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This calendar, even with the sacrifice of the two day break, puts the start and end of the semester at the perfect points, and places Spring Break at a perfect point.

this is best. does not cut winter break too much and breaks align with peers

Still allows students to have a full 3 months for an internship

people will make their own February break if it is not given to them

this option is the best because i personally don't get the point of february break. our winter break is very long and literally 3 weeks into school people go home again. i would rather have a march spring break because that is the middle of the semester and end earlier.

not bad; more study time!

Yes, this is a perfect balance of solving the issues.

Better times.

I don't feel that february break is absolutely vital to our academic calendar, and this version allows for a shorter winter break, a more reasonably timed spring break, and an earlier commencement date.

It is good that this option moves Spring break to a time that aligns with other colleges, and it does not end Winter break too early. However, it might still be a good idea to have some sort of break in February still. Seven weeks is a long time to go without any breaks.

Although I don't like this one as much as S2, I would prefer it over S3. Getting out of school early is something I'd appreciate because I feel like everyone is experiencing summer while I'm still studying for exams. In the beginning of the semester, I'm unsure if Spring Break is necessary as classes are starting back up, and it's not a heavy prelim season. However, I'm only speaking from my perspective, as I'm sure other people have a different schedule.

Two breaks are beneficial. The February break may not be necessary.

Just as good as S3. Its fantastic.

This one seems to be the best.

A somewhat better option, perhaps better for starting summer internships

I do like this one. More normalized spring break and commencement dates. Despite losing February break, I would like this change as it allows a later spring term start, thus technically transferring February break as added to winter break.

Would be willing to loose February break to have graduation earlier in the month to start internships and other jobs at an earlier time.

I really like this schedule and have recommended something similar before. I do think this schedule nicely improves spring break and could shift up the schedule nicely to not interfere with internships. I would actually say that a big way to improve this schedule could be shifting spring break up one week and inserting another break somewhere after to break up the remaining class days while shifting the exam schedule a few days to preserve total class days.

Yes yes yes yes yes. The shortening a bit of winter break plus a sooner start to the summer was the biggest combination I was looking for. I have appreciated February break a little, but overall in the current form of the schedule it was whole heartedly unnecessary and complicated summer plans. Now students with 12 week internships can easily fit this into their summer and winter break won't feel like it is lingering too long. My favorite schedule by far

Would be nice to have more time in May and winter break is kind of too long anyway. S3 better than S4 though

Normal spring break time, no need for February Break, shorter exams. I like this plan but not sure how it would work with Jan sessions

Longer summer is a plus!

I like the elimination of February break. It doesn't feel necessary and this way you get out far earlier and I like the starting date.

I like the earlier summer start and shorter winter break.

I support the earlier start date and re-positioning of Spring break, for reasons stated in response to S2 and S3.

This is perfect.

don't think Feb break is necessary, and makes graduation so much earlier!

I think the start date is great because we are at home for a very long time. And I like the location of spring break. There is no need for February break. An earlier commencement is also better!

getting out earlier will help students be able to take internships which expect students to have a schedule list like this. Taking out Feb break might make the semester drag on a bit though.

I like this best so far

Great spring break week. Starting and ending earlier is preferred

We don't really need a Feb break when we can have an early summer break

Spring break is at a really good spot, and the semester start and end dates are great! No February break will make it really tough though, maybe give us 1 day off instead of two? (Three including the weekend)

Solves issue of too long winter break and too late commencement/finals. The two day break is not important

I prefer S3, but this is still better than the current schedule. I do not like eliminating a second break, but I do like starting and ending the semester earlier. However, the spring break is somewhat too early because if winter sports teams make the postseason, they will miss spring break (which wouldn't be ideal since we also miss Thanksgiving and Winter breaks).

Two breaks are necessary to allow for rejuvenation

I like this one the most. It provides opportunity for students to work in both winter and summer months.

I like that winter break is a bit shorter and the semester ends earlier (better for internships). However, I'd like to keep the 13 day study/exam period.

I think S3 is better but I still think having earlier graduation is SO important

Nice summer and winter break

only criticism is that the exam period should be kept at 13 days

Starts and ends earlier

YES! Please get rid of February break and make our lives easier. Thank you so much. Please do this. Thank you. Also not a crazy early start in January like the S3 calendar.

