VERY much prefer to end semester earlier

AGREE AGREE AGREE. This is the ideal schedule. Shorter exams, still have Feb break, get done with the semester much earlier, wouldn't need to push back the fall semester. This is everything I'd want.

Getting out earlier will allow for an easier time finding summer employment

Better timeline for leases / sublets

Our winter break is very long- it's nice for some international students but a more normal summer would be nice, especially with the timing of many summer jobs who expect us to finish classes sooner than we do.

This would be great. I think that we start way too late in January and have a chunk of dead time after the holidays. If this could be coupled with a longer summer then I approve (if it means a shorter summer - by making fall start sooner - then I disagree).

Earlier graduation is great and give more opportunities for summer work.

More summer, more time for summer jobs. I don't mind losing winter

Out of the spring semester options, this is the one I agree the most with.

Earlier summer, easier to schedule internships. Winter break ends much closer to new years, lines up better for grad students with kids who are in K-12.

This is by far the best spring option. I like that the exam period is shorter and that breaks are regularly spaced. Great idea.

Longer time for summer internships/vacation.