

# 2010

Institutional Research

Hofstra University



**SURVEY:**

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR  
PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE**

## INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

In recent years there have been some questions raised by faculty and students about the structure of Hofstra's academic calendar. As a result, and with the input from the Speaker of the Faculty, the Provost convened a Taskforce on Academic Scheduling, consisting of faculty, students, and administrators, and chaired by the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee.

In order to explore some of the issues, the Taskforce, with the help of Institutional Research, has constructed a brief survey in order to get recommendations from students and faculty for how to construct future academic calendar.

The survey was administered online via StudentVoice October 27, 2010 – November 10, 2010. The survey was administered to all undergraduate and graduate students (excluding law) and all full-time faculty. The survey yielded a 16% response rate for students (N=1967) and a 60% response rate for faculty (N=280).

	Total	Response Rate	
		N	%
<b>Students</b>	10519	1967	19%
<b>UG</b>	7290	1464	20%
<b>GR</b>	3143	487	15%
<b>CU</b>	86	16	19%
<b>Faculty</b>	463	280	60%

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### Change in Hofstra's Academic Calendar

Overall, less than half of the students and faculty (47%) like the way the current calendar is set up. Students like the calendar more so than faculty (3.41 v. 3.24). Although faculty are less likely to say they are in favor of changing the academic calendar, 86-94% of respondents may be in favor or are definitely in favor of changes to Hofstra's calendar.

#### Student Sub-Groups

- Graduate students are more likely to like the way the current calendar is set up (3.60 v. 3.35) and to be less likely in favor of changes to the calendar (30% v. 41%).
- Freshmen (3.60) and sophomores (3.44) indicate liking the current calendar more so than seniors (3.14). Seniors are more in favor of Hofstra making changes to the calendar (47% v. FR: 37%, SO: 37%).
- Part-time students like the current calendar more than full-time students (3.58 v. 3.38). Full-time students are more likely to be in favor of changes to the calendar (40% v. 30%).

#### Faculty Sub-Groups

- Faculty members who are White like the calendar better than faculty members who are of other ethnicities (3.32 v. 2.68). Other ethnicities are more likely to be in favor of changes to the calendar (59% v. 37%).

	Total N=2,247	Students N=1,967	Faculty N=280
<b><i>Thinking about Hofstra's academic calendar, including observed holidays, semester start and end dates, and conversion days, how much do you like or dislike the way the current calendar is set up?</i></b>			
T2B	47%	48%	41%
B2B	17%	16%	26%
<b>Mean:</b>	<b>3.39</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>3.24</b>
<b><i>Would you be in favor of changes to Hofstra's academic calendar?</i></b>			
Yes	39%	39%	40%
Maybe	53%	55%	46%
No	7%	6%	14%

*\*Numbers highlighted in pink indicate significantly different from comparative group at the 95% confidence interval*

## Dislikes About the Current Calendar

In an open end question, students and faculty were asked to indicate why they somewhat/very much dislike the way the current calendar is set up.

Reasons students mention focus on Hofstra's semester breaks, the need for more holidays, semester start and end dates, religious holidays, the online calendar, and conversion days. The number one reason students do not like the current calendar is because there is a long stretch of class days without a break (29%). Several students suggest a mid-semester break, preferably in October. Not having time off in the middle of the fall semester "wears out" students and may negatively impact their academic performance. Other reasons mentioned by at least 10% of students include spring break is too late/come back and the semester is over (18%), Hofstra should align their calendar with other colleges/our breaks are different from other schools (13%), we should have off for Columbus Day (16%), we should have off /more travel time for other national/federal holidays (13%), and semesters end too late/end later than other colleges (10%). Sixteen percent of students feel Hofstra is too accommodating of only the Jewish religion and that we have off for too many Jewish holidays. Four percent say they dislike conversion days (they are too confusing and we have too many). Six percent of students mention the actual calendar on Hofstra's website; it is confusing and difficult to read. They suggest making the calendar look like an actual calendar, rather than a list of dates.

Faculty also dislike the calendar due to the semester breaks, religious holidays, semester start and end dates, and conversion days. Faculty also mention how the calendar is not accommodating to certain groups of students – graduate students, students who take lab courses, and students in the drama department. The top reasons provided by faculty include break at the beginning of the semester is absurd/too many days off at the beginning (26%), spring break is too late (23%), should standardize spring break/make the schedule more consistent each year (16%), religious holidays are disruptive (26%), shouldn't arrange the calendar to fit the religious holidays/remove Jewish holidays (14%), start school after Labor Day (10%), and conversion days are disruptive/confusing (16%).

Why do you not like the way Hofstra's academic calendar is set up?	STUDENTS	
	N=247	
	N	%
<b><u>Semester Breaks (Subnet)</u></b>		
Need a mid-semester break/long stretch without a break/time off in October/need fall break	71	29%
Spring break is too late	45	18%
Align calendar with other colleges/breaks from other colleges	31	13%
Break at the beginning of the semester is disruptive/too many days off at the beginning	23	9%
Spring break is different than other colleges	18	7%
Breaks should be distributed evenly throughout the semester/spaced out better	15	6%
Winter break is too long/shorten winter break	13	5%
Difficult to stay in touch with friends/family because of different breaks	12	5%
Not enough days off	9	4%
Standardize spring break/more consistent schedule each year	8	3%
Breaks are awkward/dislike scheduled breaks	7	3%
<b><u>More Holidays / Time for Holidays (Subnet)</u></b>		
Have off for Columbus Day	39	16%
We should have off/more travel time for national/federal holidays	31	13%
Have off Monday after Easter for travel/more time for Easter	18	7%
More time for Thanksgiving/Wednesday before Thanksgiving/week off for Thanksgiving	14	6%
Have off for Veteran's Day	13	5%
Need time off for Election Day/time to vote	8	3%
<b><u>Semester Start/End Dates (Subnet)</u></b>		
Semester ends too late/later than other colleges	25	10%
Semester starts too late	15	6%
We start too early/should start after Labor Day & Jewish holidays/start later	11	4%
Dislike semester start and end dates	3	1%
Start the semester on a Monday, not mid-week	2	1%
<b><u>Religious Holidays (Subnet)</u></b>		
Accommodates mainly one religious group/Jewish holidays given priority	23	9%
Too many Jewish holidays off/remove Jewish holidays	17	7%
<b><u>Online Calendar (Subnet)</u></b>		
Calendar is confusing/not organized/unclear/difficult to read/not user friendly	13	5%
Show as a full calendar; don't just list the days off	3	1%
<b><u>Conversion Days (Subnet)</u></b>		
Don't like conversion days/confusing	6	2%
Too many conversion days/get rid of conversion days	6	2%
<b><u>Miscellaneous (Subnet)</u></b>		
Not enough time to finish course curriculum/rushed at the end of the semester/semester too short	3	1%
Days off in the beginning are inconvenient for changing class schedule/add-drop classes	2	1%
Other miscellaneous	11	4%

Why do you not like the way Hofstra's academic calendar is set up?	FACULTY	
	N=70	
	N	%
<b><u>Semester Breaks (Subnet)</u></b>		
Break at the beginning of the semester is disruptive/too many days off at the beginning	18	26%
Spring break/mid-semester break is too late	16	23%
Standardize spring break/more consistent schedule each year	11	16%
Need a mid-semester break/extra days in October	4	6%
Breaks should be distributed evenly throughout the semester	3	4%
Align spring break with other colleges	3	4%
Align calendar with public schools for faculty with kids	2	3%
<b><u>Religious Holidays (Subnet)</u></b>		
Religious holidays are disruptive/inconvenient to the beginning of the semester	18	26%
Shouldn't arrange calendar to fit religious holidays/remove Jewish holidays	10	14%
Accommodates mainly one religious group	5	7%
<b><u>Semester Start/End Dates (Subnet)</u></b>		
Should start after Labor Day/don't like starting before Labor Day	7	10%
Semesters start and end too late/start the semester earlier	4	6%
Start the semester on a Monday, not mid-week	1	1%
<b><u>Conversion Days (Subnet)</u></b>		
Conversion days are disruptive/confusing	11	16%
Conversion days disrupts students doing internships	1	1%
<b><u>Not Enough Time (Subnet)</u></b>		
Number of class sessions are inconsistent for different days	4	6%
January/Summer sessions too short for class	2	3%
Need more time between commencement and Summer Session I	1	1%
Need extra days each semester so we can stop crowding things in	1	1%
<b><u>Not Accommodating to Certain Groups (Subnet)</u></b>		
Lab courses are disrupted by too many days off & conversion days	3	4%
Not accommodating to grad students/favors UG students	2	3%
Drama department/not enough time to prepare for productions	2	3%
Have separate calendars for groups	1	1%
<b><u>Miscellaneous (Subnet)</u></b>		
Calendar is confusing	1	1%
Need more flexibilities in scheduling classes throughout the year/semester	1	1%

## Fall 2011 Calendar

### Existing Calendar

Below is the approved calendar for fall 2011. Classes start the Tuesday after Labor Day (September 6) and extend through December 9, followed by finals which end on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Students will have **2 days** off for Rosh Hashanah\*, **2 days** off for Thanksgiving and **one snow/study/reading day**. To accommodate this schedule, **2 conversion days** will be necessary throughout the semester.

*\*Yom Kippur is on a Saturday, and therefore does not affect the Monday – Friday classes.*

DATES	DAYS	
<b>September 6</b>	Tuesday	<b>All</b> classes begin.
<b>September 27 &amp; 28</b>	Tuesday & Wednesday	Conversion Days - ALL classes follow a <b>Thursday /Friday</b> schedule.
<b>September 29 &amp; 30</b>	Thursday & Friday	Rosh Hashanah. Classes not in session.
<b>October 7 &amp; 8</b>	Friday <b>evening</b> & Saturday	Yom Kippur. Classes not in session.
<b>November 24-25</b>	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Recess - NO classes.
<b>December 9</b>	Friday	UG classes end.
<b>December 12</b>	Monday	Snow/study/reading day for Undergraduate classes only. <b>Graduate classes will meet.</b>
<b>December 13-19</b>	Tuesday - Monday	Final exams for ALL classes.
<b>December 19</b>	Monday	Semester ends.
<b>December 20</b>	Tuesday	Commencement

### Proposed Alternative

Hofstra is considering changes to the fall calendar. Although it is too late to change the Fall 2011 calendar, here is how the proposed changes would have affected the Fall 2011 calendar.

Religious holidays will not be observed in the proposed calendar.\*\* Classes would start the Tuesday after Labor Day (September 6) and extend through December 9, followed by finals which end on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Students will have **3 days off** for Thanksgiving (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and **one snow/study/reading day**. **No conversion days** will be necessary throughout the semester.

*\*\*As per the proposed calendar and its guidelines, students observing religious holiday will not be penalized for missing class. Students will be given ample opportunity to make up work. Faculty members who wish to observe religious holidays will arrange for another faculty member to meet their class or for canceled classes to be rescheduled.*

DATES	DAYS	
<b>September 6</b>	Tuesday	<b>All</b> classes begin.
<b>November 23-25</b>	Wednesday - Friday	Thanksgiving Recess - NO classes.
<b>December 9</b>	Friday	UG classes end.
<b>December 12</b>	Monday	Snow/study/reading day for Undergraduate classes only. <b>Graduate classes will meet.</b>
<b>December 13-19</b>	Tuesday - Monday	Final exams for ALL classes.
<b>December 19</b>	Monday	Semester ends.
<b>December 20</b>	Tuesday	Commencement

### Fall 2011 – Existing Calendar v. Proposed Alternative

Faculty indicate liking the way the calendar is set up for fall 2011 more so than students (3.51 v. 3.15). When given the proposed alternative, faculty are also more in favor of the proposed calendar than students (3.14 v. 2.57). Overall, both students and faculty like the current fall calendar more than they like the proposed fall calendar.

In a side-by-side comparison, 64% of students indicate they prefer the existing calendar for fall 2011. Faculty are split 50/50 between the existing calendar and proposed alternative.

#### *Student Sub-Groups*

- Groups who are more likely to indicate they like the way the calendar is set up for fall 2011 include graduate students (3.56 v. 3.01), freshmen (3.18 v. seniors: 2.88), part-time students (3.63 v. 3.08), students who reside off-campus (3.31 v. 2.94), SOEHHS students (3.44 v. HCLAS: 3.08, Comm.: 2.95), and students of other ethnicities (3.30 v. White: 3.10).
- While there were many differences in who liked the alternative calendar more, overall, in every group, the current calendar was preferred.

#### *Faculty Sub-Groups*

- Only one group liked the proposed fall calendar significantly higher than the current calendar (3.71 v. 2.97).
- Faculty members who are White indicate liking the existing fall 2011 calendar more than faculty of other ethnicities (3.60 v. 2.97). Faculty of other ethnicities like the proposed calendar more than White faculty (3.71 v. 3.05). Fifty-three percent of White faculty prefer the existing calendar whereas 65% of non-White faculty prefer the proposed calendar.
- Tenured faculty, women and faculty who are White like the existing calendar better than the proposed one. There are no significant differences between the liking of the existing and proposed calendar for non-tenured faculty, men, non-White faculty, and within college.
- In the side-by-side comparison there were mixed feelings in preference between the current and proposed fall calendar. Faculty members in the Zarb School of Business significantly prefer the existing calendar over the alternative (71% v. 29%), whereas non-White faculty prefer the proposed calendar over the existing one (65% v. 35%).



	Total N=2,247	Students N=1,967	Faculty N=280
<b>FALL 2011 CALENDAR</b>			
<i>Please indicate below how much you like or dislike the way the calendar is set up for fall 2011?</i>			
T2B	44%	42%	56%
B2B	27%	28%	23%
<b>Mean:</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>3.15</b>	<b>3.51</b>
<i>What do you think about the alternate calendar?</i>			
T2B	33%	31%	48%
B2B	51%	53%	36%
<b>Mean:</b>	<b>2.64</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>3.14</b>
<i>Looking at both the existing calendar and the proposed alternative for fall 2011, which calendar do you prefer?</i>			
Existing calendar	62%	64%	50%
Proposed calendar	38%	37%	50%

\*Numbers highlighted in pink indicate significantly different from comparative group at the 95% confidence interval

○ = significant difference between the existing and alternate calendar within the specific group at the 95% confidence interval

## EXISTING CALENDAR (FALL 2011)

### September 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 LABOR DAY	6 Classes begin	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Conversion Day Thurs. Schedule)	28 Conversion Day (Fri. Schedule)	29 ROSH HASHANAH No classes	30 ROSH HASHANAH No classes	

### October 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 No evening classes	8 YOM KIPPUR No classes
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

### November 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING No classes	25 No classes	26
27	28	29	30			

### December 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 UG classes end	10
11	12 S/S/R *day-UG GR - class in session	13 Final exams	14 Final exams	15 Final exams	16 Final exams	17 Final exams
18	19 Final exams Semester ends	20 Commence -ment	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

\*S/S/R = snow/study/reading day

## PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE (FALL 2011)

### September 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 LABOR DAY	6 Classes begin	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 ROSH HASHANAH	30 ROSH HASHANAH	

### October 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 YOM KIPPUR
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

### November 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 No classes	24 THANKSGIVING No classes	25 No classes	26
27	28	29	30			

### December 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 UG classes end	10
11	12 S/S/R *day-UG GR - class in session	13 Final exams	14 Final exams	15 Final exams	16 Final exams	17 Final exams
18	19 Final exams Semester ends	20 Commence -ment	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

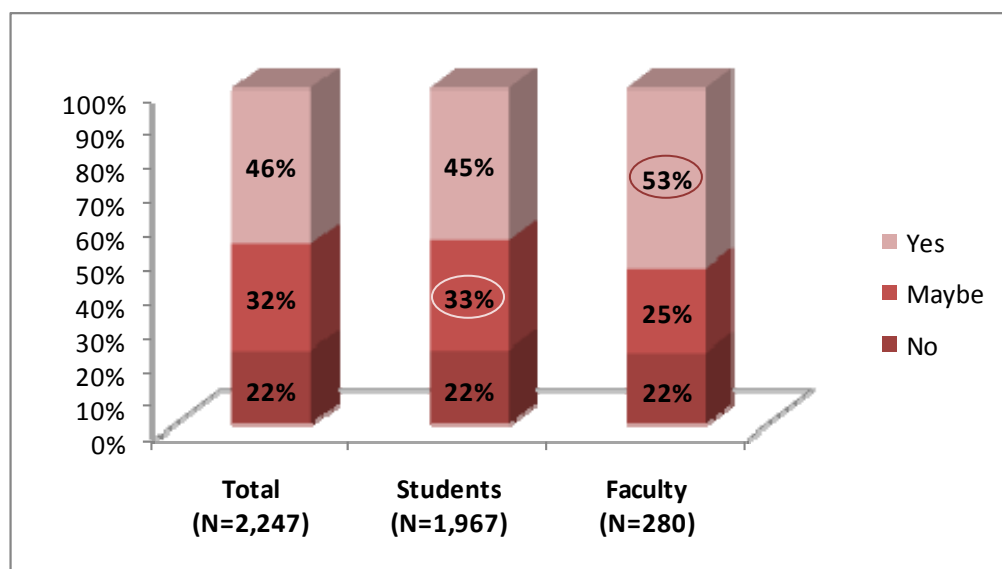
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## Spring 2012 Calendar

### Spring Break

Currently, Hofstra's spring recess is scheduled around Passover and Easter. Since these holidays are variable, spring recess can be as late as the third week in April, two weeks before the spring semester ends. Faculty and students were asked if they would be in favor of standardizing spring recess in the middle of the spring semester, which would be the second or third week in March. The most common response for both students and faculty was yes, with 78% of each group saying yes or maybe.

Looking at specific sub-groups for both students and faculty, most respondents reported that they are in favor of standardizing spring break to the middle of the semester.