I think the first day of classes should still be a little later, potentially January 15th. I think study/exam period should also be 12 days instead of 11.

Fine.

Yes! Better Spring break with this new calendar. And we end classes in May like most schools (on a semester schedule). Starting school earlier to end earlier is well worth it!

like spring break and that classes start/end earlier

Because it gets me home by early May (however I like S3 better).

more time for summer internships

I don't think the February break is necessary.

February break is useless and winter break is too long. Getting out at this time would be helpful as well.

Spring break is earlier

This is by far the best option. January 12- May 5th would be AWESOME

Start summer break early

I think it's better due to the earlier end time, but I prefer the S3 schedule with 2 breaks.

I would be sorry to see february break go, but starting a little earlier and finishing much earlier would increase the opportunities for summer work I have available.

coming back from winter break earlier is necessary

Feb. break is not useful, better to get out early so that you can start internships/jobs at a normal time.

I like that in this calendar, we get out earlier than we do now and start later than in option 3. I think that the lack of February break is a bit of a bummer. But I also kind of like the sprint of the semester with the intermission in the middle. I like this calendar.

I think february break is important for the mental health of the student body, but I think it solves all other issues students face (the long winter break, the late starting summer break).

This is the best framework.

This reduces the exam period into a more sensible timeframe, and also enables an earlier start to summer, where students have a better opportunity to find employment/internships.

This is the best option. February break is not needed.

This is a great spring schedule. February break is not necessary if spring break is well-placed. It lengthens the summer to end earlier, but starting on Jan 15th still allows an adequate break.

Best calendar. Longer summer.

February break is pointless, yet this gives a long winter and summer break

This is better than the current calendar because winter break is reduced.

no need for feb break and ending early is a priority for me

But leave room for Feb break

This is my favorite. Healthy balance of time with winter break, and yet we still end the school year at a proper, feasible time. Fantastic!

spring break is better in april i believe but it is still better than our current schedule

This would be the best option by far. S3 is the second best choice but does not accommodate for Greek rush. No matter what, we should be starting between January 12-19th. That is by far the best week in January to start since anything else is too early and doesn't accommodate for New Years' vacation/travel plans, and anything later than that causes a much shorter summer break to perform internships and jobs.

I actually really like this. Although February break can be nice I would way rather have a long winter break and get out early in the spring with everyone else. I really really like this schedule.

The shortening of winter break by starting earlier is fantastic. I also don't mind not having a february break.

Earlier start for summer jobs with a still longer winter than S3

Better than all the other one except S3, but without Feb break, it would seem Spring break is too late, especially if we start school early.

This allows biology students to take field jobs that start in mid May

Again, I do like that the semester ends earlier and I think that it starts at a reasonable time. I do think there should be another break in the semester besides spring break, so I wouldn't mind if exams went like 2 days later. I do think the start time for the semester is perfect.

Starts earlier, removes long awkward bit

Instead of having students come to class for two days, this calendar makes more sense. Although, the lack of breaks may increase stress and anxiety for students with packed schedules.

I do like February break, but this schedule makes so much more sense. We get out at a reasonable time. The inter-semester space is still 3ish-4 weeks, which is long enough to get stuff done. The break does fall near the midpoint. Slope Day being on a Saturday could be really problematic though.

Getting out for summer is better sooner. Earlier start on January is good

Perfect

Not as good as S3 but still progress in the right direction.

Optimal except STOP TAKING AWAY THE STUDY DAY IN THE MIDDLE OF FINALS, DONT DO THAT ITS A BAD IDEA. Everything else is perfect tho

February break is kind of awkward

I like this calendar the most. 2-day break in Spring is unnecessary.

This is a good option too! Starting earlier than we do now is great and getting out earlier is much better for internships and starting our summer vacation. February break would be cool but having it where it is now is kind of pointless considering we barely start the semester and we're already having a break.

I believe this improves upon the current calendar because of the shorter winter break and getting out of school earlier, however, I like S3 better because of having 2 breaks.

Many other institutions have two separate full week breaks in their spring semester. Why can we not achieve that?

Love that the second semester ends earlier

getting out earlier

I like Feb break, but ending earlier in May is more important to me.

