

S4FacAgree

The winter break is shortened by a reasonable amount given the two proposed fall calendars. The students give up the February break but do get the spring break right where it belongs.

This calendar version seems like a good compromise.

This is the best Spring option - all the Motivators are correct.

Winter break might be too short for international student, who travel home. But the long Summer break is good for students looking for meaningful internships.

This is also a good option for moving commencement away from Memorial Day. However, I prefer having 2 breaks for students during spring semester, so S3 is a better option than S4.

Moving exams earlier is great because students can have 12-week summer internships. The earlier spring break is nice.

Straightforward, simple. Also takes Commencement off of Memorial Day

Addresses most of the concerns.

This is my favorite. MUCH easier not to have the 2-day break for lab class schedules. Much more consistent with peer institutions.

Allows for longer summer break, enabling students to compete with students from other universities for internships.

Shorter winter break

1. Advantage: longer summer for uninterrupted work. 2. longer period on either side of spring break is infinitely more useful and flexible for course planning than current

S4 is much better than S3, because starting right after New Year's does not give enough break. I agree the February break is unnecessary. It only helps those who want to have a ski vacation out West. And like the other variations, it improves on the biggest flaw of the current spring calendar, which is that spring break is currently way too late

The earlier semester start, earlier exam period and earlier commencement are great. Eliminating the February break and repositioning spring break is fine.

I would support this or S3.

Eliminates unnecessary and useless February break. Gives more reasonable duration to Winter break. Significantly extends duration of Summer break.

reduces partial weeks of instruction

seems like a great schedule!

I think one break is better for spring -- make it a long one as this one does. And it resolves the issue of late release for the summer. I also like the earlier commencement.

Best spring plan overall. Good balance between early January return and earlier graduation. Some might miss Feb break. Good timing of March break.

Giving the students a real break in almost the middle of the term is good. An earlier finish gives them also more time for the summer!

In the past, the veterinary school has started the spring semester AB distribution schedule the week of MLK day so this looks more similar to how it was in the past for us. This would still leave the first two weeks in January for the elective surgery courses and it would be nice to finish the semester earlier. I would again hope that this would move the start date of summer college/summer session up by a week.

Brilliant! Spring break comes when students need it most. Later Jan start date means faculty have preptime following winter break to get courses updated. Earlier commencement means we can actually take a vacation with our families on Memorial day!

Best Plan of all! Much, much better to start earlier in January Don't need Feb break Earlier commencement is much better

Reasonable winter break and helps students with summer employment and post graduate employment.

February break is not necessary.

Agreed, but don't move 8 days to January

This makes more sense because it doesn't start as early as the previous and still ends at the beginning of May. I'm not sure about the position of spring break though.

As a whole I like it, if I were a student . . .

This is best for me.

Again, not sure this is an improvement, but it facilitates scheduling courses like mine, where in class activities need to correlate with discussion sections for groups of students. I envision that having one less break won't be very popular, but I never get breaks anyway, so this does not affect me particularly.

It is straightforward and optimizes the time most effectively

This one is interesting, and I could see it working. Nice flow for teaching and learning, which is what we're all here for. But I still liked S2 (I think, the one with the short break in April) better. How important is it to have a second, small break in the semester?

This is better than S3, and a good trade-off for an early graduation, yet not starting class too early in January. I'm just wondering how students feel about only one long break. Paired with a later Fall start date, this calendar maximizes summer. In terms of child care days, the payoff of a longer summer would be worth it. Faculty get more research and writing time while kids are in school in May and June, and we enjoy a bit more time when they are on vacation until end of August (when paired with F1)

Even though this shortens the Winter Break for student internships, I believe the February Break is not necessary

Summer break starts earlier

Best of the bunch.

The best proposal I've seen here.

Moves Commencement forward, lengthens the summer

This seems to be the best compromise in dealing with a situation containing multiple problems. A start date of Jan. 8 seems a bit early; the 12 is better. Current Commencement date is too late, and S4 resolves that. S4 does have the disadvantage if reducing the study/exam period, but only by 2 days. On the margin, given the other advantages of this calendar, that disadvantage seems minimal.

