

S4FacUnclear

I don't mind trading short winter break for longer summer break. Often invited to international conferences over Memorial day. Academically, this schedule seems to make sense. But, not at all compatible with ICSD breaks.

I still think this calendar starts too early, but it's not as bad as S3. I'm in general in favor of moving away from graduation over Memorial Day weekend (seems like I have to be here both Saturday and Sunday of the weekend). I'm unsure what forces us to hold graduation on a Sunday -- plenty of other universities have their graduation on a Wednesday or Thursday. Could we not end the semester earlier and have graduation the Wednesday or Thursday before Memorial Day weekend?

Would rather push the start of classes 1-1 1/2 weeks later, allowing more of a winter break, but still finishing early enough for students who need to start internships the week before Memorial Day.

Same comment as on S3. Need to evaluate impacts on athletics.

I like the idea, though I think I would prefer a calendar that started and ended one week later (removing the need for a break day and giving us an extra Monday for instruction).

I like the slightly earlier start, but I also really like February break.

Starting earlier seems good. But why remove the February break? A better option than both S3 and S4 would be to start 1 week earlier and keep the February break. Still, of all the options presented, S4 seems best.

S4 substantially reduces the uninterrupted time that graduate students have to work on multi-term projects (e.g., MEng students), particularly if combined with an international visit home. Commencement would always be on Mothers Day. Seems more balanced than what we currently have though.

Conflicts with other institutions' commencements.

If we're going to start at that time, then break should be actually in the middle, which is the week of March 5. Think about how this will affect seven-week courses, which are very popular in my college (ILR). There should absolutely be seven weeks on each side. Frankly, though, Spring Break should be two weeks. Look to Yale's academic calendar. I find it to be very effective.

Long stretch before and after spring break were thought to be a problem on an older calendar. This goes back to that.

This looks better but this is tough on students without a longer study period.

I am not sure the two day break is necessary, but I don't want the spring semester to start too early.

ditto previous answer

Semester starts too early; later than previous version, so better.

I like moving commencement away from Memorial Day weekend, so people can actually take that time off. However, I don't like losing the Feb break, particularly as that is the one that usually aligns with the public schools and is therefore the only one that faculty with kids can actually use as a break.

this one is okay because I like moving commencement earlier. But the feb break is nice too.

If 2 breaks are critical, why are they not there in S4?

Like the shorter Dec/Jan break but don't like the removal of Feb. break.

I don't know. This is a more "normal" starting time for a spring semester (January 13th-ish), and it would be nicer to get done sooner.. So I like those parts, but I like having two breaks.

seems fine, I don't care much, it seems motivated by a desire to significantly lengthen summer.

Starting the week of MLK day seems right, and ending earlier seems right, but February break would be nice.

I like having a two-day break in the semester, which seems to be helpful to students. I also don't like reducing opportunities for January experiences that are linked to fall and spring semester courses.

Spring break may be a little *too* early? Not sure. But starting the semester earlier is better.

one ends too early and the other too late

I like everything about this, but if spring break does not match up with ICSD spring break, then it is a non-starter for me.

I am fine with this, but neutral. My main issue is lining up the breaks with the public school breaks. I think some people care a lot about maintaining the winter break. Why not start the same in January, but also have just one spring break?

Spring break is too early, but I like the earlier end date to the semester.

This is better than S3, as it gives a breather after Fall for preparation time. If Fall were not changed, I think this would be the idea choice. I really want to say "Current Calendar Fall+S4". But the next page does not allow me to chose this.

same as previous

I really like this scenario, but it would be difficult for students to travel for an international opportunity with a shorter break. I also think it's good for the students to have two breaks. However, I do think it's the best of the 4 new frameworks. but I worry about students with fewer breaks in the long winter months

I like the earlier start and end, but thought we had decided a few years ago that the configuration of 8 straight weeks of classes, then spring break, then 6 straight weeks of classes was a bit grueling for the students.

again for faculty research productivity the winter break is cut short

I think we need the breaks

I like the start and end dates, but (a) there is a long slog between the start of classes and the first break; and (b), families with school age kids might find this a hardship as there is no alignment of breaks on this calendar with the local school calendar.

This is the best of the calendars, eliminating as it does the Feb Break, repositioning Spring Break, and ending earlier. There might be some real advantages to changing the graduation date so that it does not overlap with Memorial Day Weekend, though I wonder whether families don't find it easier to travel then. On the other hand, those who fly might get cheaper tickets if they could avoid Memorial Day weekend. 12 January seems way too early to start for those who are doing research and graduate admissions during those January days at present. And then there are international students who go home only once a year and would like a longer break. 19 January, though, seems fine.

Like some parts, like reducing exam period. Like only one break. dislike early January start. Why do we need to have commencement two weeks before memorial day weekend? I don't get the need for that.

I like to earlier start in January, but eliminating the February break may be a hardship for local school district parents.

As above

starting earlier is better since it enables a longer summer break (good for student internships). Also, graduation on memorial day is not family friendly for faculty and staff. not sure about having just one break.

Not as bad as S 3. We lived for years with one spring week off & can do so again if properly positioned, which this is. Benefit of earlier commencement. But I like the full month off for winter break. Gives a faculty member a real chance to accomplish work of various sorts --research, class prep for a new course, etc. So I'm unsure about this one.

Agree feb break not needed, but I like long jan break

I think the February break helps everyone's mental health, especially in years with hard winters

Motivators satisfied but no overlap with public school breaks

I think there needs to be a break before spring break, even if it's only two days.

Classes begin too early in Jan--prevents January programming of short courses, trips abroad, etc. Good to get rid of Feb break, which is unnecessary. Spring break too early. No need to end classes so early.