

S4GradAgree

This is another good alternative. It does not move the semester start date back too far and removes February break which I don't think is very useful.

I think the February break is too short to truly reduce stress.

It would make for a longer summer and place spring break in the middle of the semester where it is needed most.

This option (S4) creates an earlier end date for the semester, which allows students to have more options with summer internships.

I never really saw the point of the Feb. break. It comes too early to really de-stress with. The semester start time is greatly improved. Again, this schedule should not be done with the F1 or F2 schedules. I would prefer the most if this schedule was used and the Fall schedule remained the same.

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. Spring break is well-positioned within the semester. My program does not observe the February break, and would thus be unaffected by its removal.

I agree that February break is weird and unnecessary

Eliminates unnecessary 2-day February break, spring break is better timed, and commencement is earlier.

Beginning and ending earlier is advantageous, and the earlier spring break reduces end of semester compression.

Good, but S3 is better.

Increased summer break

This is what my undergraduate schedule looked like and it worked really well.

Similar to S3, I want to have classes earlier and winter break to be shorter.

I like this or S3, although prefer S3

This is the best option for spring. We don't need a February Break if Spring Break is positioned in the middle of the term. That said, I don't think the semester should start earlier.

The February break is unnecessary and it is better to have a longer summer, but this still gives sufficient time in January to recoup.

Also fine with this because semester starts earlier, get a longer summer break. February break isn't necessary.

I really appreciate that this would let us get out earlier in the summer. The winter break is way too long right now, and this schedule redistributes the calendar to be more consistent with other schools and give us the chance for a break of a few days before a summer internship would start. BUT I find a LOT of value in the 2 day Feb break and it would be a much more stressful semester with it gone.

Best spring break time

Most importantly: semester starts and ends earlier! And: Spring break falls more where other schools / universities have it.

Winter break is too long, ending class earlier in the spring gives students more time for internships.

This is my favorite option. The February break is unnecessary and causes increased anxiety for those students who live too far from campus to go home for such a short period of time so close to the start of the semester. An earlier graduation leaves more time for summer internships and is more aligned with other schools' schedules.

earlier end day of spring

Similar to S3, this also improves on the current calendar by cutting away useless Winter Break days and ending the

semester earlier. I'm not sure how well eliminating February break will work in practice, but I'm willing to try it, because the 2-day break has never seemed very useful anyway. Once again, an earlier Spring Break is much better than a late one, and this schedule (similar to S2) will ensure that Spring Break occurs in the winter, at a time when a vacation to a warmer climate is most beneficial.

I like that the semester starts earlier and ends earlier!!

Need more summer

I don't think February break is necessary. Especially if it means getting out of school earlier so internships can start earlier

The February break is unnecessary, and a shorter semester and exam period are the priorities. I would prefer to not infringe on the between semester break however.

Actually, THIS is the best one yet! See previous comments about how the February break is a bad idea, and how the earlier start date for both the 1st day of the semester and spring break are both good ideas!

makes the semester more efficient

I think S4 has a much better start date. It may be a little tough on students to have so much class time between breaks. I don't think that study/finals period should be compressed, and I think it is important to keep a study day in the middle of finals period to give students an opportunity to recharge and prepare for their next finals; having seven days of finals in a row would be incredibly stressful for many people. End classes a day earlier in May to start Study period earlier and put another study day in the middle of Finals period.

This seems like a good solution to many problems. I do not believe the February "break" is useful and this ends the semester earlier, which is very useful.

One of the better option. Long christmas, long summer. February break not really helpful

Again, better to have a shorter winter break and get out earlier in the summer. That being said, I think it would be nice to keep February break.

The best option for starting/ending earlier and earlier break

Keeps the winter break at a reasonable length, and also makes the summer longer.

I don't think this is as good as S3 because I appreciate the value of two breaks during the semester to allow people to decompress and reorganize themselves, but it is still much better than the current schedule because of the earlier end to the semester.

The starting date and spring break are appropriately placed, and getting out earlier would be nice. A February Break-styled break would be appreciated, though.

It's better to start earlier in January and finish the semester well in advance to do other stuff (travel, internships, volunteering). Winter break is a waste of time!

I think the earlier start is much better than the current schedule but I may prefer S3? Having the "bonus" break is nice.

Shorter exam period. Semester ends earlier. Semester starts earlier. I don't need a February 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 it's 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 great option.

The Feb break is unnecessary

This is ok. Reasonable start of classes but one break alone is a bummer. Spring semester is long, and two breaks is important for mental health.

Earlier start in January. February break does not seem to help with stress levels.

The two breaks always confused me; this is better with just spring break.

Between-semester break is too long!

Similar to S3, this schedule address the main issues with the current calendar. As a grad student, the February break doesn't mean anything to me (i.e., research doesn't stop), so I am ambivalent towards removing a two-day break. I like that the semester starts earlier in January (making the winter break shorter) and the semester ends earlier in May (making the summer longer).

I suppose I agree with this scenario but it still has the semester begin on the early side.

I don't necessarily need February break and I'd be willing to sacrifice it for an earlier summer release.

better placment of commencement, in between length of winter break compared to other calenders

February break never seems that beneficial...it also interferes with scheduling lab courses

Much better timing all around. Gives students opportunities for summer internships.

(1) Starting/ending earlier is better. (2). Loss of February break may be OK, may be bad.

Wastes less time in January and extends spring and summer employment/field season

Removing the unnecessary feb. break shortens the semester.

The semester ends earlier. However, i preferred S3 to this calendar because it kept the February break.

Good idea!

This is great also. It is slightly better than S3, in my opinion. I think with S3, students will not want to come back from winter break before the weekend only to have the Monday off. I don't think February break is really necessary anyways.

This is even better than S3 regarding start and end dates of the semester. And, I don't think losing February break is that big of a deal.

Finishing before is better to start the summer job properly

commencement seemed late. and i don't get february break anyway so earlier commencement would be the only change.

But the February break should match the rest-of-World carnival dates (Feb 12 and 13 in 2018)

Winter break is too long. Prefer longer summer.

Positioning the one-week break earlier makes it more useful for review

February break isn't really necessary

I liked S3 better, but this has the same effect of shortening winter break and making summers longer

I kind of like the two-break spring, but this would be a great calendar for lab courses and summer research.

This makes sense. I like the positioning of spring break in the middle.

I like starting summer break earlier

The semester starts closer to a monday, allowing for easier coordination of recitation lesson plans between TAs. Also, February break is unnecessary.

This seems to be a superior version of S3, which avoids the awkwardness of the early day off and the February break.

Prefer to end semester earlier

Earlier start

I like this one the best so far, but I'd personally prefer to have a few breaks days in Feb. and push the end of the semester back by a day or two.

February break feels a bit pointless. Too short to do anything. Maybe we could just make spring break longer?

Like the earlier start and end, and don't miss Feb break at all, student are just settling in at that time.

I really like a single spring break week at the middle of the semester.

Earlier summer, more flexibility for internships. Closer to new years for start, better aligned for grad students with kids in K-12.

Overall shorter term