Seems like the best compromise.

Ah, here we are! Yes, I like this one -- seems as if it integrates the best of all proposed changes. I think it's the best option.

best by far!

This is better than current, but still not optimal. I don't see why the goal isn't to put the week break closer to the middle of classes. I have no view on starting a week earlier, but still don't see why we would break the semester into 8 wks plus 5-6 weeks.

Best spring one yet!

Feb. break is disruptive to teaching, particularly lab classes

I think that this is the optimal schedule for students. It allows a long enough winter break while giving them the opportunity to start their internships on a timely basis for employers.

Yes!

S4 is even better than S3 in my opinion. I think February break is too short to be very useful, and would prefer that students can get started on summer jobs in early-mid May, like students at our peer institutions.

eliminates February break

prefer commencement before memorial day

This is a huge improvement. Graduation is ridiculously late right now. Longer summer period is a big win for students and faculty.

This is a perfect solution all the way around.

My reasons are the same as S3.

Earlier commencement. Eliminates Pres Day break, which is disruptive.

even better, best of s1, s2, s3, s4

I like the proposed start day - but I do think breaking up the 8 weeks with at least a long weekend is helpful - but it should not come before the 4th week of classes.

This is my favorite spring schedule! solves the final exam problem CS majors have (conflicting with internships), and one long break in the middle of the semester seems OK

Wrapping the semester around two breaks has been challenging!

Personally I like this one the best.

Like getting rid of two day break!

Even better than S3 because it allows for more time for research in the summer...

Eliminates unneeded 2-day break. But could start a week later and preserve full winter intersession.

I think this looks pretty good. It still starts quite early, but it might be worth it to move up the final exams.

I like S4 the best. I get mixed opinions from students about the need for February break. This plan moves Spring break into a week where other schools are also on break- which I hear about a lot! And, it moves graduation up 2 weeks!

this is my favorite schedule, best aligned with peer institutions

Probably my favorite: Spring break is centered in the semester, classes start and end early, graduation is before Memorial Day.

More in keeping with what other schools are doing- especially the SUNY system.

The single long break means that we retain a longer January break.

February break is of dubious value and we are better off without it. Good distribution of semester across time

S4>S3. Better to end the semester earlier than it is now for students. Also better aligns us with our peers.

The semester stay is a bit early, but you gain a lot for doing so.

The best of all worlds it seems.

So far I think this is the best option. Pushing spring break to be closer to the middle of the semester helps with distressing and the long winter days, and with that timing I don't think the February break is needed anymore. Moving commencement away from memorial day weekend gives faculty + staff an opportunity to enjoy that weekend outside of commencement activities. Starting the semester early and finishing early is great.

I'm relatively indifferent between S3 and S4.

I like the idea of a shorter winter break, but longer summer break

This is the best option. The February break is not necessary. We can start a bit earlier and get out earlier.

Hmmm. Also interesting.

It answers the objections I had to the other two!

Best spring option. Every week except the 1st is a full 5 days--very helpful for courses with lab sections. Earlier start (but not as early as S3) seems like the best compromise.

It is useful to end earlier (as in S3, the end of May is more frequently useful to have free than mid January). The midterm break is better positioned, though the eight weeks before it starts without break may be daunting.

Yes, the February break is unnecessary; and it makes more sense to have Spring break halfway through the semester, as a natural caesura after midterms.

Very good- again, I do not like the 4 consecutive study days. I still prefer 3 consecutive days and then the second Sunday without exams.

More even, earlier Spring Break

I like this schedule the most - but how about holding classes on MLK day and taking a day off on Presidents' day? That would give a break from classes a little into the semester when it would be nice to take a small breather.

An earlier finish is better in the spring, for students taking summer jobs.

Longer summer break is good, at cost of shorter winter break, but it might be tough on the students to have only the one spring break.