○ =significantly greater than the comparative group at the 95% confidence interval

### Existing Calendar

Below is the approved calendar for **spring 2012**. Classes start on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** and extend through May 9, followed by finals which end on **May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Students will have **2 days** off for Presidents' Day, **1 day** off for Good Friday and **2 snow/study/reading days**. To accommodate this schedule, **1 conversion day** will be necessary throughout the semester. In addition, **spring recess** will be **April 7-14** during the Passover and Easter holidays.

DATES	DAYS	
January 26	Thursday	ALL classes begin.
February 20-21	Monday & Tuesday	Presidents' Day - NO classes.
April 4	Wednesday	Conversion Day - ALL Classes follow a <b>Friday</b> Schedule
April 6	Friday	Good Friday. Classes not in session.
April 7-14	Saturday-Saturday	Spring Recess. Classes not in session.

<b>May 9</b>	Wednesday	UG classes end.
<b>May 10 &amp; 11</b>	Thursday - Friday	Snow/study/reading days - for UG classes only. <b>Grad classes meet as scheduled.</b>
<b>May 12-18</b>	Saturday - Friday	Final Exams for ALL classes.
<b>May 18</b>	Friday	Semester ends.
<b>May 20</b>	Sunday	Commencement

### Proposed Alternative

Hofstra is considering changes to the spring calendar. Religious holidays will not be observed in the proposed calendar.\* Classes would start on **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** and extend through May 9, followed by finals, which would end on **May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Students will have **2 days** off for Presidents' Day and **2 snow/study/reading days** (total of 4 days). **No conversion days** will be necessary throughout the semester. In addition, **spring recess** will be **March 18-25**.

*\*As per the proposed calendar and its guidelines, students observing religious holiday will not be penalized for missing class. Students will be given ample opportunity to make up work. Faculty members who wish to observe religious holidays will arrange for another faculty member to meet their class or for canceled classes to be rescheduled.*

DATES	DAYS	
<b>January 30</b>	Monday	ALL classes begin.
<b>February 20-21</b>	Monday - Tuesday	Presidents' Day - NO classes.
<b>March 18-25</b>	Sunday - Saturday	Spring Recess. Classes not in session
<b>May 9</b>	Wednesday	UG classes end.
<b>May 10 &amp; 11</b>	Thursday - Friday	Snow/study/reading days - for UG classes only. <b>Grad classes meet as scheduled.</b>
<b>May 12-18</b>	Saturday - Friday	Final Exams for ALL classes.
<b>May 18</b>	Friday	Semester ends.
<b>May 20</b>	Sunday	Commencement

## Spring 2012 – Existing Calendar v. Proposed Alternative

Overall, students demonstrate a stronger liking for the way the calendar is currently set up for spring 2012. Faculty like both statistically equally. Students indicate liking the current spring calendar more so than faculty (3.63 v. 3.28). When given the proposed alternative, faculty are more in favor of the proposed calendar than students (3.44 v. 3.09).

In a side-by-side comparison, 57% of students indicate they prefer the existing calendar for fall 2011. Faculty prefer the proposed alternative (58%).

### Student Sub-Groups

- Overall, in every group, the current spring calendar is liked and preferred over the alternative, with one exception; juniors were split in half in their calendar preference for the spring.

### Faculty Sub-Groups

- Non-tenured faculty significantly like the alternate calendar better than the existing calendar (3.69 v. 3.10).
- Overall, in every group, the proposed spring calendar was preferred over the existing, with one exception; Zarb faculty show a directional preference for the existing spring calendar (54% v. 46%).

	Total N=2,247	Students N=1,967	Faculty N=280
<b><i>Please indicate below how much you like or dislike the way the calendar is set up for spring 2012?</i></b>			
T2B	56%	58%	46%
B2B	13%	11%	26%
<b>Mean:</b>	<b>3.59</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>3.28</b>
<b><i>What do you think about the alternate calendar?</i></b>			
T2B	44%	42%	57%
B2B	33%	33%	28%
<b>Mean:</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>3.09</b>	<b>3.44</b>
<b><i>Looking at both the existing calendar and the proposed alternative for spring 2012, which calendar do you prefer?</i></b>			
Existing calendar	55%	57%	42%
Proposed calendar	45%	43%	58%

\*Numbers highlighted in pink indicate significantly different from comparative group at the 95% confidence interval

○ = significant difference between the existing and alternate calendar within the specific group at the 95% confidence interval

## EXISTING CALENDAR (SPRING 2012)

### January 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Classes begin	27	28
29	30	31				

### February 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 PRESIDENTS' DAY No classes	21 No classes	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

### March 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### April 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Conversion Day (Fri. Schedule)	5	6 GOOD FRIDAY No classes	7 PASSOVER Spring Recess
8 EASTER Spring Recess	9 Spring Recess	10 Spring Recess	11 Spring Recess	12 Spring Recess	13 Spring Recess	14 Spring Recess
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

### May 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 UG classes end	10 S/S/R * day-UG GR - class in session	11 S/S/R * day-UG GR - class in session	12 Final exams
13	14 Final exams	15 Final exams	16 Final exams	17 Final exams	18 Final exams Semester ends	19
20 Commence- ment	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

\*S/S/R = snow/study/reading day

## PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE (SPRING 2012)

### January 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Classes begin	31				

### February 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 PRESIDENTS' DAY No classes	21 No classes	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

### March 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Spring Recess	19 Spring Recess	20 Spring Recess	21 Spring Recess	22 Spring Recess	23 Spring Recess	24 Spring Recess
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### April 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 GOOD FRIDAY	7 PASSOVER
8 EASTER	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

### May 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 UG classes end	10 S/S/R * day-UG GR - class in session	11 S/S/R * day-UG GR - class in session	12 Final exams
13	14 Final exams	15 Final exams	16 Final exams	17 Final exams	18 Final exams Semester ends	19
20 Commence- ment	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

\*S/S/R = snow/study/reading day

### **Other Comments About the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Academic Calendars**

Students and faculty were asked to provide any other comments they have regarding the fall 2011 and the spring 2012 calendars. Responses are in the back of the report.

## STUDENT SUB-GROUPS

	UG N=1,464	GR N=487	FR N=313	SO N=351	JR N=390	SR N=410	FT N=1,698	PT N=269
			A	B	C	D		
<i>Thinking about Hofstra's academic calendar, including observed holidays, semester start and end dates, and conversion days, how much do you like or dislike the way the current calendar is set up?</i>	3.35	3.60	3.60 <sup>CD</sup>	3.44 <sup>D</sup>	3.27	3.14	3.38	3.58
<i>Would you be in favor of changes to Hofstra's academic calendar?</i>								
Yes	41%	30%	37%	37%	43%	47% <sup>AB</sup>	40%	30%
Maybe	53%	62%	58% <sup>D</sup>	54%	52%	49%	54%	63%
No	6%	8%	5%	9% <sup>CD</sup>	5%	4%	6%	7%
<b>FALL 2011 CALENDAR</b>								
<i>Please indicate below how much you like or dislike the way the calendar is set up for fall 2011?</i>	3.01	3.56	3.18 <sup>D</sup>	3.06	2.95	2.88	3.08	3.63
<i>What do you think about the alternate calendar?</i>	2.43	2.96	2.67 <sup>CD</sup>	2.51	2.29	2.31	2.47	3.20
<i>Looking at both the existing calendar and the proposed alternative for fall 2011, which calendar do you prefer?</i>								
Existing calendar	64%	61%	57%	66% <sup>A</sup>	65% <sup>A</sup>	68% <sup>A</sup>	65%	54%
Proposed calendar	36%	39%	43% <sup>CD</sup>	34%	35%	32%	35%	46%
<b>SPRING 2012 CALENDAR</b>								
<i>Would you be in favor of standardizing spring recess to the middle of the spring semester, which would be the second or third week in March?</i>								
Yes	46%	41%	41%	44%	49% <sup>A</sup>	50% <sup>A</sup>	47%	37%
Maybe	34%	29%	42% <sup>CD</sup>	37% <sup>D</sup>	31%	26%	33%	28%
No	20%	30%	16%	19%	20%	23% <sup>A</sup>	20%	35%
<i>Please indicate below how much you like or dislike the way the calendar is set up for spring 2012?</i>	3.61	3.72	3.80 <sup>CD</sup>	3.71	3.47	3.50	3.63	3.65
<i>What do you think about the alternate calendar?</i>	3.07	3.12	3.05	3.07	3.20	2.98	3.07	3.21
<i>Looking at both the existing calendar and the proposed alternative for spring 2012, which calendar do you prefer?</i>								
Existing calendar	57%	59%	65% <sup>CD</sup>	62% <sup>CD</sup>	50%	51%	57%	57%
Proposed calendar	43%	41%	35%	38%	50% <sup>AB</sup>	49% <sup>AB</sup>	43%	43%

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	On-Campus N=807	Off-Campus N=1,160	School of				Male N=674	Female N=1,293	White N=1,393	Other N=444
			HCLAS N=915	Comm. N=288	SOEHHS N=277	Zarb N=444				
			A	B	C	D				
<b>Thinking about Hofstra's academic calendar, including observed holidays, semester start and end dates, and conversion days, how much do you like or dislike the way the current calendar is set up?</b>	3.39	3.42	3.39	3.42	3.49	3.37	3.30	3.47	3.39	3.48
<b>Would you be in favor of changes to Hofstra's academic calendar?</b>										
Yes	41%	37%	38%	41% <sup>C</sup>	33%	42% <sup>C</sup>	43%	36%	39%	37%
Maybe	53%	57%	56%	51%	60% <sup>B</sup>	53%	52%	57%	55%	56%
No	6%	7%	6%	7%	7%	5%	5%	7%	6%	7%
<b>FALL 2011 CALENDAR</b>										
<b>Please indicate below how much you like or dislike the way the calendar is set up for fall 2011?</b>	2.94	3.31	3.08	2.95	3.44 <sup>AB</sup>	3.22	3.19	3.14	3.10	3.30
<b>What do you think about the alternate calendar?</b>	2.49	2.63	2.49	2.35	2.67	2.78 <sup>AB</sup>	2.47	2.62	2.51	2.73
<b>Looking at both the existing calendar and the proposed alternative for fall 2011, which calendar do you prefer?</b>										
Existing calendar	63%	64%	65% <sup>D</sup>	65%	66%	58%	65%	63%	64%	62%
Proposed calendar	37%	36%	35%	35%	34%	42% <sup>AC</sup>	35%	37%	36%	38%
<b>SPRING 2012 CALENDAR</b>										
<b>Would you be in favor of standardizing spring recess to the middle of the spring semester, which would be the second or third week in March?</b>										
Yes	49%	43%	44%	53% <sup>AC</sup>	42%	47%	46%	45%	46%	45%
Maybe	35%	31%	34% <sup>C</sup>	29%	27%	36% <sup>B</sup>	33%	32%	31%	38%
No	17%	26%	22%	18%	32% <sup>ABD</sup>	18%	21%	23%	23%	17%
<b>Please indicate below how much you like or dislike the way the calendar is set up for spring 2012?</b>	3.58	3.67	3.64	3.58	3.72	3.60	3.57	3.66	3.61	3.64
<b>What do you think about the alternate calendar?</b>	3.13	3.06	3.03	3.10	2.97	3.26	3.10	3.08	3.07	3.20
<b>Looking at both the existing calendar and the proposed alternative for spring 2012, which calendar do you prefer?</b>										
Existing calendar	55%	58%	58% <sup>D</sup>	55%	61% <sup>D</sup>	52%	55%	58%	57%	55%
Proposed calendar	45%	42%	42%	45%	39%	48% <sup>AC</sup>	45%	42%	43%	45%

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## FACULTY SUB-GROUPS

	School of					Not			Male	Female		White	Other
	HCLAS	Comm.	SOEHHS	Zarb		Tenured	Tenured		N=154	N=126		N=242	N=34
	N=171	N=23	N=38	N=37		N=207	N=73						
	A	B	C	D									
<b>Thinking about Hofstra's academic calendar, including observed holidays, semester start and end dates, and conversion days, how much do you like or dislike the way the current calendar is set up?</b>	3.26	2.78	3.24	3.32		3.26	3.18		3.30	3.16		3.32	2.68
<b>Would you be in favor of changes to Hofstra's academic calendar?</b>													
Yes	38%	61% <sup>A</sup>	39%	43%		42%	36%		40%	40%		37%	59%
Maybe	49%	30%	45%	35%		41%	58%		44%	48%		48%	32%
No	13%	9%	16%	22%		17%	7%		16%	12%		15%	9%
<b>FALL 2011 CALENDAR</b>													
<b>Please indicate below how much you like or dislike the way the calendar is set up for fall 2011?</b>	3.44	3.48	3.82	3.50		3.54	3.44		3.47	3.57		3.60	2.97
<b>What do you think about the alternate calendar?</b>	3.25	3.30	3.00	2.69		3.09	3.26		3.25	3.00		3.05	3.71
<b>Looking at both the existing calendar and the proposed alternative for fall 2011, which calendar do you prefer?</b>													
Existing calendar	47%	43%	51%	71% <sup>AB</sup>		51%	48%		52%	48%		53%	35%
Proposed calendar	53% <sup>D</sup>	57% <sup>D</sup>	49%	29%		49%	52%		48%	52%		47%	65%
<b>SPRING 2012 CALENDAR</b>													
<b>Would you be in favor of standardizing spring recess to the middle of the spring semester, which would be the second or third week in March?</b>													
Yes	51%	65%	59%	54%		52%	56%		53%	53%		53%	56%
Maybe	26%	22%	24%	20%		24%	30%		23%	28%		24%	32%
No	23%	13%	16%	26%		24%	14%		23%	19%		23%	12%
<b>Please indicate below how much you like or dislike the way the calendar is set up for spring 2012?</b>	3.24	2.83	3.53	3.57		3.35	3.10		3.32	3.24		3.33	3.00
<b>What do you think about the alternate calendar?</b>	3.50	3.35	3.47	3.14		3.35	3.69		3.48	3.39		3.41	3.62
<b>Looking at both the existing calendar and the proposed alternative for spring 2012, which calendar do you prefer?</b>													
Existing calendar	41%	35%	38%	54%		46%	32%		43%	41%		44%	32%
Proposed calendar	59%	65%	62%	46%		54%	68%		57%	59%		56%	68%

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STUDENTS: Do you have any other comments about the fall 2011 and spring 2012 academic calendars?	N
I think fall should stay the same and spring should change having a set spring break will make it easier for students to go home during break and it will allow those student which includes myself to purchase plane tickets in advance	1
A calender date such as 23rd-25th, it's confusing sometimes to think that is it 23th TO 25th or 23rd AND 25th.	1
A great deal of Hofstra's population is jewish. Not giving off for the jewish holidays seems very wrong.	1
According to the CIA World Factbook, more than half of the population considers itself Protestant. If we want to accommodate for most of our students I believe that it should be the majority. If Hofstra University, a secular university, does not want to do that then it should cut down on religious Holidays across the board. Thank you for considering the opinion of students in your decision-making process.	1
Although I don't believe it's fair that existing holidays are centered around the Jewish and Christian holy days, I still cannot bring myself to support a calender that has large blocks of time where students have class without any breaks, which is the case with the proposed Fall 2011 calender. The proposed Spring 2012 calender has the benefits of having just as much time off as the existing calender, being more practical as to where spring break is placed, and being fair to students of different faiths.	1
Although it has been stated that, under the proposed calendars, students would not be penalized for missing classes due to holiday observance, the fact that students would miss classes would itself be a penalty - makeup work and copying notes cannot replace class attendance. I am strongly opposed to holiday observances being eliminated.	1
although the proposed calendar has good intentions (without having to have conversion days, and a standard spring break) I think it is important to have the occasional day off from class for rest and relaxation. Observing the holidays are important as well. Even though it states that students will not be penalized for missing classes for religious reasons, it may make students feel different or left out if they are only a few students who do not come to the class for religious purposes. Also, since other schools most likely are going to take spring break during easter and passover break, its important to have the vacations link up with one another so that entire families are able take spring break vacations at the	1
Always post them in a calendar format (rather than linear) so they are easier to read and incorporate unto a student's existing schedule	1
Always trying to change the stupid things. How about getting less rude employees.	1
As a current student, I can say that in no way would we want to REDUCE the number of days that we get off, at least in my humble opinion. The new proposed schedule gives us less days off with no observable reward for the fewer days off, i.e. we start at approximately the same time and end at the same time. However, we would have significantly fewer days off throughout the semester. Any person I have ever spoken to has more of an issue with the fact that we have so many days off in September and then a full schedule from late September until Thanksgiving. I think it is disrespectful to both the Jewish religion and the Catholic religion to take away our holidays (Jewish in September and Catholics not having any days around Easter off) being that many students would not be able to get home for the holidays without those days off of classes. Don't get me wrong, I would love some changes in the academic calendar, but your proposed calendar does not seem like something you even WANT us to approve of. No student that I know of would want you to take away all of our days off within the semester, we all enjoy a nice break or even a single day off and the new "proposed" calendar takes ALL of those away from us. Thank	1
As a general rule, the Fall semester should not start until after Labor Day. However, if it is necessary to start before Labor Day, Saturday classes should not be in session to allow for a celebration of the Labor Day Weekend.	1
As a graduate student and a parent of middle-school aged children, please keep in mind those school calendars when making the final decision about breaks. It is most helpful to have off when my children are off. Thank you for your consideration. - Vivett Hemans - 701118881	1
As a graduate student, conversion days are horrendous. Graduate faculty in my department sometimes follow them and sometimes don't. However, if they don't follow them, but the undergraduate classes we're TAing do, and they conflict, we have a problem. There has to be a unified system for the entire university, not just for the undergraduates.	1
As a Jewish student, I feel it is very important that Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kipper be off days for Hofstra students. These are the holiest days of the year and need to be	1
As a public school teacher, I would be very opposed to a calender with vacations that do not coincide with the school calendar - having a spring break chosen randomly to not coincide with an Easter or Passover break would be a MAJOR inconvenience, since most teachers have travel plans for this vacation period.	1
As a student who observes religious holidays including Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Passover, the current calendar is ideal. Changing the calendar would force many students to choose between observing holidays and attending class. Even if we are excused from attending class, it is very difficult to make up missed lectures and assignments. Also, having substitute professors would be a waste of everyone's time. The proposed calendar would be devastating to many students.	1
As an educator who attends graduate classes in the evenings, I find that the schedules are easier to maintain when they are similiar to my districts calendar. The proposed Spring 2012 calendar has spring break listed prior to religious celebrations, whereas most school districts will probably plan for spring break during or closer to the religious holidays. While I realize that the Hofstra community is not solely comprised of school teachers, an academic calendar that is more in sync with district calendars, I feel, would be easier for educators, student teachers and families with young children.	1
As an orthodox Jew, I cannot stress enough how much I appreciate that Hofstra accommodates my holiday observances with the existing schedules. The amount of class that I would have to miss if the schedules were to change would be immense. I know that not every university is as accommodating as Hofstra, and I make sure at every opportunity to let students who are considering the programs here know how accomodating Hofstra is to my needs.	1

