

## S4AlumUnsure

This is fine. Just don't cut down on study days. Although it looks like that's not happening. How 'bout administrators go back to having a full course load and then tell us if they think study period should be shortened.

I have no issue with removing February Break and going back to a one-break spring semester. To improve upon this S4 schedule, I would move one week from the beginning of the semester and put it at the end, to extend Winter Break by one week (to allow for externships and other opportunities as I discussed in my previous response). I do not think there is much difference in placing Commencement one weekend or two weekends before Memorial Day. In fact, placing it two weekends before Commencement coincides with Mother's Day, if that is of any significance. Again, move one of the 4 study days to the middle of the 7 day exam block.

I'd say shift the calendar about 3 days forward and it looks pretty good. Keep spring break where it is. You could keep Feb break and maybe just shorten it to one day (Monday). This isn't a bad start, but I still think it starts a bit early in January. I really like that you made the break match other schools' breaks here.

Starting and ending the semester earlier is good. February break isn't necessary but it is definitely appreciated by students.

I think February break (currently) is too close to the beginning of the semester. I do think there is something to be said for 2 breaks though. Maybe instead of having a long weekend off, have a few class days cancelled throughout the semester.

Having February break after three weeks was silly, but if you pushed it back like some of the other ideas it might be worth keeping. That said, aside from the potential for PE classes, I'm not particularly attached to keeping it. If you use this scenario, I'd shift it back a week (commencement May 21st here) because I valued a long winter break over a longer summer break.

I believe February break is necessary, but this proposal solves the spring break problem nicely. This proposal is not as appealing as S3.

Winter break is not too short. The school year should not start any earlier. As I just said, winter break allows students to take externships, particularly outside of their hometowns, without sacrificing spending the holidays with family. As a school that emphasizes career connections, this is valuable. Also, as I previously mentioned, eliminating the option for greek life to have rush before the start of the school year allows students to not have to choose between sacrificing their early weeks of classes to commit to networking and social opportunities that are valuable. Exams on the weekends is awful for students. The February break was put in place to reduce stress on students after a series of suicides on campus - this is not something that is useful to take away.

The first half of the semester will feel like a slog. This is something I'd rather see tested and get feedback on before implementing permanently.

Still seems a bit early to start

Shorter winter break and longer summer is better, but not at the expense of Feb break. Keep Feb break and go a little farther into May

I believe the two breaks are very good and should remain. This calendar seems very dense

spring break is still slightly too early. might be a good balance of a starting date in january.

I like how it doesn't start too early and ends reasonably soon, but am indifferent.

I like that it would start earlier, but I think just the idea of having a "february break" helps give students a time to look forward to. The first break would be pretty useless, so really students would only look forward to spring break.

Feb break not necessarily?

I like the start and end dates, however I always appreciated 2 breaks in the spring and am not sure how just one would feel.

Could work well, but not sure.

I think two breaks is important

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I really like having two breaks but I also really like having an earlier graduation date. I mostly like the S3 option best so far but perhaps this one could be second best.

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lack of a secondary break can make the instruction days appear too long

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Agree that February break isn't necessary. This still starts a little early, but better than S3. Slope Day on Friday is good. A full senior week instead of a few days is better also. Overall, the best spring schedule is the old one that was in place before 2014.

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Two breaks are important in my opinion, but the earlier start/end of the semester cancels this out

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I like the earlier time of Spring break, but feel like there needs to be an additional break time.

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While I liked having February break, it is always kind of oddly placed during the semester, so it may be interesting to see what spring would be like without it. I like that commencement is moved earlier, because many other schools have an earlier ceremony, and quite a few jobs like to start in June so it may make for an easier transition to the workforce after graduating. I don't know how much this affects the Law students taking the BAR though

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This was roughly the calendar when i began at Cornell, but moved a week earlier. If people want another break why not have 1-2 3 day weekends? for instance a monday off in February and a Friday off in April. One of the long traditions at Cornell is slope day. which began as students enjoying the slope on the last day of classes. i think it's important to that spirit to have it be on a day Monday-Friday. Additionally we already know students aren't going to study then, why not call it a holiday instead of lying and trying to get college students not to party and have fun? More generally i do think as more centered spring break is better than a later one with a misplaced extra long weekend.

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Overall starting and ending times are good. Removing February break is not good, leaves too long of an unbroken stretch of classes without a break.

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I like that we have more direct instructional time in the S4 Calendar, but I think that the February Break can be a welcome relief to the long second semester (particularly for students who struggle with Seasonal Affective Disorder- January- March can be a difficult time in Ithaca). February Break can feel like the spring version of Fall Break (which, it appears, is universally enjoyed). Additionally, Commencement should always be on Memorial Day. Memorial Day permits more family members to attend graduation, particularly low-income families that might not be able to take time off for travel to remote Ithaca.

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this is pretty good too. i like the semester start/end timing but feel neutral about removing feb break. i thought it was a nice addition

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I liked having a day off in February, though it was random when first introduced. I like the placement of Spring break. i also liked having graduation on memorial day so that it was easier for family to come since it was a holiday.

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Two breaks are needed, nice to have study day in the middle of exams.

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Returning in mid-January would be tough, but graduating in mid-May would improve the summer schedule for people trying to get internships or jobs.

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This puts Commencement on Mother's Day. Is that good? As with S3, there isn't much January term left.