

S3GradUnsure

I don't like the idea of losing winter break, but I understand that some people may need the time in late May for internships and things. Overall I would say I'm neutral on this.

Depends on the winter break. It should be at least 3 weeks. Students need time to travel and unwind, and grad students need that time to catch up on research (no classes to take/teach).

I don't mind the long winter break in exchange for a slightly shorter summer break.

Enables a longer summer but starting on 1/8 might be too early of a start.

Beginning and ending earlier is an advantage in that the summer would be longer, however the same compression at the end of the semester occurs in this instance, with only 4 weeks left after spring break.

I don't agree that the between-semester break needs to be shortened, but it is true that commencement is kinda late.

Breaks are well positioned in S3. I hesitate though, many students participate in internships and externships over the winter break. This new schedule may not allow them to do so. To that same point, summer break is now longer and may allow these students a longer internship period during that time.

Big changes in S3. Not sure how it would affect students.

This could work. Summer break really is too short, but changing this isn't as important as changing the fall calendar.

This seems all right, but I'm not sure if I like it more than the current schedule.

This is a pretty big departure from Cornell's traditional long winter break. I know that it has long been a student complaint that the spring semester ends late, which creates some difficulties when securing/starting summer internships. And this would create a VERY long summer (especially if the fall semester start is pushed back, as proposed), which I think most faculty/students would enjoy. However, it needs to be considered cohesively with the proposed adjustments to the Fall semester schedule. If those changes are implemented, and the Fall semester ends on December 22nd (at least some of the time), this would be a very short between-semester break. And (not that this worries me in the least, but in the interest of the student body), when would "rush week" happen? I think some mental health considerations need to be heavily weighed, too. I think many students need a solid month to recover between semesters, and Ithaca in January is not exactly warm & welcoming. So for me, as an older grad student (no longer taking classes or teaching, so out of the fray), getting the lovely peace & quiet of a loooooong summer sounds amazing. But when I think of the truly detrimental effects of such a quick break for all the students (and even faculty teaching back-to-back semesters), it doesn't sound like a good plan.

I like that we leave earlier for summer, but I also liked the option of taking class over the winter. I could see, however, if winter term class offerings decline, opting for a shorter winter break.

Depending on how the Fall schedule changes this might make winter break very short and it might make the transition into this schedule very hard. If the winter break isn't decreased too much I would like this schedule and the chance to end the Spring semester earlier

Bad: sacrificed a study day during finals Good: longer summer Good: Earlier spring break aligns better with other schools

This is negligible to me.

indifferent.

The winter break is definitely long, but I think this would create problems for many groups of people who take advantage of those 5 weeks in December/January, including those who: take winter term classes, work, volunteer, do planned travel activities with student groups, spend time with family, travel, etc.

Spring semester is already pretty gray and this would make it worse, however ending earlier in May could be interesting if we don't change the August start time. Moving spring break seems still silly to me.

Might make winter break too short

While I think moving earlier is a good idea--especially as it offers more time in May for internships/jobs/fieldwork/etc, I'm concerned about 1) if this reflects expected typical job/student start times -- if it still can't account for them, there doesn't seem to be much incentive to move earlier and 2) this change in relation to a Fall semester schedule change. If Fall semester ends as late as Dec 22, and classes begin again Jan 8--that's quite a short winter break in relation to how long Cornell's semesters are.

Agree with all changes except the shorter study/exam period -- I like the longer 13-day study/exam period. My most productive learning comes when studying for extended periods of time to consolidate information and prepare for exams. I also feel that the longer time frame also reduces end-of-semester stress.

Making the semester start that early will mess up the vet school calendar, which already starts a week before the undergrads.... although I do like not having commencement on Memorial Day, that was inconvenient, and difficult

Commencement on Memorial weekend is far in May month but it allows parents to travel to Ithaca for the commencement without taking an extra vacation day

It would be the best Spring calendar if the Fall semester ended before Thanksgiving (that is, study period + exams could still happen immediately after Thanksgiving). It would be extremely awful for international students to have this short of a Winter break.

Semester starts a bit early

I thought the winter break this year was too long and getting out when other schools do would be beneficial, but then again, it's miserable here in late December / early January and so having the long winter break allows us to be off campus and away from the desolate frozen tundra that is Ithaca during that time.

Having 2 class days before a 3 day weekend seems odd. Why not just start 17-Jan?

The same as F1

Why move the start date up by two weeks? Why not just one week? I agree that the break between semesters is too long, but this makes it too short.

I see the benefits of having a longer break between the semesters and the drawbacks of having a shorter summer break, so I don't know that I think one is more important.

gives students very little time to relax over Christmas

I like the break positions and the early commencement. But I don't like how early we have to start in winter--what about winter session? Plus winter without classes is really important for getting other work done!

I'm not sure that I like the schedule moved earlier into January.

I'm not sure this helps that much (I prefer the S2). I don't fully get what moving the one-week break by one week is supposed to help with.

A longer summer break might give more time for summer opportunities.

I don't really know