As it turns out this entire survey was regarding moving vacations/days off away from religious holidays, in which case this suggestion may be irrelevant. However if vacations continue to be linked to religious holidays, I think it is fair to consider giving days off for other religious holidays, such as Eid, diwali etc. There are significant communities of muslims (among other religious groups) on campus who are often stuck with classes/exams/projects on the day of their religious holidays and cannot celebrate their religious events while they end up wasting time during other people's holidays. I think it would be an appreciated precedent for Hofstra to set.	1
As students become more tired in the middle of each semester, it would make sense to have a small break around those times so that students may continue to remain productive in their studies. Removing religious holidays from the calendar would both decrease the amount of breaks students have and increase the amount of make up work students have, and no matter how much time is given to complete make up work, it is always a challenge as one is essentially completing twice as much work in a reduced time frame. My experience with missing classes and struggling to make up work would compel me to attend classes regardless of what religious occasion may be occurring.	1
Asking students to choose between religious obligations and class, particularly when missing class would in fact count as an absence is not acceptable. On another note I noticed that snow/study days have been cut down, I realize that many students do not utilize these days, but many, including myself, do use those days for exam study and I do not feel it is right to penalize those of us who need the time to study.	1
At first I was a little shocked about the idea of eliminating the day off for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. But looking at the proposed calendar (where the days off for Jewish holidays are omitted), that seems even worse... I figure that most (if not all!) professors will give students the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off either way, and the official academic calendar is serving more as just a technicality. I'm not sure I understand the motive behind extending winter break even more (Hofstra already has the longest break of any schedule I know!) other than maybe for study abroad opportunities. I don't mind that too much. I think I do prefer having a set spring break, because having spring break 2 weeks before school ends kind of throws everything off. On the other hand, I know other students may prefer having off for Easter. I for one don't mind. I understand it's hard to please everyone, so I appreciate the fact that Hofstra is asking for our thoughts!	1
Bad move trying to remove the religious holidays. The semester is just as long as w/o the holidays. Make the semesters shorter; if a course can be completed over the summer in a six-week semester, why is it necessary to have a 15-week semester for the same course for the fall and spring, what, just tradition?	1
Basically this calendar change is all about whether or not Hofstra will continue to give off for the Jewish holidays. I feel the calendar isn't that big of a problem so why open up a huge can of worms on this sensitive topic? Hofstra has a larger Jewish population and it doesn't seem practical to have days when so many students will miss class, especially in terms of Rosh Hashanah and the nights of the seders. To make the schedule align better with peer institutions, look into why there's such a big gap between the fall and spring	1
Because Hofstra University is predominantly a commuter school, I believe the academic calendar should coincide with that of the High Schools on Long Island.	1
Big religious holidays should be left without classes because students who observe these holidays have to go home and celebrate with their family. Many professors are NOT willing to overlook absences for religious purposes, and even if they were it is a lesson that all religious students will miss. Either way students who do not observe the holidays won't show up simply because it is an excuse not to. Keep religious holidays without classes, and add one day more for Thanksgiving (Wednesday before) because of traveling. I would rather have one more week of school than miss holidays or worse... rush to travel on holidays. And so does everyone else I know	1
Biggest issue is with Thanksgiving break; many people I know get the entire week off. I would propose getting rid of the Jewish holidays and giving students Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving off.	1
Both of the calendars are not great, they need to be combined and readdressed.	1
Both the proposed and alternative Fall 2011 calendars are ridiculous. I do not understand why classes cannot start before Labor Day, as most colleges start class at the end of August. If class started earlier, appropriate time for both Rosh Hashana, Thanksgiving, and perhaps even Columbus Day could be allotted for time off. Time needs to be allotted for travel arrangements for both students and professors. If these schedules are not changed, both the students and professors will definitely not show for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and perhaps days prior as well. In the case of Spring 2012, time needs to be allotted for religious observation. If spring recess needs to be earlier, Good Friday and Easter Monday need to be given off as well. I'm not sure why the quality of the calendars has decreased over the years, it seems as if these two did not consider many factors at	1
Calendar changes decrease the amount of days off in both fall and spring semesters. No having Good Friday-Easter off would guarantee days taken off for personal reasons. Students would have to hope that these absences would be excused by his or her professors.	1
Change it please so we can have spring break like everyone else! Much Better That Way!	1
Change it to the proposed alternatives, so much better!	1
Chimeing it back, with the scumbalier	1
Christian holidays should be taken into consideration just as much (if not more due to population) as the Jewish holidays. As a Catholic who observes Easter, because it is our most religious day of the year, it is not fair to have to either choke down our Easter meals after church in order to get back on time. The other option is to miss Monday classes, also an inconvenience. Therefore the Monday after Easter should be a day where there are no scheduled classes.	1
Class should not be in session on Veterans Day.	1

Classes should start at the beginning of September, even if it's before labor day, as we did on the Fall 2010 calendar. By doing that, we can accommodate for the various holidays. I think that it might be highly inconvenient and possibly more expensive for the university to rely on substitutes to cover classes. I also think it is a waste of our money for a professor to cancel a class because of a holiday and not make it up- which could more than likely happen. I think we end the fall semester very late. I think we should move it up if possible by a couple of days. That would make for a better calendar. It would be nice to have the fall semester run from September 1st (the latest starting date) to (on or before) December 15th. The spring semester is fine as long as spring recess isn't standardized.	1
columbus day no classes	1
Columbus Day Off !	1
Columbus day off.	1
Columbus Day?	1
Conversion days are a big problem for me. If I sign up for a class on Friday's I cannot come on a Wednesday, thats why I signed up for Friday	1
Conversion days are confusing and seemingly unnecessary- removing these dates from the academic calendar would surely benefit the majority of students.	1
Conversion days are very annoying but not having holidays off creates a lot of catchup work for anyone who is religious and is somewhat unfair.	1
Conversion days aren't a hassle. Having holidays off are important both religiously and for getting a break and shouldn't be removed. The Wednesday before thanksgiving should always be taken off to allow time to travel home. Winter break is a tad long and those days off could be used better in the semester. Finals could also end earlier in both	1
Conversion days tend to be a big inconvenience, especially as a graduate student. Many student's already have other responsibilities which interfere with conversion days.	1
Could still have class off for Easter and pass over and can push back finals.	1
Could we look into the following holidays to have off: Columbus Day& Martin Luther King Day?	1
Do not change anything please.	1
DO NOT CHANGE THE CALENDER!	1
do not get rid of religious holidays. they are celebrated for their importance, and not to have days off. giving us arbitrary breaks defeats the purpose of us people of faith being able to celebrate religious holidays while still in school.	1
Don't ask questions with only two answers: old or new. You're skewing results by not giving someone a different option. What if we do not like either of the proposals? You don't give any room for yourselves to think maybe the new proposal will not work either. Isn't the point of a survey to figure out where changes need to happen? You're not allowing this. This is a silly survey that is only PERCEIVED as an attempt for Hofstra to really give a hoot about their students. You don't have us fooled Hofstra.....you're going to do what the power people with the money say to do. Why do you even bother?	1
Don't drop the holidays!!!! DX	1
Don't mind the conversion days, but want more time for Thanksgiving and definitely off for Easter and Passover.	1
Don't put spring recess at end of semester.	1
Dont start school before labor day again.... have spring break immediately after Easter	1
Early spring recess is better because all of my friends and family's breaks would overlap with mine.	1
easter and passover are holidays many students like to spend home with there family, if the breaks aren't long enough and one lives far away it would not be worth it to spend that much money for a plane ticket to be home for 3 days	1
Easter is a well celebrated holiday, even in a school that has a large jewish population and having our spring recess around that time will not only benefit other religions, but also spread out our vacation time as well.	1
either way if you change it, it wont really bother me and if you dont change it it wont really bother me	1
Eliminating religious holidays makes no sense. I have heard no complaints from anyone about the current setup. Why the change?	1
Even though teachers will not penalize students for missing classes on holidays, students will in essence be forced to make a sacrifice. Either sacrifice part of their education for religion, or sacrifice part of their religious observance for their education. Thank you for considering the input of the student population before making such a decision.	1
Even with the proposed move of spring break to march, which I am in favor of, I think it is necessary to cancel classes on good friday.	1
Existing fall 2011 calendar allows 4 days off (2 Rosh Hasannah 2 Thanksgiving) and the proposed change only allows 3days off (for THanksgiving). Thus, the existing is nicer. If there would be an unvarying Spring Break, I suggest it be the very last week of March into April, since in April there are no other days off ever. *Conversion days are not a big issue: I have to attend all the classes anyway. And its nice to mix things up sometimes; keeps one on his/her toes. And I like the tradition.	1
Fall - I would suggest to keep the Thanksgiving break to include having Wednesday off as well and also to include the day off for Columbus Day Monday. Spring- Make Spring Break towards the end of April to try to accommodate both Easter and Passover.	1

fall 2011 shld have 2 study days and no conversion days	1
Fall 2011 should have Columbus day observed.	1
Fall 2011 should have days off for Columbus Day and Election Day. Spring 2012 should have off the days before Passover and after Easter for travel.	1
Fall 2011: I wish there was a day off in October -- perhaps Columbus Day. Also, I would like the proposed calendar except that we would lose a day at Thanksgiving. I think having 3 days off for Thanksgiving is very important for people traveling home and back (especially considering Hofstra is trying to draw in more out-of-state students). Also, I don't like the proposed schedule because you simply took out days off while making us start later. I like starting before labor day, it gives a nice ease into the semester. Taking away a snow/study day is not a good idea either. Some people, like myself, like those days to really relax and study before the stress of finals really kicks in. The most important changes I would make to the academic calendar as it stands today would be to add a day off in October, to keep the 3 days off at Thanksgiving, and stay with the 2 snow/study days. Spring 2012: I know personally I enjoy going home for the Easter holiday. That being said, I do believe having a break in March is necessary. The spring semester tends to drag through March (much like the fall semester tends to drag through October). I don't like the idea of starting later in January as we already start much later than other colleges. By	1
Fall 2011: The preexisting one has four days off, two for the holidays, two for thanksgiving. The new one has none for the holidays and three for thanksgiving. Couldn't we shuffle that and leave one on the holidays and three on thanksgiving? Spring 2011: If spring break doesn't revolve around the holidays anymore, having Easter monday off seems like a good idea, more than good Friday. Or make president's day a three day weekend instead of a four day weekend.	1
Fall, start earlier and have a fall break like the rest of the world. Spring, only one day for President's Day, and one day for Good Friday off.	1
Finals should not extend into Monday. I know that for me other students, that long break between finals will be problematic. We will lose focus and be unable to study for finals on a Monday of the following week. Concerning the religious observances, it is unfair to have class on those days even with the excused absences. The observant students will miss the lectures and other important information discussed in the class they miss. Excusing an absence doesn't replace the learning and teaching missed due to observance.	1
Finals the Monday after already having a week of finals is a bad idea and no one will want to stay an extra weekend in order to take it. Not having Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur off, considering how large the Jewish population is here at Hofstra, is a horrible idea and too many students will get in trouble for skipping class on those days. We normally get the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off, so why in the existing calendar did we say we were not getting it off? Students need that day for traveling home. Also, many students need both snow/study days and having class on either of them, whether previously scheduled or not, destroys their study schedule. I don't mind standardizing spring break as much but then what will the policy be for Passover? Would kosher for passover food be provided for every single meal, including breakfast? What would be the policy on nights of the Seders? What would be the Good Friday policy? And how would this effect winter session, summer sessions, orientation, move in, and welcome week? And what's wrong with having conversion days? Many schools, including my own, had them in middle and high school, so what's wrong with having them in college? There are too many loose ends for	1
Finals week during Fall 2011 should be Monday through Friday, as it has ALWAYS been, not Tuesday through Monday!	1
First, the majority of students I have talked to about the "fall 2011 schedule" (including myself) said they would love that wednesday before thanksgiving as an extra day off. And second the whole semester ending on monday 12/19 is not too good, because most of us would like to be home BY that week end. I would rather not have that 12/12 snow day in	1
Fix it	1
For Adult learners the schedule would work best if it went according to the public schools schedules. Also for students that go home they can spend the holiday with their siblings.	1
for anyone out of state, it is awful to go home for spring break when nobody else is home. Another Idea could be two start classes a week or so earlier because our winter break is 2 weeks longer than other schools and we could have off for the first few days of passover and a regular spring break.	1
For both the Fall and Spring semesters, I would prefer the proposed schedules over those currently in place.	1
For Fall semester, Thanksgiving needs three days off, with at least one or two days off before in september/october, but as many days that were off this semester does seem like alot. For Spring, starting a week earlier in January so we can finish sooner in May makes more sense and everyone would rather get out earlier in May. So spring break would be	1
For Fall we should include a day for Columbus day, and keep the three days for Thanksgiving For Spring we should have Good Friday and Passover off and then our spring	1
For fall-in order to accomoate rosh hashana and 3-day Thanksgiving I would consider starting before Labor day. Many students need the day before Thanksgiving off to travel home. For spring, Instead of having off 2 days for President's day I would consider just one day or none and use them instead for religious holidays after the March spring break.	1
For people who observe Good Friday and Easter, the existing spring 2012 calendar works better. It is awful having to leave family early on Easter to come back to school for classes on that Monday. If days can be taken off for other holidays, then these holidays should be observed too.	1
For Spring 2012, I would like to have Spring Break in March but I also would like to able to observe Good Friday.	1
For Spring 2012, I would rather have the friday off before spring break(as is with the current calandar) than start on Jan. 30th.	1
for the fall 2011 and spring 2011 calendar they should have winter break start a few days earlier and make more snow study days or end finals a few days earlier	1

For the Fall 2011 calendar, I like that the proposed alternative includes classes canceled on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, but I like that the existing calendar includes classes canceled for the Jewish High Holy Days. I think it is horrible to have December commencement on a Tuesday. That will be extremely inconvenient for families traveling from out of town. For the Spring 2012 calendar, I had a tough time choosing which version I preferred. I like that the proposed alternative has an earlier spring break closer to the middle of the semester (when students actually need the break), but dislike and do not understand why the semester would not start until January 30 in that case. Winter break already drags on too long; I would rather see a few extra days added to spring break and a few days taken away from the end of winter break.	1
For the fall semester having a day off in October would be nice. Students have so many days off in September then go all the way till Thanksgiving without a break again. Taking a day from September and using it in October for Columbus Day for example would be nice.	1
For the Fall Semester, I believe we need at least one day off in October thru Thanksgiving. Perhaps we can observe Columbus Day in October. Opposed to starting the Tuesday after Labor Day we can start the Wednesday or Thursday before like we normally due. If we start 3 days earlier, this may possibly give room for 3 days of. The same theory exists if we start 2 days earlier, 2 days off or 1 day earlier, 1 day off.	1
For the most part, I like the proposed changes for both calendars. However, I think it is ridiculous that we will have only Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving break. Personally, I do not live close enough to see my family whenever I want. We have NO long weekends in October, so I would like the Thanksgiving break to be as long as possible. We should have that Wednesday off also, because many people have to take planes or long train/bus rides home. Are you asking them to do that late at night, or on Thanksgiving day? I	1
For the proposed Fall calendar, there were more days of classes, than for the calendar that is present now. Will that change anything? For example: the day in which finals begin or the day in which classes begin for the fall? Also, does the honor system actually work in a situation with thousands of students? If you ask some students to attend class, while some are excused, i believe that you will find yourself with many students that are simply skipping classes either way. How will you account for this?	1
For those students who have to travel relatively large distances home to spend holidays with family, it is extremely helpful having a day before Thanksgiving to travel home. Also, for those who celebrate Easter and Passover, it is much easier to have break around those holidays and makes it more worth it to travel home. I personally cannot afford to buy a plane ticket home if it is only for the weekend. Having the break come with the holiday makes more sense for me financially, without the break I may not be able to spend Easter	1
Give Easter Monday off, I can't be with my family with the existing setup.	1
Give off for the Jewish Holidays seems to be the only change	1
give us columbus day	1
give us columbus day off. and give us two separate weeks off for spring break and easter holidays	1
Give us Easter Monday off so we don't have to leave our families early on Easter day to travel back to Hofstra.	1
give us off columbus day.	1
give us the monday after easter too. have spring break in march like every other school in the country and then give us the monday after easter off, that way students can go	1
GO PRIDE	1
Good Friday should be observed, just for the one day in the new calendar (Spring 2012)	1
Good work, task force!	1
Have a couple days off every month and not a whole month without a day off.	1
Have a couple of more days for thanksgiving because a lot of people have family that lives far away (like me).	1
have extra days off in months we have no days off!	1
Have less day off that way we have more class time	1
have spring break in March!!!! most other schools have march spring break and us having april we feel left out and cannot see our friends from home	1
Have you guys ever considered giving the student population off for Ramadan holidays such as EID? maybe you should speak to devoted Muslim students who in the past have found in profoundly inconvenient to come to class while the rest of their family and friends are celebrating.	1
Having at least the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off is necessary to those students who have to travel long distances to get home for Thanksgiving Break. It would be impossible to get home after classes on the day before Thanksgiving. If we do not get this day off, I will be forced to skip my classes that day regardless to get home. Also, I would rather have the Monday after Easter off and one less study day in the Spring.	1
Having Hofstra accommodate those of us who celebrate the Orthodox Jewish holidays is a HUGE help. I'm nervous that we'll fall far behind if out for so many days. Also, in my 2 semesters at Hofstra I already encountered difficulty with one professor when I missed class for the holiday of Succot. Would like to minimize that problem as much as possible.	1
Having spring break in April is ridiculous. My family tries to plan vacations together and our random schedule is a plain hassle. It should be standardized.	1
Hofstra University has many Jewish students, even our president is Jewish than why to change the calendar. I know many people that came to this school because of this reason don't change the calendar.	1
Hofstra's spring break is much later than all other schools, we should have it in March like the rest of schools	1