BEST OPTION BY FAR

Spring break should one more week earlier, but this schedule is better option. February break doesn't provide much help or use.

Lets out of school earlier without cutting into winter break too much

This is my favorite option for improvement. It is reasonable and makes a lot of sense. As a student, we would still benefit from a decent winter break as well as end earlier. Although I will miss February break, it is logical to take a weekend and just go home even if there is no formal break.

Nice to start and end earlier. Winter break not that valuable.

I think this one works well because February break seems pretty unnecessary, the month of February is usually the least stressful. :)

It's really good, but yeah no I need february break or I promise my grades would drop from being too strung out. The exam period's still too long. I'd rather start 1 day earlier and either have a 1-day+weekend february break or have the university just bear taking a day of classes off for a 2-day+weekend break. Honestly, I really, really hate the idea

of no break because otherwise the five days of spring break are the only time we get off for four months. But still, it's an improvement over what we have now.

Same as before.

Perfect

This is a much better calendar to our current system because our current Winter Break is much too long and the spring semester ends much too late. Cornell students lose out on potential jobs/internships that need students to start in early May.

This schedule would be most convenient for students who have to travel a lot. Eliminating February break is easier for those of us who have been stuck here before and cannot afford to go home. It would also be most efficient for Cornell since they wouldn't have to stay open for a greatly reduced student population for four days.

best plan yet. still can shorten study period

We need to end earlier and there is not a reason for feb break

good one.

This is the best calendar. It matches that of our peer institutions and incorporates all the features that are needed to improve student life at Cornell.

Longer summer break, shorter winter break than current

This is better because it solves the issues surrounding graduation and keeps the start day later and not too early in the month. The February break is nice, but I suppose not necessary since the spring break is even in the middle.

This is my favorite plan.

We get out of school early and get rid of an unnecessary break.

I prefer that there is no feb break. I still do not like the change to study break though.

Lengthens winter break from S3 which is good and end date is the same which is good, losing feb break isn't the worst since Spring break then gets moved earlier

february break isn't needed

It is better to have a longer summer than a 2 day Feb Break.

This is by far the best option for a Spring schedule. My only recommendation is that president's day also be given as a holiday and the end of the semester be pushed one day. This way students have a chance for more evenly distributed breaks. This is a very similar schedule to those of my friends at other institutions.

Early May is a much more appropriate time to get out of school in terms of having time for internships and family travel and such. Every week except the start is a full week which could potentially be exhausting.

I would prefer two breaks. But this schedule has a better starting time. A slightly later start may even be better. But it's ok to end a little later and add a second break.

shortens semester, avoids the problem of only certain classes not being held due to breaks (i.e. one class has more class time because it is held on wednesday rather than monday), and keeps a constant uninterrupted routine
February break really isn't that necessary, but I prefer S3 to this option. I like that this moves commencement up as S3 does, but I'd rather start 2 days earlier and have a February break than use this schedule.

Earlier break

Completely agree with this choice. February is irrational. It's not enough time to really go anywhere, especially with unpredictable weather, and it's at the worst time possible in the school year: right before prelims.

Having too many breaks detracts from classes. I would prefer just one.

By far the best option. February break is unnecessary, and our spring break is at a very awkward time. Also, our current winter break is far too long and our summer is too short. I only wish I'd be around for this option if it went

through. For the sake of future students, this should be the academic schedule.

This is the best one I think, it puts us way more in line with other schools in terms of starting and ending.

I love the reposition time of the spring break, because it is consistent with most spring break periods in California. As a result, during spring break I can go to California to visit my boyfriend.

Best one

This is the best one yet. February break is just unnecessary

This is my favorite solution - I would like commencement to be earlier and I do not think a long weekend is absolutely necessary in the spring

Maybe add a little 3 day weekend somewhere. One break seems like it's not enough, students tend to be overworked and tired and relish the extra days to recover from sleep. Also this start is earlier, but not an extra week earlier as the previous one.

this is a conventional college schedule, works for me (feb break isn't that necessary)

It is easier for us to get summer internships during the summer if we have more time to participate.

Keeps the winter break a decent length to help achieve full rest between semesters while increasing duration of the summer.