S4 is the best. Get rid of the February break--there's no good need for it. Moving it all forward a bit is good.

I like the earlier end time but would prefer keeping the February break. Why not have 1-week earlier start, while keeping the February break?

I like this one the best! It makes the whole semester shorter for the elapsed time. It makes the summer longer. It places commencement before memorial day. Spring break is well aligned and splits up the semester.

moving commencement up is a big plus; don't need two spring breaks

Better placement of break. Only one break.

This schedule serves a better purpose to help students secure productive summer internships. This would help with their job placement. The drawback is that the students would have a longer winter experience on campus. Whether this may hurt the matriculation rate should be considered.

I'm a little hesitant here, but I think this might be the best improvement. Yes, it means faculty need to pace their courses differently, but many of our students will have this type of calendar in mind and it really simplifies things. Begin somewhat earlier, end much earlier. I still wonder how this might be aligned with ICSD. I know the committee has considered this issue--perhaps it is too hard to coordinate. I'm strongly in favor of ending the spring semester (including commencement) earlier--Memorial Day weekend is too far into the summer for both faculty and students. In our current spring semester, we essentially have a 5 month semester! We need to shorten this.

I prefer S3 and S4 over S1 and S2. Neither S1 or S2 address the concerns regarding our late finish, nor the fact that the between semester break is too long. I have a marginal preference for S4 over S3.

It reduces the choppiness of the other calendar choices. . .but at the cost of "childcare days," while still delivering a longer summer. And there still is some prep time for the second semester.

This is really the best option. Shortens the winter break and gets the semester done earlier. Starting on Jan 16 makes great sense. One break is enough during the semester.

but not as good as S3, because loose february break.

Spring break well positioned and semester ends earlier making it better for summer travels

This is the best of the spring scenarios. Start right after MLK day, long break mid-semester, finish before we get too far in to May.

This is by far the best. Feb break is not needed and Cornell always graduates too late. This is essentially the previous calendar, but moved up.

This gives some time to prepare for January classes. February break is unnecessary.

This seems reasonable.

I like this less than S3, but I think it is still better than what we have. The February break is pointless, in my view. It's better to have a week break in mid March. I also would prefer to have Commencement earlier.

S4 is the spring calendar I prefer. I'm strongly in favor of bringing commencement forward to the middle of May. I don't think the Feb. break is that valuable, so I'd be willing to give it up. I like that the spring break falls in the middle of the term. Starting earlier in January isn't ideal, but I'm willing to start immediately following MLK day in January (not quite as early as S3) in order to achieve the mid-May commencement date.

This solves many problems while preserving a break between semesters and a spring break that is early enough to offer relief from the Ithaca winter.

A great compact semester.

The Feb break needs to go away.

S4 is my most-preferred Spring option. (Reason: It doesn't start too early, nor does it go too late. And Spring Break hits at the ideal time).

Motivations are correct.

I like this; I would reduce exam/ study to 10 days (max 11), and start a little later

less interruption in the semester. Better position for spring break.

This addresses the issue of the location of the long break in the semester, without starting before MLK day.

Will increase fuel consumption on campus but not as bad as the previous example.

Balance between some work time in January before classes start for faculty and moving schedule earlier for students seems a good compromise.

Earlier start date and one break! Less LONG spring semester with spring break more in line with other schools. Longer summer for internships/professional activities. Shorter, less dragged out exam period. Would move process of reviewing students who may need LOA for academic reasons earlier, increasing the feasibility for them of enrolling in a community college course and starting to get back on track. Logistics would need to be carefully thought out with Fall semester ending later.

This is good, except start the semester on a Monday! Preferably January 8th!

this seems best; the reasons given on its behalf are good.

The only drawback is the long interval before the spring break.

This is by far the BEST spring schedule

The compressed schedule is an improvement

I like moving the commencement forward. Others may disagree since the May long weekend allows for travel time for families, but I think being finished the school year earlier is great.

Willing to try. It would be a 'dense' calendar, but the upside is the long summer period for research, travel, and writing.