Holidays where other schools have off such as Columbus day or Election day should be observed as days off.	1
I always was impressed that Hofstra University gave students off for the Jewish holidays in addition to other holidays a student would typically be off for. As someone who observes the Jewish holidays, it was incredibly difficult for me to have to take off to observe the holidays when the school does not provide these days off. Even if absences are excused, you miss the class. I was excited to attend Hofstra as a graduate student and not have to worry about these situations anymore having come from a University as an undergraduate that did not provide days off for the Jewish holidays. I strongly oppose the proposed changes and urge you to reconsider. My opinion of Hofstra would be	1
I am a grad student with school-age children. The existing calendar works very well with my scheduling between home and school. I think by eliminating the Jewish holidays from the calendar, there will be many canceled classes due to faculty members' need for religious observance days. Also, by eliminating the Passover/Easter break in the spring and having a spring break in March, students who may wish to go home to be with family during the holidays will not be able to do so.	1
I am generally opposed to any calendar that has large stretches where students do not have any time off. I believe the existing Fall 2011 Calendar would be more sufficient if it included a day off for Columbus day. The Spring 2012 calendar, both proposed and existing, are insufficient. In the existing Spring 2012 calendar students go through the last week of February, the entire month of March, and the first week of April without a day off. This is a large stretch that proves to be very stressful for most students. However, in the proposed Spring 2012 calendar students have from the last week in March until the end of the semester without time off. I feel that the Spring recess should be moved to the last week in March, or possibly the first week in April, to cut the semester in half. Also, an idea to introduce would be a "Study Day", which would allow students a day of rest during a long stretch where they normally would not receive a day off. I feel that introducing a calendar with rest days spread out evenly would benefit both students and faculty.	1
I am Jewish and would greatly be offended if I did not have off for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Passover. Please keep the existing calendars.	1
I am not religious but many people are. I do follow some of the things though during the time. Many students should have those days off for holidays either Jewish or other forms	1
I am personally extremely happy with the current schedule. I will be graduating from the MBA program this summer so any changes to the schedule are not likely to affect me. However, I am Jewish and observe all the Jewish holidays. I have noticed there is also a very large Jewish population that attends both the undergraduate and graduate programs. I would attribute this to the fact that Hofstra is located on Long Island, which is a heavily populated Jewish area. The current schedule format is extremely helpful in the observance of the Jewish holidays and has been a great convenience to me and many of the other Jews in the program, who would have needed to miss quite a few classes over the years. Being that I have never heard any of the students complain about the schedule, at least in the MBA program (I can't speak for the undergraduates or teachers regarding this subject), I don't understand why Hofstra would consider shifting the schedule to one where clearly many of the students will be forced to miss classes every semester, especially when some teachers only are willing to overlook one or two absences a semester, I only see this as possibly creating conflicts.	1
I believe it is better to maintain the observance of religious holidays and have off those days since I feel that students will not be comfortable missing classes and classwork when they should not be in school for need to observe religious days which would not be fair to them.	1
I believe that the academic calendar is great just the way it is currently. If it changes and students don't get off on observed holidays it will cause a lot of absences. Students would be missing more classes and therefore have to catch up to the class. I think that it will be difficult. Students will fall behind. Grades will become lower. Personally I might consider transferring out if we don't get off on observed holidays.	1
I believe that the academic calendar is too rough on students mentally and physically without any sort of 3-day weekend throughout the semester. I also believe that two snow study days instead of one are beneficial because it allows students more time to have last minute meetings with professors and gives the students more time to study for finals	1
I believe that the Calendars that already exist for Fall of 2011 and Spring 2012 should remain the way they are set. I am NOT in favor of the proposed schedules. I would prefer a spring recess in April around the religious holidays rather than in March. The existing schedule should remain! Thank you!	1
I believe that the proposed schedules are much better. I mainly think that out of respect for certain people's religious beliefs and holidays, the only fair and reasonable way to accommodate the majority of the students and faculty is to leave the schedule as is.	1
I believe that the schedule should work as follows: FALL Start before labor day, giving students a feel for their new schedule - then a brief break Columbus Day off - simply to give students a break in October Thanksgiving Off - with the Wednesday off as well since students will leave early to get home anyways At least 2 study days for classes for those who would not study otherwise (to help the University succeed) Finals and the end of the semester SPRING Begin with the same amount of days given to start the Fall semester Presidents Day off in February Good Friday - Monday after Thanksgiving off (so people don't skip classes just to go home anyways) Spring Break in the middle of the semester (or last week of March?) At least 2 study days Finals and Commencement I believe a structure similar to this would make class attendance higher as well as grades	1
I believe that we need a fall break in the middle of the Fall Semester and that the school can not take more days off from us. They do not understand how hard it is to get through a semester with no breaks for over a month!	1
I believe that we should have Columbus day off. Especially if we are not getting Yom Kippur off. The break between them is a greater distance and makes more sense. Although starting before Labor day would mean more days of classes, this would give students an opportunity to get to know their professors a little, and see if they will be okay in their classes. They will have more time to change their schedule if they need to.	1
I believe the fall calendar should remain unchanged, and that Spring break in March works out better than an extremely variable spring break based on Easter.	1
I believe the fall semester needs to be broken up more or possibly have a fall break like most other schools. Having less days off in the fall is not helpful at all when we The new spring break proposal is a good idea, but there should also be consideration of having a day off before or after the spring holidays. The fall idea just doesn't make sense to me, because we have less days off. We need a day off here and there because classes can get to be a little too stressful on our lives.	1



I believe there should be a short fall break between September and thanksgiving, around the time most midterms would take place.	1
I believe there should be no class on any of the all major religious holidays even though I do not observe any of them. The earlier standardized spring recess should also be	1
I definitely think that standardizing the spring break is a much better schedule than adjusting it around Easter. It provides a nice halfway point to the semester, and in my experience I've found that if a large break like that is too late in the semester, professors feel rushed to squeeze everything in at the last minute after the students return from the	1
I did not like either of the Fall 2011 semester templates.	1
I didn't really like either.	1
I dislike both for fall because there's only one study day and exams end on a monday. Commencement on a tuesday will inconvenience lots of people.	1
I dislike that for Fall 2011, finals continue on into the Monday of the next week. I would prefer it if finals were administered for just one week as it is now.	1
I dislike the idea for Fall 2011 that there are exams scheduled into the next week on that monday. I think that the exams should be all in the same week. Otherwise students end up waiting around for one exam and will not be able to get a ride from parents who work during the week. And I think that we should always have the wednesday before thanksgiving off. Some of us have to travel far to get home, and the closer to the holiday it is, the longer it takes to travel.	1
I do not like having the last day of exams fall on a Monday for Fall 2011. It is much easier for students to have a long weekend (Thurs-Sun) to study for exams, then have one week straight of exams. That way it is easier to travel home on the weekend, especially since many parents pick up students and can't do so during the week. Also, I think there should be no classes on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. People who need to fly home for the holiday would have to miss class to travel home for the holiday. Also, it is stressful to go home right after a class in order to be with family the next day. I like the idea of having Spring break in the middle of March like other schools--it gives a time to rest around midterms and enables sports teams to travel for training/tournaments, etc. without missing class. However, it would be nice to have Monday after Easter off for those	1
I do not like the conversion days. All they did was mess up my teachers and made one of my lectures run behind.	1
I do not really like that we have a short thanksgiving break but also at the same time how long the winter break is.	1
I do not thin cutting out all of the holidays for either semester will make the student body very happy, to be honest. To have so many holidays in the first two weeks of school, and then 11 weeks of straight classes is very stressful. one or two other one day holidays is vital to the health and saneness of the students. Only one snow/study/reading day will also cut back on student's time to meet with professors, meet with study groups or any other last minute preparations for exams. Mid-March is too early for spring break but if it is during Easter I think that is too late. Possibly the last week of March or the first week of April might be better since it is more like the halfway point of the semester. I think there will be more absences during the semesters if all of the holidays are taken away.	1
I do not think that it is right for the university to not have the holidays mandated off days. Instead of letting the students and faculty enjoy their holiday this would just put extra stress on them because they would have to think about making up the work they have missed or having someone else cover their classes. Even though we are a privet university, holidays should be observed and we should not be made to worry about missing classes or making up work on these days.	1
I do not understand why we are finishing classes on a Monday for Fall 2011. We should have finals from Monday to Friday, not Tuesday to Monday. We shouldn't be forced to stay an extra weekend for one day of finals and one less snow day. Two snow days on Thursday and Friday of the week before finals is the better choice.	1
I don't believe that it would be right to have class during either Easter or Jewish high Holidays. I guarantee that people would simply miss class to accommodate their religious duties. I have personally been grateful to have some of the Jewish Holidays off so that I was able to drive th four hour drive home to go to my synagogue and to be with my family. It wouldn't be fair either to only give off for Good Friday and not for any Jewish Holidays. I understand that the Jewish Holidays are random and frequent, and for this, I apologize, since I realize that this affects the calendar. Please allow off for students only for high holidays as it already is now. A regular spring recess would be nice, but I'd prefer to have off for holidays. Also, has anyone thought to make one week a "midterm" week like we have for finals? This would be helpful so that midterms wouldn't constantly one the same days or so that one midterm wouldn't be happening in the beginning and another happening in the beginning of November. Neither of these times are "mid" terms. What do you think?	1
I don't like that in both versions of the Fall 2011 calendar there is only one reading/study day and it is the Monday right before finals begin. That doesn't leave any time for review sessions for classes (which are generally held during reading/study days) and ample study time after the review session before finals begin. I prefer the reading/study days to be the Thursday and Friday before finals are set to begin.	1
I don't like the fact that you are trying to take away from the religious holidays. If the students decide to take Good Friday off, because it is a holiday for Catholics, then does that mean that we will have to be penalized for that? Don't like it.	1
I don't mind observing the Jewish holidays, but we need to observe the Catholic ones as well. And scheduling spring recess during Easter weekend isn't fair to those of us who want to travel during Spring recess but spend time with our families during Easter. Also, we should definitely have Wednesday before Thanksgiving off; otherwise, those of us who live far away and need to drive home will be stuck in ridiculous traffic on Wednesday night (if we have classes during the day), and that's unfair as well.	1
I don't think that it is fair to make students choose between their education and their religion. Missing even one class can seriously put a person behind. Also, it doesn't seem right that resident students will not have the opportunity to travel home to spend the holidays with their families.	1
I don't understand how while other schools seem to have many more holidays off than we do, we seem to get one holiday and a short break each semester at most.	1
I don't understand why you have to take away the Jewish Holidays, since I would be missing class anyways and I usually have perfect attendance.	1

I feel like either way no people are going to be unhappy.	1
I feel like if you take away some of the holiday days in the fall( like when we get off two days then an evening, then two days for Thanksgiving) we should get out a week sooner. If this is not the case, why not start a week later and only get off the two days for Thanksgiving and go till the scheduled time. I really think you should do that in the fall. You should start the week after labor day and not get off for any holidays except 2 days for Thanksgiving and then go till Dec. 18	1
I feel like we need off Veterans day in the Fall, it is unfair that Hofstra does not recognize a national holiday. I also feel for the spring semester we should have at least one day off in April if we put spring break in March, and one day off in March if we keep spring break in April.	1
I forgot to mention one comment - while I appreciate starting after Labor day, I do not understand while other schools with the same start date and comparable days off throughout the semester finish a week before we do. I feel completely out of the holiday spirit since I am studying like mad for finals that end right before Christmas. No christian holiday spirit for Hofstra. Adding the day off after Easter half way through my college career was a good idea. Don't know why it wasn't considered sooner.	1
I found it interesting that the only proposed changes in the fall were based on the Jewish holidays. It seems as if you might have pitted Jews vs. non-Jews, especially in the Fall calendar. I would be interested in having off the Jewish holidays AND three days for Thanksgiving, thus extending the semester by one day.	1
i hate starting class and then having a day off right away... also dec 19th is way too effing late to end	1
I hate the idea of only having 1 snow/study day for the Fall of 2011, and only having 2 days off for Thanksgiving (aka, still having Wednesday classes) would be a disaster. No one would show up to class, and it would greatly inconvenience students and faculty. Also, for Spring, switching the Spring Break to an earlier week is a good idea but we should still get a day off in replacement of Good Friday, or else just still give Good Friday as a holiday.	1
I have a problem with the existing fall 2011 calendar for the Thanksgiving break. Not everyone lives close to Hofstra. People need to travel to get home, and don't want to do it on Thanksgiving (Thursday). Out of any day to have off, we should have that Wednesday off. I know this year im using the Wednesday to fly home. But if next year we dont have that Wednesday off, well I surely wont be in class, and I know that I will be accompanied by many more students because not everyone will be able to travel late Wednesday night or Thursday morning. And I wont stay here for Thanksgiving because its the only time I go home during the semester.	1
I have never minded conversion days....	1
I hope the will be more graduate classes available during winter holiday	1
I just wish there was some type of break in October and March. Students go CRAZY.	1
I know that the proposal states that if we were to get off for the jewish holidays that we would have an excused absence from class. I celebrate the jewish holidays, and am required to go home for every holiday. I live almost 200 miles away from school and regardless of my absence, whether it is excused or not, I would not want to be missing class	1
I know we are constantly labeled as a predominately jewish school but there are many other schools that have a much higher jewish population and still have a regular schedule. ie. Boston University and Indiana University. Our calendar needs to mirror schools in our region, size, conference, etc. Hofstra needs to shake this label and start acting like the size school that it is. In general it needs to stop catering to a small percentage of the student body and start creating a sense of community, the main thing that this university lacks. Many of the communication issues and sporting event attendance issues are due to a lack of Hofstra community and pride. I am a senior and I would still like to see these changes occur even though my time here is nearly complete. If you would like to talk to me about any issues on campus please feel free to contact me. I have observed many issues on the campus and would be more than willing to provide solutions. My email is sgates1@pride.hofstra.edu	1
I like having off for Easter and Passover, so I don't like the proposed new calendar for the spring 2012 and personally one extra day for thanksgiving break won't make a difference for me (I like the existing calendars). I do wish the spring semester was shorter though!	1
I like having off for Good Friday and Easter. If spring break changes I would still want to have Good Friday off, as it is a holiday my family practices.	1
I like it the way it is.	1
I like that in the existing calendars, religious holidays are accounted for. I do not like that in the proposed calendars, there are no religious holidays observed, so students who are religious would have to chose to miss classes on those days.	1
I like the alternate calender because it is fair to every student in school.	1
I like the current academic calendars.	1
I like the fact that religious holidays won't be observed. I appreciate the fact that there is a choice to miss class and not be penalized, but this is an institution of higher learning and we are investing in our future and our time here is valuable... 2) I like the proposed change of Spring Break in March. Plain and simple. However, I still have an issue with the semester ending very early in December.	1
I like the idea of classes starting on Jan 30th which is a Monday instead of the middle of the week. I do like spring recess falling with the Easter/Passover time due to the fact that many other schools have off during this time making it easier for families that may have to travel.	1
I like the idea of creating a standardized spring break. However, in the fall I like the idea of having three days off for Thanksgiving. I know I live 7.5 hours away driving so I need a day of travel to get home for Thanksgiving. Therefore, I would probably end up skipping Wednesday classes anyway to travel home. It's nice to have the Jewish holidays off in the fall, and I know for those who practice they are important holidays, but it's not a big deal to me if we have those days off or not. I think we should start at the same time of the existing schedule, but have a fall break, instead of the Jewish holidays off, like some universities do and have the three days for Thanksgiving.	1