This is the best choice, incorporates the holiday into the first week

Actually, I like this the best so far. February break is kind of useless; it's too early for us to be super stressed out, and too short to have legit vacations so instead the majority of us use it as 2 study days. Would much rather have a spring break comparable to our peers and also get out for the summer earlier.

Same as the last one. Much better placement of spring break. Much better length of winter and summer breaks. But we really could use February break.

Like the start date and location of spring break

Better but please put February break back it - this is critical

This is good; I want a longer summer break and shorter winter break

This is my favorite one so far. I believe the February break is not necessary and I would much rather just end school earlier altogether. It will help tremendously with early internship start dates.

Finish sooner

Other than shortening exam week, this is my strong preference out of what has been presented. It is closest to what other New York universities have.

This is the best spring solution. Still get a relatively long winter break and we get out much earlier.

As long as classes start in early January and commencement is earlier than Memorial Day weekend, the calendar change is good!

This is the model of most other colleges. I think it is very ideal, giving optimum rest over winter break and enough time to get back to school.

Cornell's Spring semester starts and ends much later than other universities'. February break is actually a large inconvenience, because it messes up course schedules (specifically weekly problem sets and labs). Our Spring break will now be closer to other universities'. This is by far the best choice of those listed.

Get out of school earlier and spring break is much better timing

This allows people to have a longer summer break. But I believe that we could add one day for February break as a motivator to help students.

This makes good use of the day off at the start of the year, and also gets out early which I like.

This is the best! No need for February break!

Less winter more summer break

I like ending earlier to start the summer sooner. I would like one more study day in the exam period.

last explanation

Again, the semester would end at a reasonable date

feb break unnecessary, spring break moved appropriately, longer summer for internships

Spring break is positioned better and the semester starts sooner.

Best Spring calendar. February break is too short to go anywhere or do anything productive. Length of semester (start and end) is perfect.

Longer winter break than S3 and longer summer break overall.

Balances the winter break while still getting out early for summer

February break is important, and I prefer S3 over S4, but this is still an improvement over the current calendar

I like the getting out earlier but i think two breaks are important

2 Spring breaks are important!!!

The earlier semester start and end is great. Having only one break might be hard on students though.

Perfect

I like having the study period be a bit longer, which is absent here.

best one so far cause i will actually get to see my friends for spring break

february break is kind of short, so maybe i wouldnt miss it also its around prelim season so this feb break i spent some time studying anyway, probably would have studied more effectively here

Moving the spring semester earlier is good (opens up more summer opportunities for students), and I agree that Feb. break is unnecessary.

It would be nice to get out earlier in the spring and to have a reduced study period.

This is better than the current spring calendar and S1 and S2 (S3 is best in my opinion) I think it is important to start the spring semester earlier. Though I'm not sure how I feel about only having one spring break. I think that it is not necessary to have one as other schools do not have one but it has been nice having two breaks. February break is weird and awkward. Most people don't go home anyway for it so I don't believe it is necessary as I usually don't feel stressed or as if I need a break yet.

Shorter winter break and longer summer break. Could do without February break if it means more time to work in the summer. Shorter study/exam period is nice. Also a winner!

This is a great schedule. Spring break is in the middle, winter break is not so long, and students start summer sooner. I support scrapping February break because it hurts anyone not from New York or surrounding areas, since we cannot go home but most things on campus are closed. The goal of a schedule, in my opinion, should be to: 1. Coincide with most school's schedules to create uniformity; 2. Lessen stress for families planning vacations; 3. Help students succeed in school (in no particular order). This schedule covers all three for me. Out of the 4 spring schedules covered so far, this one is my favorite.

Starts only a little earlier and gets out much earlier

The spring break placement in this calendar is ideal. Moreover, the summer break can be much longer without the winter break being too short.

This calendar makes sense. Start on Monday and move the random off to a Monday where February break would be. Extends the summer without cutting the winter break too short.

I definitely like this idea because I'm not a fan of Feb Break in the first place - its only 2 days off and really isn't much of a break anyway so I would rather take it out, start a little earlier, and then get out of school earlier for the summer (also longer summers = longer internship opportunities)

Even better! I do not need that break as much. I just want to get done early. It would be nice. Getting out end of May is ridiculous,

Winter break is currently too long.