I like the proposed changes. I have been a student at Hofstra since 2004, I have graduated three times from Hofstra. I am currently working on a fourth and I am considering a fifth. In fact my wife and I met while attending Hofstra. My family owned law firm is a donor to Hofstra Law and I plan to keep up the tradition. I am strongly for the removal of religious	1
I like the proposed options much better, especially in terms of having spring break not so close to finals. I feel it would personally take me at least a week to get back in the school mode after spring break so having finals the next week would suck.	1
I like the proposed Spring academic calendar. For the fall, the proposed change takes a problem that showed itself in Fall 2010 and makes it permanent. Because Rosh Hashanah was so early this year, there are 10 1/2 consecutive weeks of classes between then and Thanksgiving. Starting class after Labor Day means that will be the case every year. I also favor retaining the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as an off day. I believe the start of fall classes should remain in its current location, but that there should be a four-day weekend (Saturday through Tuesday) at a fixed position in mid-October. Normally it would coincide with Columbus Day, but could be a week later if Columbus Day falls early in October. Cornell provides a good model of this ( <a href="http://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/">http://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/</a> ).	1
I like the spring proposed calendar except for the early spring break. Even if break was pushed back one more week it would be preferable. Just seems like when we first get back from Christmas break things go very quickly to split the semester there you would never get a good learning progression and flow in classes.	1
I like the way the calendar is designed now. I think that it gives a good time period between days of school with days off. The way our school calendar is designed is one of the things that I really like about Hofstra, and I definitely do not think it should be changed.	1
I live in Massachusetts and as such, need at least seven hours set aside for travel before I can even get home. If our Thanksgiving break started ON Thanksgiving, I wouldn't get home until the celebrations were practically over. I would really like to have Thanksgiving break start on a Tuesday, but Wednesday has had to work for the past two years. However, Thanksgiving breaking starting on a Thursday would be impossible. I wouldn't even be able to go home.	1
I love that I can go home for the Jewish holidays, and I know that we would not be penalized but it is still a big burden to miss classes, especially for someone who lives far away and needs ample travel time. Besides, students enjoy the days off in the beginning of the semester. I don't mind the spring break change as much but for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur it would be EXTREMELY inconvenient to have classes.	1
I prefer it with classes continuing over religious holidays. Conversion days make everything more difficult and confusing--and since we have people here of many religions (not just Christian and Jewish) I think it makes sense to disregard all holidays equally. Plus, the new Spring recess is closer to my birthday, so that's good. Don't let that be a factor in your decision making, though. I don't want to be a burden.	1
I prefer the existing calendars because they focus on the religious and non-religious holidays. The alternative calendars seem to just reach a certain number of days off, rather than respecting certain holidays that may be important to students and faculty.	1
I prefer the spring recess the way it currently is. It's too early in March and I prefer it in April.	1
I prefer to have off on the observed Jewish holidays because I think it is only fair. Holidays such as Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are strictly observed by most Jews, even secular ones. As for Passover, if school wasn't in session for the 2 Sedars then I don't think it would be as much of an issue. Lastly, I believe we should have off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving because it is one of the busiest travel days of the year.	1
I realize that this is a difficult topic, and the spring semester varies greatly on when Easter/Passover falls during the month; However I do think it would be beneficiary to perhaps start the semester a day or two earlier and perhaps give some federal holidays in the Fall (Columbus day). Both the Spring and Fall Semester seem to start later, and perhaps if the school does not want to continue to celebrate religious holidays they can begin to celebrate federal holidays. This would allow the students a faculty to have a little break in the semester, and opposed to going roughly 2 months without a day off. Thank you for taking the time to consider this!!!	1
I really appreciate having Jewish holidays off, especially since not many schools do so.	1
I really don't like the current schedule for Spring Break, so I definitely prefer the proposed calendar for Spring. I am satisfied, however, with the existing Fall calendar.	1
I really don't think that it is fair to give classes on the Jewish religious holidays. It is discriminating against Jews. Even if you say that if we don't come to class those days we won't be penalized, we still do have to miss class and people like me hate missing class and now I would have to. It is double the work to have to make up everything and then we have to teach the material covered in class to ourselves. Why should Jews suffer?? I will be VERY upset if the schedule changes and would HATE Hofstra. One of the reasons why I picked Hofstra as my college was because of its sensitivity towards Jews and now that could be gone.	1
I really liked when we had spring break Spring 2010. The week before Easter was our week off and then we had the Monday after Easter off allowing for traveling. That's honestly the best set up I've seen so far.	1
I say keep the existing calendar for 2011 and take a day off the day before Wednesday and on Columbus Day. I think it's wrong we have school on Columbus Day because it seems disrespectful to have school on the day we celebrate America's finding.	1
I strongly feel that on religious holidays school should be closed. Even though classes can be canceled and the professors do understand students missing class and giving ample time to make up work it puts a lot of stress on students having to miss class.	1
I support days off for observing all of the religious holidays instead of extending certain breaks	1
I think all religious holidays should be taken into consideration	1
I think for the Thanksgiving Break we should get off for at least Wed-Fri because some students need to travel home and it would be too chaotic to do that Thanksgiving day. And if we do not have off that Wednesday, I feel that many students would miss class due to traveling back home. Maybe we could even get the whole week off like other universities	1

I think having the Spring Recess in March is way too early. I feel that it is more enjoyable to have that recess around the holidays in April. I also don't understand the need to start classes later. I don't mind going back to school Jan. 26th. I do think that for traveling purposes its a fair and appropriate choice to give us off the Wednesday before	1
I think Hofstra should KEEP the EXISTING Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 calendars, as the proposed calendars are horrific!	1
i think instead of the Jewish holidays we could have a fall break like most other schools have that would let us have a break from normal classes	1
I think it doesnt matter whether there are religious components or not, I think many of us just want a break somewhere in between the classes, as it comes as a great relief to have a few days off...or to have some time to relax.	1
I think it is good to have no classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving so students have a day to travel home. I think having spring recess over Rosh Hashana is not good because it is so close to the end of the semester the few weeks between the break and finals is too small to want to concentrate on classes. Also, having it over Rosh Hashana sometimes makes it so travel on Easter is necessary, and I feel that it is not fair to have a Jewish holiday available and not a Christian one. Having classes on/around both	1
I think it is important that we get off for religious holidays. I do not live close to Hofstra so these days off are great ways for me to spend the holidays with my family and have time to get home for them without missing classes. If the new schedule is used, then I will not be able to observe the holidays with my family.	1
I think it is important to close during the Jewish holidays in the Fall. Those are very religious days to a significantly sized population that both works at and attends Hofstra. To ignore the community that works and lives around here is poor judgment. Many faculty members also have kids so scheduling spring break with the Easter/Passover holidays accommodates those of us that have children in the public schools.	1
I think it is necessary to have at least a few days off between the first day of school in the fall semester and thanksgiving. We usually get the Jewish holidays, but many schools that don't get those days off get "fall break" instead which is 3 days around midterms. Going straight for almost 3 months would be detrimental to students, in my opinion.	1
I think it is necessary to have days off for students to be able to observe their respected holidays.	1
I think it is ridiculous to not observe the religious holidays. Those who are religious and who will have to miss school are basically being screwed over. We pay a lot for our education (i.e. to sit in class) and this proposed schedule does not allow people who observe various religions to do so. Also, the Spring semester starts later but ends the same	1
I think it is very important to have a standardized spring break. I think that it is going to be very hard next semester with there only being two weeks of the semester left after spring	1
I think it is wrong to make a change to the spring calender so that spring break isn't on Easter. Easter is very important to me and I would like to be home with my family rather than have spring break on some random week in March. As for the Fall 2011 calendar, I would also prefer to have more days for Thanksgiving then getting the religious holidays	1
I think It would be a really bad idea to change the fall 2011 calendar. Regardless of students liking days off from school, those students who celebrate these holidays would likely not attend class on those days. There is no proof that Professors will be accepting of these students missing their class without there being negative consequences on their	1
I think it's bogus to not have religious holidays off... even students who are not very religious typically go home for these holidays for family gatherings. However, I think we should definitely move our spring break earlier into the semester; having it so close to the end of the semester is frustrating and somewhat silly!	1
I think other religious holidays should be considered other than Jewish holidays.	1
I think religious holidays should be observed and classes should not take place on Weds. before Thanksgiving.	1
I think religious holidays should be observed so students can be with their families. However, I still find it strange that we have classes on Columbus Day while most other schools	1
I think religious holidays should be observed. I prefer the existing Fall 2011 calendar, however, the traveling day (Wednesday) before Thanksgiving is necessary. Regardless of whether there are classes or not, if students need to travel for Thanksgiving Recess, they will not come to classes on Wednesday. I think that one day should be worked into the existing schedule for fall 2011.	1
I think students are much happier with the current schedule. Be prepared to explain these changes because students are going to be upset. Since both semesters have become longer, there should be more holidays added not taken away. Having only one snow/study/reading day for the fall is upsurd. Fall commencement now taking place on a Tuesday is also a poor decision as it is inconvenient and inconsiderate for both parents and students - not only do family members have to arrive here on a random day of the week, but seniors are just thrust into graduation (they may have finals the Monday before and will not have a weekend beforehand to celebrate/pack etc). The changes seem pretty ridiculous and unnecessary! It is definitely a move in the wrong direction on Hofstra's part!	1
I think Thanksgiving break should be longer. It should be the entire week off instead of religious breaks in september.	1
I think that we definitely need the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off because it allows students travel time to get home to their families. However, I feel that only having a Thanksgiving break without any days off before that is very stressful and taxing to students, especially when other universities are getting days off.	1
I think that a fall break is necessary for students.	1
I think that afternoon classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving should be cancelled if possible, particularly for graduate students who may need to cook for the following	1
I think that conversion days whatever they are should be on saturdays, so as to not affect class schedules. I am in favor of skipping religious holidays, but i think that in both scheudles for the spring classes start rather late. I would prefer they start earlier in January, that way holidays would not have as significant impact. Most importantly I would like more time off for studying, prior to exams. If this means that if both schedules were to be a week longer, the Fall at the end or the spring schedule woud start ealrier that would be my preference. I would think that most students wouldn't mind an extra week built into the schedule if it enables them to have more time to study for exams at the end of the	1

I think that for the proposed spring 2012 alternative, we should start the semester on the 26th and still have good friday off, with spring break being in march	1
I think that if Spring Break is not the week of Easter that Monday after Easter should be a day off or at the very least an excused day for those that have to travel the day after easter since most people are out of state.	1
I think that if the current calendar is not changed, there will be an incredibly high absence rate the Wednesday before Thanksgiving because many students that are NOT commuters and don't live on Long Island or in the Tri-state area need that day for travel, and will probably skip class. I like the proposed spring break a lot better because it is earlier, but it is a catch-22 because many people want to travel home for the Easter holiday.	1
I think that it would be a joke if the Jewish Holidays were not observed on Hofstra's campus. I'm a freshman who came to Hofstra from a Jewish Day School and part of the reason why I chose Hofstra University was the fact that the Jewish Holidays are observed here. The president of our school is Jewish and the Provost is Jewish as well. I expect to get off for Pesach so I am able to attend my family's Seder in Colorado where I'm from. I believe that if there are changes to the calendar there will be an outcry from the large Jewish population at Hofstra including the faculty. I also pay full tuition here and I could find a school elsewhere for cheaper that observes the Jewish Holidays if Hofstra truly decides to change its calendar. Please as an observant Jew I ask the people who are in charge of making Hofstra's calendar to keep it the way it is.	1
I think that no matter what, classes NEED to be cancelled the day before Thanksgiving because a lot of people cannot attend class due to travel plans. I'm only 5 hours away and I leave the day before Thanksgiving so I can celebrate with my family.	1
I think that Spring Break should be in March, but I also believe we should get the monday after Easter off as a travel day since everyone is not from Long Island, or New York.	1
I think that the calendar should not be changed because those of us who celebrate holidays such as Easter, and who live hours away (I'm from Massachusetts) will have to skip classes to travel for the majority of the day to see our family for a few hours and then travel back for the majority of another day to make it to classes on time by Monday. Also, I think that if the proposed changes to the calendar are made the university will upset much of the Jewish community here because the days that would be given off are not conducive to being able to celebrate with loved ones.	1
I think that the two days off in September are absolutely necessary and substituting one extra day for Thanksgiving would not make a difference in that regard. And I think that Spring Break NEEDS to be when Easter is. Duh. This also gives students a week to study for finals, right BEFORE the final. No one would get any work done over a break in March since they are under no pressure to do anything. Keep it the way it is.	1
I think that we should have Columbus Day off in the Fall and take a day away from one of the Jewish holidays (only having off for Rosh Hashanah not Yom Kippur as well). Columbus Day is given off to almost every government job, along with schools. In the spring I think we should also have some of passover/easter off, as well as Spring Break in March, still having classes start the 26th of January. A combination of both schedules should be proposed as the ultimate solution.	1
I think the changes do not make any sense. You are basically taking away days off but yet they end at the same time.	1
I think the Jewish holidays need to be accommodated, as there are a sizable amount of Jewish students in school who need to observe these holidays. As for the Fall Semester of 2011, Rosh Hashana, one of the most important Jewish holidays of the year, does not fall on a weekend and therefore many students may not attend class anyway.	1
I think the Monday after Easter should be off so students are not forced to travel on Easter	1
I think there are some good proposed changes like a regulated spring break and a longer thanksgiving break, but some holidays could be recognized by changing semester start	1
I think there should be a fall break somewhere before Thanksgiving. Students have a nice spring break to help lessen the blow of midterms, we need that for fall too.	1
I think there should be more time given off for Thanksgiving. I know many schools get that Tuesday off as well or cancel evening classes. The spring I like the new proposed spring break because I feel it allows us to have the time off at the same time as many other schools	1
I think things like moving spring break around too much, and especially things like taking away wednesday from thanksgiving break, though perhaps not important to most, harshly affect the people from farther away, i.e. I am from chicago and If i were to loose wednesday from thanksgiving i would not be able to home. It doesnt sound like much but it makes	1
I think this proposed calendar is a preposterous proposition. These "potential" changes go against over a century of ingrained tradition that Hofstra touts as one of its leading qualities. It is inconceivable that such an idea even be proposed. How do you suppose both teachers and students could observe religious ceremonies if they have class. Do you not realize that many students will simply not show up to class, and worse that teachers won't show up canceling class even for those students that aren't observing the holiday? Even if you require religious teachers to teach on those days, how many do you think will teach anyway? This is discrimination against religious people as apposed to secularism. I would have thought that Hofstra was liberal enough to accept the ideas of many different cultures and be respectful towards them. Although I am not particularly religious, I find this outrageous. If such a plan is ever put into motion, I will promptly leave Hofstra, as will many others I'm sure, for a more accepting university.	1
I think we should get Friday and Monday off around Easter even with Spring Break in March.	1
I think we should get good friday and easter off for all of the christians that attend this school, if spring break is changed, which it should be.	1
I think we should have a longer time off for Thanksgiving. At a school like Hofstra, there are people from all over and with such few days off it makes traveling extremely difficult. Many universities have the whole week off. Also, we have such a long winter break. I would rather come back a week earlier in January and get out a week earlier in May, we get out very late in comparison to other universities.	1
I think we should have Columbus day off in the Fall. It is a holiday that is celebrated all of the United States and it would allow for people who do not live around here to have a chance to visit home before Thanksgiving.	1

I think we should have off federal holidays. I don't understand why we don't get off columbus day.	1
I think we should have off for Columbus day and some Christian holidays.	1
I think we should have off for Columbus day. It's really hard to go from the end of September without any breaks until the end of November. Other than that, I like Hofstra's	1
I think we should spread out the days off evenly. For example, I do not agree with having Spring Break so close to the end of the semester because that puts stress on both students and teachers.	1
I think you should 100% change the dates for the spring break to the ones in March.	1
I think you should leave them as they are. We should be off during Passover and Easter and observe these holidays. It won't be fair to people who dorm who will not be able to be with their families on those two holidays. Having spring break during March is unnecessary.	1
I understand that it is difficult to find a way to have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off, but I think it is really something that needs to be done. Many students need to travel home, and it cannot be expected for them to do that the day of Thanksgiving. Additionally, I think spring break definitely needs to be standardized. I know that it might be an issue not having Good Friday and Passover off for certain religious students. Could we have those two days off instead of the two days for President's Day?	1
I want a lot of days off and Friday conversion days	1
I want off for Easter!!!!!!! and other nationally celebrated holidays.	1
I wish spring break was earlier, but I still want off for holidays.	1
I wish these changes went into effect sooner. Having spring break the last week in April in 2011 will be extremely inconvenient.	1
I wish we had the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off... most students end up skipping classes that day anyway, because it's the busiest travel day of the year and it's tough to get home if you wait until classes are over.	1
I would be graduated by then, so changes don't apply to me but I like the new alternatives.	1
I would be in favor of the alternative spring schedule if religious holidays would still be observed (because I feel that is important) AND if spring break was at the end of March, having spring break so close to the end of the year is not good for a student's concentration and commitment to schoolwork, having spring break in between March and April gives a well deserved break from classwork but will not effect a student's concentration and commitment so close to finals. Also, having the option to miss class on religious holidays and not be penalized does not help the fact that class will still be held and that student will now have to catch up on missed work just because they are religious and choose to observe	1
I would feel very upset if I didn't get off for the Jewish holidays.	1
I would have originally preferred the proposed Spring 2012 calendar, however since I celebrate Easter and attend late night/early morning church services every day during Holy Week, it would be easier to have the entire week off and not be stressed between classes and church services.	1
I would have preferred the proposed new spring calendar if the "spring" break were as long as it is now. I also believe that the University should observe Columbus Day.	1
I would like the Alternative Spring Calendar if we had one day off for Easter.	1
I would like the class times to be earlier in the day time. It would accommodate me and many other commuters to get the classes out of the way in the morning. So it is very difficult as it is now with the times given by the school. Hopefully in the near future that could change and also maybe add a parking garage in one of the parking lots. It would be very beneficial to all of us Hofstra students and faculty. Thanks	1
I would like the proposed calendar if a fall break was added	1
I would like to get out earlier in both December and May. I would not have an issue starting earlier if we could end earlier.	1
I would like to have a 3 or 4 day Thanksgiving break NOT 2. Two extra days is not enough. Also, as a Catholic, I would like to have a break for Easter. Even if it's the Friday and Monday before and after Easter weekend.	1
I would prefer that we started earlier in January so that we end earlier in May, I have better job opportunities if I am able to be home earlier in the summer.	1
I would prefer to have a standardized spring break in Mid-March so that I can hang out with my friends at other schools who go away on vacation together on Spring Break. Most Hofstra students are commuters and do not need to travel home a long way for Easter/Passover, so a lengthy break during that time is not necessary. A break of March 18-25 would be a more normalized academic calendar.	1
I would rather have October break or February break, with the holidays eliminated and the semesters beginning at the same time.	1
I'd love to see spring break earlier in the semester, but I don't like how classes start so late in January.	1
I'm happy that this issue is finally being discussed	1
I'm not going to be there since I'm graduating Spring 2011. HAHA!	1
I'm not religious, but I think it's highly disrespectful to make both students and faculty go out of their way to be able to practice their religions, and the entire point of Spring break is that students and faculty can have time off to visit friends and family for the holidays.	1

If holidays are to be observed, I think that the day after Easter should be free so that students travelling home for the holiday don't have to travel ON the holiday. Also, the Fall semester should start a week earlier, I think.	1
If the calendar does not observe religious holidays, it will make it much more difficult for the religious population of our campus to be allowed time off. Even though the university allows the time for students during their holiday, every professor is different. Any professor could schedule an important class or presentation that the students do not have to attend, but really should since it is much better to be in the class and perceive it for oneself than have it told to him/her by an attendee. The proposed calendar would put a lot more pressure onto Jewish Population because they may have to do a paper for the next week, and without the extra time, are not allowed the breathing room that they deserve. Even though I am Christian, and the non-observation of the Jewish holidays would not affect me, I can feel the frustration in my classmate's voices already. I have seen other universities not observe a students' holiday, and it always turns out poorly for the student. Please keep the existing calendar in place! Thank you.	1
If the Jewish Holidays are being observed, at LEAST Good Friday should be observed for Catholics and Christian sects. It is wrong to make student feel obligated that they have to go to class on Good Friday, a day Christians believe that their Savior died for them.	1
If there are no conversion days, then professors should be more sensitive to religious obligations of both Jews and Catholics and be more understanding of absences, if need be. In which case, a system should be in place where students would be able to complain/report any faculty who do not give religious holidays consideration in terms of # of	1
If we didn't have school on the Jewish holidays off then I think they would need to be excused absences for people of the Jewish religion, as they are the holiest days of the year.	1
If you are going to respect Christmas, you have to respect Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Those are two most holy days of the year in the Jewish community, and no Jewish student would come in.	1
If you change the academic calendar for Fall 2011 to the proposed changes with no breaks until Thanksgiving recess then I suggest that Hofstra just give the week of	1
If you give Jewish new year off, then you should also give Easter/Passover off.	1
If you're going to take away days off for religious holidays, then you need to find a way to make up for the loss, such as having each semester end a week earlier. No one is going to approve of losing days off in favor of going to more classes.	1
If you're going to take away days off, then make the semester that many days shorter at the end!!!	1
In general a day here or there to break up classes would be great. There are often whole months that go by without one break.	1
In general I don't like conversion days, they seem to cause more confusion than they're worth. The Winter break is very long.	1
In general, Hofstra's academic calendar is not consistent. We have multiple breaks towards the beginning of the fall semester, and then have no breaks until Thanksgiving (which is not a long break at all). Winter break is way too long, and I suggest instead of having a month and one week off in the winter, students should just have one month off. With that extra week, we should have a fall break. I know that from experience the workload becomes very hectic, and a fall break would be very beneficial to students here. Not having a break in such a long period of time forces students to take their own breaks, resulting in skipping class.	1
In my opinion, spring break should be moved up one week so that easter sunday is the last day of break instead of the first.	1
In spite of the Hofstra policy that students cannot be penalized for missing classes because of religious observance, I am surprised by your negligence to note that by merely being absent from class, a student is penalized. I hope that as educators, you can recognize that a class is not merely for a grade but for intellectual growth, which will automatically be stunted as a result of forced absences from class for religious observance, specifically for the two holiest days for Jewish people. The proposed changes to the Spring semester affect students of multiple faiths. To suggest these in exchange for cancelled classes on a holiday eve and a later start date, seems contrary to the policy of academic pursuit and integrity on which Hofstra prides itself. I strongly request that you reconsider your propositions for a new academic calendar.	1
In the Fall 2011 calendar, because there is no day off the day before thanksgiving it is impossible for those living out of state to get home for thanksgiving, which to some people is a very important holiday.	1
In the fall, students who observe Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur also need to take off days for Sukkot and Simchat Torah, which are not given in the school's calendar. If students are not allowed to take off for the religious holidays, there could be 7 days during the fall semester, and at least 4 days during the spring semester in which they would miss classes and although they would not be penalized academically, but the fact that they would miss so many days of instruction, they would be at a severe disadvantage.	1
In the Spring 2012 calendar the spring break is nestled comfortably between midterms and finals. We need something like this during the Fall semester to rejuvenate ourselves	1
in the spring having a standard schedule for spring break would be nicer	1
In your existing calendar I believe there is three scheduled days off for Jewish holidays in the fall semester, however in your proposed fall calendar there is only a total of three days without classes scheduled around thanksgiving, what happened to the other three scheduled days off? You should consider having a fall break, such as spring break, including the same amount of days for both breaks	1
Instead of having off for the religious holidays, there should be some kind of acknowledgment of Columbus day and or Veteran's day.	1
Instead of having two snow/study days during the spring semester with a march break, have only one and set the Monday after Easter as a day off because many students go home for Easter and find it tough to get back to school for that Monday.	1
Is there another format that can be proposed? The proposed looks very similar to what we already have in place.	1

It is a horrible idea to not give off for the holidays for a myriad of reasons. First and foremost, even though you say students won't be penalized for missing the class, they would be missing the class itself, the notes, the lecture, and the opportunity to learn the material in greater depth. This is unfair to that student because he/she is religious and needs to observe a holiday. Second, the new schedule would give few days off. I personally look forward to these days as a chance to get work and projects done that I would not normally have time for on a typical school day. It also gives a chance for the body to recharge and something for students to look forward to. Taking this away, I think, would	1
It is absolutely ridiculous that there are entire months where we don't have at least one day off. Especially in the Fall semester the span between classes starting or rosh hashanah, until thanksgiving is killer, and I know student skip classes because they need a day off to rest, catch up on work, etc. I don't see why Hofstra needs to start so late in the fall and spring, when they could easily start a week earlier and then give us a few extra days off for mid-semester breaks during the fall and spring like the majority of other	1
It is much better if the fall class starts after 9/15 for working professionals.	1
It is not right to put students who are observant in a position where they will miss class. Actual class sessions are valuable and every student should have the opportunity to attend all classes. Changing the schedule to eliminate the holidays is discriminatory. If you are going to eliminate the Jewish holidays then the Catholic holidays MUST be	1
It is really difficult not having the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off for those of us who have to travel home, especially if you have a night class on Wednesdays and can't leave until 8pm or on Thanksgiving Thursday. It actually really sucks, because I'm from Kentucky and this holiday is the first chance for me to get to go home in the fall semester. I'm sure a lot of people who live more than 4 or 5 hours away would feel the same way.	1
It is ridiculous that we have Spring recess so late. While it works well with high schools since they go to join, it is pointless to have it 2-3 weeks before the semester ends. The point of spring recess is to give a break in the semester; the way it is set up now is a nuisance. I feel like once we get back from spring recess we are rushing in class to finish material before final exams. By moving it earlier, it give ample time to cover more material in class so it is not rushed. Moving spring recess is CRUCIAL in providing better education to students, so we don't feel rushed after coming back from break.	1
It is very difficult for out of state students to attend easter when vacation ends on easter. There should be one travel day the monday after, even if this means starting earlier in	1
It seems like all the new calendars do is take away our days off for holidays and make us go to class more. I understand that that's the purpose of us being here, but I prefer not to miss classes at all. Saying that we won't be penalized for missing class for a religious holiday, but still holding the class is a passive way of not letting us celebrate the holiday, unless we miss class and get behind. If we're not going to have those days off, our semester should at least end earlier. Already, we get out later than most other universities.	1
It seems the proposed calendars ignore the Jewish community. I find this offensive.	1
It still sucks Hofstra! Why dont we have a fall break of any kind?? Just about every school in the country has one, yet Hofstra continues to keep students in session without one. People are too stressed and are always getting sick. Give us a damn break!!	1
It would be nice if we could coordinate our academic calendar with the other universities in the area, such as Adelphi and St. John's. That way students that take classes at those campuses or have an affiliation (such as the LI AuD Consortium) could have a full break, all at the same time.	1
It would be nice to have Columbus Day off in Fall, even if that means one less day off of another break, just as a stress reliever extra day off.	1
It would be nice to have Columbus Day off.	1
It would be nice to have some days off toward the middle of the semester so that we can be rejuvenated.	1
It would be nice to observe Columbus Day like many other schools.	1
It's totally unreasonable to not give the students the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off. Many and most professors cancel that class, and less than half the student body attends. It simply makes travel plans unreasonable, and Thanksgiving should be given priority over any religious holiday.	1
It's unreasonable to take away the holidays, especially with the huge Jewish population. Also, not all professors are so understanding. Nobody would go to class. It's crazy.	1
Jewish Holidays should be respected as much as possible, especially those that are religious, such as rosh hashanah, yom kippur, and passover.	1
Just get the march spring break in, its my senior year	1
Just last night I was thinking that a fall break right around this time (mid to late October) would be very nice. I find stress levels to be very high and, just like the spring semester, students (and I'm sure faculty members) could use a moment to catch up.	1
Keep existing calendar., add one more day to USA thanksgiving vacation.	1
Keep it as it is.	1
Keep it on the holidays. Those of us who observe these holidays won't be able to attend class, and in some cases might want to spend the holiday with their family. It makes it so much easier for students.	1
Keep it the way it is	1
keep reiligious holidays as days off i need easter off and jews need thier holidays off	1
KEEP RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS IN THE CALENDAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	1
Keep religious holidays, give us an off day for Columbus Day like everybody else.	1



Keep the existing calender the way it is but and one more snow/ study day in the fall. Give us also the wednesday before thanksgiving as well if u dont, every student would not be in class anyways.	1
Keep the religious holidays as they are. People of different faiths will be discriminated against and miss valuable class time because they will have to take certain days off in order to practice their religion.	1
keep the spring semester please. it makes it easier for those of us who travel to another country to see our families.	1
keep them the way they are	1
Keeping Spring break with Easter vacation is a much better idea than the proposed Spring 2011 calendar.	1
Later Start Date, More Days off. School is hard enough, but when you work full time and are 22 years old, staying on top of everything is hard. Not all of use are non- working, or full-ride scholars or have mommy and daddy's credit card. More days off will help students like me, so we can situate and prepare for everything handed to us by our professors.	1
Leave it the way it is. The proposed changes are horrible.	1
Leave the spring bread around the holidays.	1
Leave them the way they are, holidays should be observed	1
Look good.	1
Make it around Easter and Passover -- PLEASE. That's family time, no matter what time of year. I'd much prefer to spend a week with them instead of taking a train back after my	1
Make sure all graduate level courses are in rooms with smartboards or have internet access ... (and don't tell me they allready do because I'm in a graduate education class that does not have web/internet access). A pure waste of \$5,000.00	1
MAKE SURE WE ARE OFF FOR THE CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS --- EASTER!	1
MAKE THEM LOOK LIKE PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDARS IN THE AREA&gt;	1
Make Winter Break a week shorter, and make thanksgiving break a week long. I think the winter break is a little too long	1
Making spring break in March instead of April is definitely a good idea, and a secular calendar is a great idea as well.	1
Many of your grad students are teachers. It helps to have the public school calendar and the Hofstra calendar match.	1
Maybe instead of having off for the religious holidays in the Fall, we could have two days off for Columbus Day. The days off for religious holidays are really early in the semester and it would be a more appreciated break if it was a month into classes instead.	1
Maybe provide a day off of classes day after Easter or an optional day off for faculty and students	1
More days off randomly breaks up the semester and makes it easier for the students.	1
More holiday/vacation days!!!!	1
More time off.	1
Move the spring break back to march. And I think we need Columbus day off	1
Must have off for religious holidays.	1
my big issue are having that last exam day on monday in the fall, its inconvenient. i prefer two study days in the fall and wednesday before thanksgiving off and beginning after labor day. Spring break i prefer around easter as well. I think that even if it were just beofre exams then we wouldnt have to worry about snow study days so much	1
n/a	3
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N/A	1
Need another 2 day break somewhere in October just for a break, maybe a midterm study days or something of the sort.	1
Need monday after Easter off	1
no	11
No	9
no changes need to be made, focus on more inmpotant things that need to be change	1
No Comments	1
No comments on calendars. But I would like if there are surveys on class schedules.	1

No evening classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving so students who live far away can get home!	1
No no comment	1
no not at the moment	1
No one will like the proposed academic calendars because you aren't giving them any days off and the semester seems longer than usual on top of it! I'm glad that I will no longer be at Hofstra when those changes are put in place.	1
NO THAT'S ALL	1
No, but I appreciate your interest in my opinion of the propose change in the academic calendar. Thank you!	1
No, there are no other comments.	1
no!	1
No!	1
no.	1
No.	3
Nobody really minds that spring break is late because it's warmer and allows for Easter off, and I've never heard anybody complain about conversion days enough to change the whole calendar like that. Nobody needs more than 2 days off for Thanksgiving and even though I myself am not Jewish, getting rid of the days off for Jewish holidays for a predominately Jewish school would cause a major scene. The only thing I would change is finals, because I remember when we would have two days of finals, the weekend, then the other 2 days of finals. I liked this better because it made it easier to study and was less stressful.	1
none	1
nope	2
Nope	2
NOPE	1
Nope. Graduating in the spring.	1
not at the moment	1
Not giving students off on religious holidays but stating that students will be given "ample time" to complete their work etc will only create problems as students take off from class and proceed to miss work and fall behind. This becomes unfair to both the students who do not or choose not to observe if work halts even though class is in session, and then also penalizes those students who take off to observe. Holidays are holidays for a reason, we should continue to have off and no alterations involving holidays should be made. Hopefully someone will realize this before making a huge mistake and creating more problems, by trying to fix something that is not broken.	1
Not having the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off from classes is ridiculous and not fair to students who live outside of the tri-state area, as, for many of these students, Thanksgiving break is the only opportunity they have all semester to go home. Without that Wednesday to travel, many of these students will be forced to do so on Thanksgiving Day. As Thanksgiving is a holiday all students celebrate regardless of their religion, many being prevented from celebrating it as a result of the academic calendar and the distance their home is from Hofstra is WRONG! While you all may say students don't care about Thanksgiving that much, I'm willing to bet their parents/families who haven't seen their son or daughter all semester and who pay their son's or daughter's college bills DO care and will not be happy about this change.	1
Not posting and recognizing Religious Holidays is problematic and will only encourage students to take off on those days anyway. its a silly way to go about whatever issue you guys are trying to address. If your going to let students take off without being penalized systematically you might as well take the day off from school. If this goes into effect, then i will be taking off every holiday without being penalized. please rethink this.	1
Observe national holidays...since they are national holidays. Too many days off for jewish holidays. Consider a more even distribution of religious observances	1
off for columbus day in october	1
One of the reasons that I chose Hofstra as a school was because of it's accommodations for Jewish students. I've been here for three years and have talked these proposed changes over with many of my friends and we are all very shocked and upset by the proposed changes. In a school with as many Jewish students as we have, Hofstra doesn't have enough resources to accommodate all of us should the schedule change. Please take this into account when considering your decision. Thank you.	1
One snow/study day would be insufficient and its placement on the Monday of finals week would be inconvenient as well. The placement of two snow/study days on the Thursday and Friday before finals week provides better spacing. A set week for spring break could be helpful as long as students are also provided an additional day or two for religious observances (i.e. Good Friday, Easter Monday, etc.)	1
One study day is not enough	1
Overall days of the year should be spread out as much as possible instead of lumped together	1