I like S3's positioning of breaks, but like that this starts after the first January break.

By far the best (don't need February Break) - and end at a much better time!

The earlier we get out the better. February break is unnecessary.

This set up is amazing. We get out at a time similar to other universities and spring break is at a normal time. This calendar normalizes Cornell compared to other schools and still has sufficient breaks and time to take examinations.

The start date seems the best for the semester. It feels a bit late as it is now. Still would like to see a Feb break though (and to have just two extra days at the end of the semester). Feb break was very helpful for me to fly out for interviews.

New winter break length is perfect

Reasonable timing

I feel that the February Break is unnecessary and that this is the best choice for the Spring semester. It reduces the length of the semester and only gives the one Spring Break.

This one seems to be a good mix of shortening between semester breaks, moving spring break back, and ending earlier

Best one yet. Earlier spring break and earlier (compared to current year) last final exam date are great

YES. Don't move the fall calendar and just adjust the spring calendar with this

Our winter break is too long. However, I like S3 better, because I think February break is good.

Indeed. Not sure why there is a February break

Again, this schedule is highly preferred due to start and end times. One of the major concerns with the current academic calendar is that we end late enough that I'm at a disadvantage in terms of summer jobs and internships. Some of my peers will have an entire month's head start on this process.

I like the timing of the spring break and how the semester ends early but doesn't start super early in January

I think this is the best option. We do not need a spring break and I would rather keep a somewhat longer winter break while still getting out earlier in the summer.

It would be nice to get out earlier to have more time to complete summer internships/jobs.

February break is more or less pointless. It is too early in the semester to really warrant a full break period. It adds no value: it solely serves to interrupt my studies. I would rather get out earlier in May than have a February break.

This is good because it doesn't move the semester too early and still moves spring break to a more normal time.

Yes I think this is the best option definitely

I agree that the February break is not necessarily needed and it disrupts the flow of the Spring semester. I would be willing to remove it in order to shorten the semester and return home in early May.

yes yes yes

This is the best option of the Spring ones. It gives us a long summer break to find employment and also gives us enough time over winter break to relax after the fall semester.

I think this framework starts at a good time and places spring break at a good time!

Why did we lose February break. It is nice starting a little earlier but we don't need to end the semester so early.

This is by far the best calendar. It still allows a long winter break, but allows us to end earlier.

This one is great!

While February break is a nice break, I would much prefer to end earlier as opposed to the really late end time this semester.

The earlier exam period is much better than the current schedule. However, I don't like not having February break-- even 1 day would be nice.

Get out of school sooner. Easier to start internships around Mayish instead of June

Same as last schedule but without the awkward break after 2 days of school in January (thus allowing people to come a little later if they want.

I prefer the longer summer.

Seems like a good compromise between ending earlier and not cutting winter break too short.

This is the best option!!!!!!!!!!!! Summer break must be longer!!!!

This seems great. February break is not a necessity, but ending earlier would be ideal.

Longer summer and shorter winter break make more sense.

The February break is too early and not necessary.

Gets out earlier for internships

This is the best option. The semester start time is ideal

Same reason as above, would prefer this one since Spring break is a bit earlier

I think this is a good calendar

The february break isn't that important, the spring break is around the same time as other colleges, and we end at a much more similar time to other colleges, while still keeping a good amount of time for winter break. This is the best out of the four spring formats.

Do this one!! We need to have more time over the summer

I would prefer to have February break. However, the rest of this schedule is much better than the current schedule.

Yes but still a little reluctant to completely give up February break, honestly though it might be worth it to get out a whole week earlier. Still an improvement upon current calendar but maybe not best possible solution. Better than S3 because slightly later start as well. and spring break is at very popular time!! Overall I think there is more of a need to change the spring calendar but the fall is fine as it is.

This gives students a chance to prepare for their summer internships

Spring break not in line with other colleges and we get out of class earlier like other colleges

Earlier release date is helpful for summer internships. The current calendar has such a late release date that it could be a conflict for summer internship possibilities.

Getting out earlier in May would be beneficial.

great combo of early spring break, shorter winter break, and ending earlier in may

Much better spring break placement

This is the best one by far. February break is unnecessary