Overall, it seems organized and very understandable.	1
Passover is in April and it needs to be observed. We cannot go to school especially since this is a very important holiday in the Jewish Religion.	1
Personally, I find the idea of eliminating days off for religious holidays to be an absolutely ridiculous idea. Asking students and faculty to make their own arrangements for religious observations is, in my opinion, flat out wrong. Having been absent from classes for illness and such before, losing class time is not something I EVER want to do. The proposed idea would effectively punish students for taking days off for religious observances, unless professors are prepared to re-teach an entire class period's worth of material at a time that is convenient for STUDENTS, which seems unlikely and impractical. Additionally, religious holidays are some of the only times students (both religious and non-religious) have an opportunity to go home and see their families - and they are times when their family is generally available. Having less breaks would result in more rushed visits or no visits at all to family during the school year because of pressures to not lose class time and the possible unavailability of family members, which I feel would be detrimental to overall student well-being. I absolutely abhor the proposed calendars, and I believe they are a thoroughly horrible idea.	1
Personally, I live a good distance away from school. I would like to still be able to celebrate holidays with my family rather than by myself. Also, hanukkah is not recognized, so I do not feel it is fair to also take rosh hashanah away from Hofstra's jewish students as well.	1
Please continue giving off during religious holidays, as students who observe them will have an unfair disadvantage in succeeding in college/graduate school. Getting a decent education is difficult enough without giving some students an automatic deduction as they miss important days, especially when Passover/Easter is close to the end of the semester. Some students chose their college because of the schedule and to switch it is unfair. I personally will have trouble being able to do well if I do not get holidays off. Christmas is given off every year- why not Easter and Passover? Passover, in particular, is difficult with a week where observers cannot eat regular foods and having to stay on campus is almost impossible. They cannot even buy a soda from the machine! Additionally, the days that are holidays (and not just intermediate days) fall out the same days two weeks in a row and students will miss 2 weeks of information due to circumstances outside their control.I know it was a major factor in my decision, and I am sure in others as	1
Please do not change the calander	1
Please do not change the calendar, it is not fair to students that you have class during the holidays, it makes no sense whatsoever and would be a very strong reason for certain people to transfer. I myself am graduating but I know a lot of people who are very unhappy about the proposed changes, and honestly, if I was of a younger grade I would absolutely consider transferring out of Hofstra for this reason alone. I'm literally appalled that you would think this is a good idea, first you get rid of the football team and now this,	1
Please do not change the calendar! Many colleges, including ALL of the CUNY colleges follow this schedule, of giving off for Rosh Hashana and Passover. It is the correct thing to do as there are many Jewish people in Hofstra. More then 25% of people in my classes are Jewish and observe Rosh Hashana and Passover.	1
Please do not put Spring Break in March! Thank you.	1
Please give 2 snow/study reading days for fall 2011. In fall 2011 give the wednesday prior to Thanksgiving off. keep the rest of the calander the same.	1
Please give us time off in either October or November. Going 12 weeks with out days off and throwing midterms into the middle of that is way to much for students to handle. Please try and accommodate this.	1
Please include religious holidays in the calendar. The only problem I have is spring break, please please please schedule it earlier so that it coincides with all other schools. Conversion days are good.	1
Please observe religious holidays -- I think it is unfair for students to have to miss classes on religious holidays, even if it is an excuse absence.	1
Please shorten winter break!	1
Please, please, please give us the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off and the Monday after Easter Sunday. It is so difficult to travel on actual holidays and it really does take away from the holidays. I know a lot of students love having days off but I don't particularly love random days off. I'd rather have that extra day off around the holidays to spend with my family and really have a chance to feel like I'm home, rather than arriving that morning or having to leave Easter night. Please! Thank you.	1
professors of graduate classes do not typically follow university calendar	1
Proposed fall calender is good because it doesn't consolidate all days off at the beginning like the existing one. In contrast, the existing spring one is nice because it gives us a longer spring break and who doesn't want that??	1
Rather than study days, it would be AMAZING if we had off the day after Halloween and the day after St. Patrick's Day so that we could fully enjoy it and not have to worry about homework. It sucks whenever you can't enjoy those days because you have a paper due the next day, or a test, or a lot of homework.	1
Religious holidays are important cultural events and, as a university that emphasizes cultural diversity, this idea should be reflected in our schedules.	1
Religious holidays are important to all students and their families. Students should be able to spend this time with their family without worrying about missing important classroom information. Not to mention, class sizes would most likely be smaller on these days, making classes pointless anyways.	1
Religious and secular national holidays must be observed with canceling classes. Students would feel pressure to go to classes as opposed to observing the holidays. The holiday recesses are also the only time some students get to see their family.	1
Rosh Hashana is much more important to the Jewish people than that of Passover. Change the spring semester but leave the original fall semester.	1
School should not be held on religious holidays. While the students may not be penalized, professors may hold exams during those days, and it will negatively effect those	1

Should always have 2 snow study days. What about Columbus day? Sprink break should be standardized to the middle of march.	1
Should have a long weekend somewhere in the Fall semester and Easter Monday off	1
since easter really only needs one day off ( good friday) and passover only needs 2 days off or a cancellation of evening classes and one day off- standarize spring break, have classes on presidents day and done	1
Since the Fall 2011 Calendar cannot be changed I really can't make any comments on it. However, I have a suggestion for the Spring 2012 Calendar. Make Spring break start on Saturday, March 31st. Let the break be the entire week leading up to Easter (first week of April) and have classes resume on Tuesday the 10th. This will allow students the opportunity to observe all Holidays while on break, and give students time on the day after Easter to travel back to school from home if they go away. Then, build the rest of the calendar around this proposed change. (ie, fit in the presidents day break, conversion days, and snow/study days as needed) Also, I dont see the point in taking off for two days for Presidents day. After all it is Presidents DAY not President's TWO DAYS. If this can allow for the Spring Break I proposed then do it. This Spring Break is much more	1
Space out the days off evenly. The current semester had all the days off in the first week or so of classes, then there have been no "days off" for over a month.	1
Spacing between days off is better than everything at once.	1
Spreading out the existing days off make a better schedule.	1
Spreading the breaks out evenly is best in my opinion. When all of the breaks are in the beginning or end of the semester, it makes it a lot harder to get through. For example, this semester we had off at the end of september and then had to stretch all of the way until thanksgiving to be off again, which I think is unfair.	1
spring 2012 should begin on monday	1
Spring 2012 should start and end a week earlier. We should have a full week off for thanksgiving! less holidays during fall 2011 should result in a full thanksgiving/fall break!	1
Spring 2012- No day off on Monday after Easter would be a problem for many students who want to travel home to celebrate the Easter holiday.	1
spring break is too late. i would like to have some sort of fall break like other colleges do.	1
Spring break should be earlier. For those people who live far away (Texas for me), it doesn't make sense to fly home 2 or 3 weeks before summer break when I would be flying home again. We need a break halfway through--it just makes sense. We will be more refreshed for the second half of the semester, rather than burnt out.	1
Spring break should be the week before Easter and Passover (the week of Good Friday) and students should have Easter Monday as a travel day. Holidays should be off in	1
Spring commencement should be a little earlier.	1
Spring recess for the 2012 semester should take place the last week of March. As far as the Fall classes should begin in August and end the second week of December	1
Spring: shorten winter break by a few days in the proposed calendar an give us the Monday after Easter off. Otherwise, I like the proposed calendar.	1
Spring: maybe shorten spring break a day or so and have the monday after Easter off due to traveling and people wanting to spend that holiday with their family	1
Start 1 week earlier like august so you can finish 1 week earlier	1
Start spring calendar earlier so it can end earlier too. That long of a winter recess isn't necessary.	1
Starting the semester later is an excellent modification to the Spring Calendar. However, the proposed changes for the Fall calendar would likely make the semester more stressful due to the lack of breaks throughout. An extra day off for Thanksgiving is a nice bonus, but probably not worth sacrificing intermittent breaks throughout the semester when many students are going to likely have less time to study due to time spent with family for the holidays. Thanks for affording me the opportunity to share my input!	1
Students and faculty need at least one day off within a two month period to recoup. The current schedule for Fall 2011 has this by observing Yom Kippur, but the proposed changes would have no break from the beginning of the semester until Thanksgiving, nearly three months later. The Spring 2012 schedule is much more appropriate by giving students and faculty the spring break when it would be most helpful by providing its intended purpose, a break. Without that, the stress and workload of the semester builds up without any relief. It is helpful and advisable for student physical and mental well being to offer, in general, at least one extended weekend within a two month span to allow for	1
Students should be off for columbus day	1
Students should be off on holidays to be with their families who are also off at this time. Even given the proper amount of time to make-up work that was missed over religious holidays students who were unable to attend class will still be at a disadvantage.	1
Students should have off for Election Day	1
Students want to go home to their families during holidays and vacations. To take away those days is ridiculous. All you are going to get from it is students who won't show up to class because they are going to choose their family over class. Professors also want to be able to travel for the holidays.	1
Taking away religious holiday's and replacing them with nothing in the Fall is stupid, we need some sort of a fall break (thanksgiving doesn't count). Standardizing Spring Break is	1
Taking away religious holidays isn't a good idea. There are too many students that would have to choose between attending class and participating in the customs that go hand in hand with their religious beliefs. The current schedule is the most beneficial to students and teachers alike.	1

Taking the survey I did not really see a difference between the existing and proposed calendar. I look at the calendar before each semester and it seems fine with me. It's easy to read and it makes sense.	1
Thanksgiving has to be at least 3 days off.	1
Thanksgiving is an important holiday to my family. Because I live in Maine, it takes 6 hours to get home and without a longer break, I would most likely have to stay at the University without seeing my family.	1
Thanksgiving needs at least 3 days off for travel, students will skip class otherwise. If there's a designated March spring break, Good Friday should be given off.	1
Thanksgiving needs to include Wednesday off, regardless of any alternate calendar changes.	1
The alternative calendar for Spring 2012 seems like it would be a healthier schedule for students because when spring break is scheduled.	1
The breaks aren't the problem we just start too late so that we end too late. I feel most students would like to start when most of their friends do which is usually in August so that there are more than 4 days to come home before Christmas.	1
The breaks between fall and spring semesters are way too long. I would prefer the spring semester starts and ends earlier	1
The calendars are fine the way they are. I want to have spring break when the majority of other schools have spring break, which is during the Easter and Passover holidays.	1
The calender should be informative as possible in regards to religious, national and school holidays. The calendar should also include major events and information and deadlines for senior students. It would be nice or look more appealing if the look of the calendar was also changed making it look more fashionable and exciting to hang the calendar up in	1
The changes make the existing poor schedule even worse. People ask for change and the new schedule is even more non-sensical than before. Not having good Friday nor the day after Easter off makes it impossible for anyone living even a few hours away to enjoy the Easter holiday with their family without missing classes. Standardizing the spring break only makes sense if it still allows for the practical observation of religious holidays.	1
The conversion days are not a problem. What is a problem is not giving off classes the Wednesday of Thanksgiving and the Monday after Easter. These are family holidays and students who are not in the immediate vicinity of Hofstra don't have time to get home or back without traveling on the holiday itself. I have gotten home just in time for Thanksgiving dinner and left before Easter dinner in the past because of this schedule, and it was time that really could have been spent at home. If ample time is given off for Jewish holidays, I think the same respect should be given to the Christian holidays.	1
The current calendars, and even the proposed ones, do not allow for any students to have any breaks between October and Thanksgiving for Fall 2011. Although the current calendar allows for classes to be canceled during Jewish holidays, it is an extremely long stretch to go 2 months without a day off. For the proposed calendar for Spring 2012, Easter Monday still isn't taken off, which I think it should be. Many many other colleges have a fall break, where they have a Friday off in October and a 3 day weekend, and Easter Monday off with a Spring Break in March. This standard should be applied to Hofstra to allow the students to take a break in the middle of difficult semesters.	1
The day after Easter should be a holiday. Many students go home to be with their families and are forced to travel back on one of the worst traveling days of the year.	1
The day after Easter should be off.	1
the days off do not equal	1
The existing calendar is much better. I do not like the attempts to switch the calendar and forgo religious observances both of the Christian and Jewish faiths.	1
The existing Fall 2011 is absolutely ludicrous. We don't have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off from classes?? All students are expected to travel home on Thanksgiving? For many students (such as myself) that's a 4-6 hour trip, essentially ruining the entire holiday. That's ridiculous.	1
The fact that in the proposed alternative calendar for Spring 2012, there is class on Good Friday is EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING! As a Catholic, and I'm certain I speak on behalf of all Christians, to have accommodations and cancellations of classes for every Jewish holiday and to not have off the day Jesus was crucified is not only unfair, sad, and ethnocentric, it's just simply wrong. Enough said.	1
The Fall 2011 academic calendar should include a fall recess similar to the spring recess but smaller by a few days as consistent with most other universities. This break should either come in the form of a longer Thanksgiving break or as an altogether separate break in the middle of October. The Spring 2012 calendar with the proposed earlier spring recess is a much more reasonable alternative.	1
The Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 academic calendars should not be altered in any way. Religious holidays absolutely should be observed.	1
The Fall 2011 calendar, as seems to be per usual, gives students the short end of the stick for Thanksgiving. Arguably one of the most important FAMILY holidays, to give students only two days off seems a bit ludicrous given how hectic traveling is around that time. Also, the proposed alternative calendar for Spring 2012 puts spring break WAY too early in the semester. Students will have been in classes for only a little over a month, which in my opinion is not ample time to elicit an extended break.	1
The Fall 2011 schedule is ridiculous, there is no reason to have finals go from a Tuesday to a Monday, you are excluding a whole weekend that students can go home for break and quite frankly it an absurd schedule. Additionally, the school has always had more than one study day, finals are difficult and you should consider how difficult it is to study for 5 + exams in only a 3 day period of time. If anything can be done to change it it should, no one i have spoken to likes the schedule and you should be willing to make changes to	1

The fall calendar is much less important to me. However, changing the Spring 2012 calendar would be an absolute travesty. One thing that makes Hofstra's spring break great is that it actually occurs during the spring--when there is a possibility of warm weather. Also, by placing it over the Easter/Passover holiday, students are afforded the opportunity to spend the holiday with their families. Though, to be certain, all students do not celebrate Easter and/or Passover religiously, placing spring break over the holiday makes scheduling more convenient and meaningful for students and their families. Also, not starting the spring semester until January 30 is extremely excessive. Many schools have already been in session for over 2 weeks. Hofstra has an excellent spring schedule: stick with it.	1
The Fall Calender is the broken one.	1
The holidays are very important to be observed. There is a difference between not being penalized for going to class and not havving class. Work still has to made up. There is a large amonut of students at this school that observes these holidays. Please do not change the calendar	1
the Jan. session extends the spring semester too much.	1
The Jewish Holidays should be kept because it isn't fair to those who practice that holiday. Also Spring break should be in April not March.	1
The main reason I liked the proposed alternatives more is because I like the travel time that is afforded to me. I need the Wednesday off before Thanksgiving because I don't want to have to either skip class, or be traveling on Thanksgiving day. The return from winter break works best on a Monday, because my parents drive me down here; if the second semester starts on a Thursday, my parents would have to take days off in the middle of the week to get me here, and I don't like having to do that to them.	1
The more breaks the better	1
The more holidays and no class days that are included throughout the semester, the better. It gives students things to look forward to through the semester which helps boost our desire to go to classes and attend to our fullest potential. But there should DEFINITELY be a standardized Spring Break in the middle of March.	1
The only change that is proposed to make is to get rid of all the days of we have for the Jewish Holidays. Being Jewish it is very convenient for me. Getting rid of the days of for the Jewish Holidays, would cause the Jewish observers like myself to miss more days than most professors find acceptable.	1
The only thing I don't like about our calendar is that our Spring Break is always in April, it's too inconvenient.	1
The problem with the academic calendar is simply that there is not enough time off. It is not a matter of when to give students and faculty vacation, but that vacation days are not spread well throughout the semesters. For example, Fordham University gives students a spring recess the middle of March, and then a shorter recess for Easter.	1
The proposed alternative, non-religious holiday, calendars seemed to be designed without a student's need for periodic break in mind. I strongly dislike them and hope that drastic changes are made before they go into effect.	1
The proposed alternatives are better than the existing calendars.	1
The proposed alternatives are much more realistic and reasonable.	1
The proposed calendar is terrible.	1
The proposed calendars basically take out any religious affiliation. I think that because Hofstra has such diverse students this is unfair. Jewish students will not be able to attend class so as not to go against their religion. i feel that as a university Hofstra HAS to give days off to account for religious conflictions.	1
The purposed Fall 2011 schedule makes it so there's no days off. No way!	1
The religious holidays always fall too early in the semester. Rather than being given both Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah off, I would rather get one of those off, then also get one of the secular holidays later in the semester off (such as Columbus day or Veterans day). In addition, myself and many of my friends are from out of state. Having classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving would make traveling home for the holiday EXTREMELY difficult. Traveling for Thanksgiving can already be difficult enough, but to have to wait until the day of Thanksgiving to do so would be near-impossible.	1
The semester should begin one to two weeks earlier than it does now, no one wants to still be in finals only five days until Christmas.	1
The solution shouldn't be to take away religious holidays, during which people normally spend time with their families. If the Fall calendar must change, one should, instead of reducing the admittedly few days off students and professors receive, propose a calendar in which classes begin earlier in the Fall so that more federal holidays can be observed without hindering or unnecessarily condensing the coursework for the semester.	1
The spacing of the breaks that creates the issue, and everything ends up being crammed into the same bits of time on the calendar. If the breaks were more evenly spaced throughout the semester, rather than falling largely at the beginning or end, then it would flow more smoothly and allow the time needed to complete different projects or tasks.	1
The Spring 2012 calendar would be better if spring break was placed between the two currently existing ideas, essentially splitting the difference between the current plan and the proposed alternative.	1
The Spring 2012 proposal is pretty good. I really would rather a third option for a pick of indifference. I do not mind religious holidays and in terms of affecting school, either way there would be a full month in which school does not have any holidays.	1
The Spring academic calendars are better than Fall.	1

the spring break should be in march because when it is in april, it leaves the students only 3 1/2 weeks to finish up all the last minute work for the semester. it is often a stressful time to cram in the last few exams and also attend to extra-curricular events that will wrap up at the end of the semester. as for fall, the existing calendar was the best because it had a few days off here and there throughout the semester which is better than having classes straight through until thanksgiving because then there will be no break for the	1
The spring recess ought to be standardized and made the first week in April.	1
The stretch of classes between the last Jewish holiday and Thanksgiving is very long. A fall break would really improve mental health in the fall semester.	1
The vacation should always run concurrently depending on Easter or Passover. I find it ridiculous that students are expected back that monday the day after easter, especially since it does not offer them a travel day. How are they expected for a monday morning class if the holiday is the night before?	1
The Wednesday before thanksgiving is an important travel day for students, and it should definitely be given off. Many students couldn't travel home Wednesday night, and might be affected by delays or traffic. Rosh Hoshanna is also an important holiday, and the days off for it should be kept. If there need to be some days taken away, take them from the winter break, which is long enough.	1
There are too many people observing Passover/Holy Week to not have spring break around them.	1
There needs to be a small break in October sometime. If not a Thursday, Friday off or a Monday, Tuesday. I think its very useless to have 2 and 3 days weeks for the first month of school, then NO breaks in the middle of the semester. This is the overall feeling of the students of Hofstra. I feel like if there was a small break for students, attendance and grades would go up, and sickness (because we're stressed and tired) would go down significantly. THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN. Also, if having Spring Break two weeks before the semester ends seems like stopping the roller coaster right before it ends. I think this is a step backwards. Either the break should be in March with the holidays off in April, OR a small break in March for the same reasons as in October.	1
There needs to be more days off for Thanksgiving break in the Fall. It is ridiculous to try to make students travel the day before or on the holiday. Also having spring break not fall around the passover and Easter dates is just ridiculous. You will be having students missing classes around that Spring holiday if you change the spring break.	1
There needs to be no classes on Election Day. As a graduate student, I work full time, then attend night classes. I had to go from work to class and lab til 10m on Election Day. Obviously, polls were closed by the time I got home. I could not possibly be more infuriated that I was not able to vote this year. It's completely ridiculous that an institution which claims to care so much about feedback from the community it serves would impede that same community from giving feedback to our government.	1
There really should be days off for the two Eid days, the only two holidays for Muslims. If other religions can have all their religious days off, why not give Muslims just 2 days off at	1
There seems to be long stretches of no breaks and stretches of bunched up breaks	1
There should be more of a variety of times for classes, in particular math classes and prereuisite secondary education classes. Thank you.	1
There should be some days off here and there such as in the months where there are no holidays and there are classes everyday. The Spring break should NOT be fixed and should work out with both Easter and Passover. Holy Thursday for Catholics and Christians should be given off as well as Good Friday (which I saw was set for no classes with is	1
There should be some type of break each month of the academic year.	1
there should never be class on any religious holiday or on an important travel day the day before or after the holiday. this makes it impossible for people who live more than an hour or two away to enjoy the holiday with their family. also we should standardize spring break with other schools, so we are all on break at the same time.	1
There should not be a month without a day off. Sacrifice 2 days of rosh hashanah and only give 1 plus a day off in october. Kids aren't going to class the wednesday before thanksgiving so don't bother trying. Allowing teachers to mandate that you be in class that day by giving a quiz or test is disgraceful. Forcing people to stay and not be able to fly home (unless you fly on thanksgiving----good luck with that one) doesn't do anything to help Hofstra PRIDE. Add a day at the beginning of the semester or end to account for this.	1
These calendars are not suitable for college students. They take away snow study days and they pushed back graduation. Refusing to acknowledge holidays is not going to aid students in being comfortable with their time here. I feel students will take the days they want and be removing some of these items and adding others it will be the college experience more difficult. They should add columbus day and if they want to standardize spring break it should be in April. And no one likes graduation being the week before	1
These calendars still don't give us off on national holidays such as Columbus day, and more importantly election day. As a school that appears to pride itself on it's involvement in political matter, such as debate '08 and define '09, it seem contradictory to not give students of for election day.	1
this year is unlike other years as labor day will be before we come back no matter what, and spring recess seems to produce an additional two days off	1
Three days off for Thanksgiving is incredibly important, especially for those of us who live out of state and need an extra travel day. Not having that extra day is an added stresser that college students don't need. However, we also need a few days off in between, students can't be expected to go almost three months without a break of some kind. If this isn't changed, than the attendance policy's will have too. We pay a lot of money to come to this school, but we also deserve and need breaks once in a while.	1
Three days off for Thanksgiving would be great. Considering we don't get any days off in October. In the Spring, I like the later start date.	1
To have holidays off that most other colleges do. Definitely move the spring break toward the middle of the semester. It makes no sense to have it near the end of the semester and near finals. We need a break in the middle of the semester. Jewish holidays are good to have off because I noticed a lot of the students went home to for family holiday get togethers. Winter break is a good length already but moving it to the 30th would be GREAT. having a day off to study before finals helps a lot too. everything else is good.	1
To hold classes on Good Friday and Easter Monday would make it exceedingly difficult for students to go home for the Easter holiday. This would be VERY disappointing, as that is the single most important holiday on the Christian calendar. There is no excuse for Hofstra to restrict observance of that holiday by giving no break in classes.	1

Too many conversion days currently.	1
Two things: 1. How many people are atheist on this committee? Somehow the importance of religious observation eludes you. You're assuming that the number of religious people having to make up classes and the number of professors having to find subs is negligible. Really? And do you realize how much you are opening the door to people who will take advantage of the situation without having just cause? 2. As a teacher, I am very limited to the days that I am allowed to vacation. I'm already forced to pay peak traveling days due to my career choice. If Hofstra stops following a BOCES schedule (which is a religious schedule), you will not allow us teachers to go on vacation. Presently, our Grad level teachers only allow us to miss one class, or we fail the semester. So you just screwed your entire Educational field population. I really hope you think about this twice. You will lose a lot of money in your Education field courses to other colleges because of your unfriendly proposed schedule. Get ready to lose \$\$\$ if you make this change.	1
Upon consideration, they seem slightly better than the proposed. Extending certain holidays to allow for travel (i.e. the Wednesday before thanksgiving) is favorable above starting back to school later (i.e. starting spring on January 30th).	1
Vacations need to be scheduled around both holidays! Other wise it is unfair to the other religion!	1
Very happy to see changes in the proposed schedules.	1
We always end the semesters late in the month, very late in December for the fall semester and very late in May for the fall semester. Maybe starting classes a week earlier in August for fall classes and January for spring classes could be nice. However, I do understand the set up and it does work well.	1
We end a lot later than every one else does for both semesters	1
We have to respect religious views. Whether you open or not, students will have to take off anyway to practice their beliefs, which would mean not being able to attend classes in an already expensive tuition time. Why are we changing this anyway? I would rather extend the semester than not close on a religious holiday. Remember that many parents and teachers as well attend the university. Their children are off and they should be too to celebrate the holiday with them in a time where family time is so limited! Don't change the	1
We need a break mid-semester, after midterms.	1
we need days off in the middle of the semester. that is when everyone is burnt out. not having off the wednesday before thanksgiving is ridiculous- everyone goes home for thanksgiving if they can, and that wednesday is a travel day. to make families come and pick up their students ON the holiday is not fair. we should start school earlier in august (before labor day) and have more days off in the middle, i.e. columbus day.	1
We need Jewish holidays off....this is NY	1
We need more than one snow/study/reading day, and classes should not be in session on Easter Monday or Passover. Thanksgiving break should begin on Tuesday, as most students leave then anyway. Students would rather have more conversion days and get these breaks.	1
We need to start school earlier, like in August so that we are not in finals all the way to the end of May. It is ridiculous that some High School students get out before we do.	1
We really need to have every Wednesday before Thanksgiving off. I live far away and have had problems with this several times. It's unfair to have religious holidays most people don't observe off more than around a national holiday.	1
We should always have off the wednesday before thanksgiving so people can travel home to their families. Also, our spring break shouldn't be so late. It should coincide with	1
We should be given Columbus Day off in the Fall semester.	1
we should be off for Easter Monday - it will be hard and unfair for students to travel back on Easter Sunday	1
we should consider having a week off in february the of presidents week. like most public schools	1
We should get one more day off for Thanksgiving to allow for travel time and 2 snow/study/reading days in the fall semester before finals.	1
We should get Veterans Day off in the fall	1
We should have Columbus Day off.	1
We should have off all federal holidays.	1
We should have off for election day, columbus day, and other days that everyone else has off of work and school.	1
We should have Spring Recess in the middle of the semester (March) and we should have a Thanksgiving break including the Wednesday before.	1
We should have the Monday after Easter off, I know there's a lot of Jews here but Christians feel slighted when our highest holiday is not given proper consideration.	1
We should have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off because people travel. We should be off for Holy Thursday too.	1
We should not observe Jewish holidays specifically, it is unfair and sends the wrong message to other religions. I believe there should be a week off for Thanksgiving and that MLK Day should be observed as it is disrespectful to our African American community here not to. More of the Hofstra community celebrates Thanksgiving than observes Rosh Hashannah and if Jewish people choose to take off those days then teachers should be flexible with assignments for those students but we all can agree that we would like to spend a happy Thanksgiving holiday with our families.	1
What about Columbus Day as an observed holiday, if we switch to the alternative schedule?	1



What if we are Catholic would we be able to miss Good Friday to be home with our families for celebrations?	1
While conversion days and days without class due to holidays are sometimes confusing and may be frustrating to those who do not observe the holidays, I believe that there is a large enough population at Hofstra that is affected by these dates of class being canceled or not to keep them the way they have been. Without class being canceled on those days, professors with a large population of students observing those holidays may cancel class anyway, or some classes may not have enough students to do the proposed lesson for the day. I especially do not like the change of Spring Recess. Being someone who celebrates Easter (and Good Friday, and even Maundy Thursday if possible), it makes it much easier to travel home or to relatives homes if I have a day off. Without Good Friday and the following week off, I wouldn't have been able to celebrate Easter the way I did while in undergrad here at Hofstra. I know there are probably many people that would prefer to not observe these holidays or do not want to accept the fact that there may need to be conversion days to accommodate this, but I think that is fair and makes sense that on days where the Hofstra community knows that there will be many less	1
While i agree with both spring calendars i still believe we do need a day or two off to gather ourselves during the semester which is why i think we can carefully pick both jewish and christian and national holidays considering on the jewish holidays the jewish people that attend this school are in their respective ceremonies and same goes for christians so why not even the score? let everyone get a fair and balance semester	1
Why are they changing it?	1
Why are we starting the Fall semester so late compared to other schools? Also a fall break would be very nice.	1
Why can't we have one day off for Rosh Hashanah AND the day before Thanksgiving off?	1
Why do we need TWO days off for President's Day? That seems a unnecessary. Also, why can't you push up Spring Break to March, but still have a day off for Easter? There has to be a better way to accommodate for the largest audience rather than just eliminating days off for holidays entirely.	1
Why does spring semester end so late?	1
Why does the semester have to start so late. Many schools start in August, why can't we?	1
Why don't we have Columbus day off?	1
Why is it that the only religious holidays that are observed at Hofstra are Judeo-Christian ones? For a university that boasts diversity, the calender does not reflect other cultures	1
why was I sent this survey? I will not be here During either dates.	1
Why...oh dear god why...would you only give us 4 days off for Thanksgiving? With late Wednesday classes, I'll have to leave for home on Thanksgiving Day itself, which will be just excellent considering the hell that is New York holiday traffic. I really look forward to it.	1
Wish I wasn't graduating so I can experience the changes!	1
With observing holidays, the Muslim holiday, Eid should also be observed.	1
Would like to see the semesters start and end earlier by a week as many schools do	1
Would prefer to have spring break in march, with good friday off	1
ya, i am a grad student and like the time off during the holiday. although i hear your concern with regards to having the last spring break ever year does suck. i would understand the proposed changes, but am not in favor of them. cheers, and drink more beers.	1
yeah, less days in class, more days off. fuck holidays	1
Yes, include 1 to 2 days off days every 4 to 6 weeks to catch up on material.	1
You are so considerate! Everything is good! Thank you!	1
YOU CAN NOT!!!! make it s there are less breaks during the semesters. Its almost impossible to get most of your work done in one week even with great time management skills. The extra day off here and there gives students a chance to catch up and get ahead.	1
You have to give off for religious holidays because it is unfair for the students to have to work harder to make up work for a day that is religious in nature.	1
You should keep the Spring 2011 semester beginning on January 26th, but keep classes in session for the long President's Day weekend. By starting springclasses the 4 days earlier (January 26th as opposed to January 30th) and maintaining classes during the two President's Day No Class Days, you have an extra six days to add a "Spring Break" in mid-March while still keeping the Easter Break in April. Five days (one school week) should be given to a mid-March spring break, and the last of the six "free" days should be	1
Your consideration of eliminating religious holidays is absurd. Not only do these days off provide valuable break time for students, but if I were observing these holidays, I would be offended if they were eliminated. Furthermore, if Hofstra decides to eliminate these days from their calendar, why is it that we dont begin/end later. Why should we have to suffer an increase in academic time, for no gain?	1

FACULTY: Do you have any other comments about the fall 2011 and spring 2012 academic calendars?	N
Unless the local schools change their calendar, keeping days off for religious holidays makes sense.	1
Any attempt to eliminate religious holidays-- esp. Jewish holy days-- IN NEW YORK-- will be met with controversey and observant faculty will take those days and cancel classes anyway.	1
As a Jewish faculty member, I don't like having to virtually declare my religion to all of my students in the fall semester under the proposed plan. I have no such concern about the spring.	1
As a practicing Jew, I have been very grateful that Hofstra does NOT hold classes on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and part of Passover. As for Thanksgiving, no matter which day the break begins, some students will extend it! :)	1
At the end of the spring semester, allow at least one week before the start of the first summer session.	1
Consistence across all faiths and consistence across semesters/years should be key guidelines for the academic calender of a secular university.	1
Days off should not be based in any way on religious holidays, they have no place at a secular institution. . Days off should be based around legal holidays, and for the most part should be mixed in the schedule as convenient to give short breaks. two exceptions: altho thanksgiving is a religious (pagen) holiday, we should get that thursday and friday off because it is a very important family holiday that EVERYONE would take off anyway. and spring breaks should be a full week and scheduled to match the local K12 school schedule.	1
Eliminate Jewish holidays	1
Extend the semester a week and incorporate a planned fall break - whether that is around the holidays or not.	1
Fall 2011: Can we start school before Labor day and allow for the observance of Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving? Spring 2012: Suggest that we have a mid semester break (March), remove the two days for President days (right at the beginning of the semester and use those days, one either before or after Passover and one the Monday after Easter to allow for students to travel home.	1
For Fall: Important for classes to begin after Labor Day and important for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to be no classes. It is very problematic otherwise.	1
For me, the existing calendars are best because they are in agreement with the local public schools calendars, which puts me in synch with my wife (public school administrator) and kids.	1
For the fall I think that the Wednesday before Thanksgiving should be included as a holiday. Most students and faculty need that as a travel day. Also, regarding the holidays, in the event of not having Jewish holidays off there would be a large number of students that would not be attending my classes and I would cancel my classes for religious observance for 2 days of Rosh Hashanah and 1 day of Yom Kippur when it falls during the week and the evening before. It is quite impossible to re-schedule classes since there is only 1 study day. Students have such varied schedule it is impossible to find a time. Thus, I would probably simply cancel classes, since there are no "substitutes" that can step in. Perhaps, starting a bit prior to Labor Day is an option as well, which this survey does not reflect. My feelings are the same with the spring calendar...during the first 2 days of Passover I would not teach and re-scheduling usually is not an option. The only option I would have is to show a film and make it available for student who are observing the holidays to watch at a later date. I like working at Hofstra because I do get the Jewish holidays off and having grown up in an area that does not give days off for the Jewish holidays, I can say from experience it is	1
Given the strong Jewsh presence among the student body, faculty and sdministration of Hofstra I would personally see this change as pure anti-semitism!	1
good luck!	1
Good luck!	1
Having now gone through the survey I should also say I absolutely HATE conversion days. They make scheduling of labs for classes with multiple sections an absolute headache.	1
Having variable years in which I may or may not have conversion days wreaks havoc with my ability to plan tightly coordinated courses that are tied to standards that are assessed by outside organizations (American Speech Language Hearing Association). In other words, some years I have one more class than in other years due to when conversion days are scheduled, and I would rather know I will always have the same number of weeks each semester for syllabi planning. For spring, having the spring break come so late has made scheduling travel difficult, and students seem pretty burned out by the time break rolls around, so the new proposed changes are most welcome.	1
High School & Elementary School Spring Breaks in Nassau County are arranged around Passover & Easter. If we standardize our Spring Breaks to March, we will never be able to spend vacation with our children, who are off during their April Spring Breaks.	1
Holidays must be observed for the majority of the student population. If one minority's holidays should be also observed, I recommend to for the sake of fairness observe holidays of each and every minority (for example, Mexican, Latino, Asian, Chinese, and African). Anyhow, the point is too frequent breaks by the religious holidays interrupt the student leaning. However, I understand that if anyone observes his/her (students, faculty, and staff) religious holidays his/her absence should be excused.	1
I agree that religious holidays should not be celebrated and that Spring break should have a fix date.	1

I am in 100% in favor of KEEPING all Jewish and Christian Holidays as has been done regularly in the past. Please DO NOT remove these Holidays, along with the associated school days off, from the Calendar. Thank you.	1
I am in favor of any plan that reduces the break up of the flow of the semester. And removes the confusion of "conversion days"	1
I am on the whole in favor of changing the calendar as long as the semesters are slightly shorter and no conversion days are necessary.	1
I believe it's important to keep our calendar as secular as possible, so I support the alternative proposals.	1
I believe the burden on professors to handle the number of students observing Jewish holidays will be excessive and that we will have to consider those days as "elective" days since we will have to excuse any student who does not wish to come to class that day. If this is the move that the university chooses to make, I believe the university should follow almost every other university in having a fall break (Th-Sun, or something like that) somewhere in the middle of the semester.	1
I can work around the calendar, there are other things more important to me. So, I answered these questions to help with this matter, but I do not find the current calendar to be that much of a concern.	1
I do not like current schedule, but have already made travel/ research plans with these in mind	1
I do not think removing religious observance holidays is the way to go!	1
I don't have a strong opinion about this issue, but the side-by-side calendars made it far easier than the prior windows to evaluate the standing and proposed schedules.	1
I don't see why we couldn't start a week BEFORE Labor Day which could give us increased flexibility.	1
I feel that the proposed changes to the Fall 2011 calendar place added burdens on Jewish faculty and students. Faculty must either find replacements if they observe Rosh Hashonna (as noted, Yom Kippur will not be an issue this year), or reschedule their classes. Students who observe these days, while they won't be penalized, will have the added responsibility of finding out what was covered in class on those days. There are many faculty and students who observe these holidays, both here and in the broader NYC metropolitan area: neither the CUNYs nor the SUNYs hold classes on those days, and neither do several of the private institutions. I understand the concerns with the dates of the spring recess for the spring calendar. However, once again, although Easter Sunday will not present a problem for Christian faculty or students, Good Friday might. And again, Passover will be a problem for Jewish faculty and students. One possibility would be to retain the idea of moving spring recess to March, but instead of the President's Day recess, not have classes for the two days of Passover.	1
I honestly think that we should not make any changes to the current system and calendars. If a professor will have to start cancelling classes during holidays and then reschedule each class, it will be impossible to find time that all the students in the class will be able to come to the makeup class, and many students will miss important classes. Needless to say that having another professor teaching your class while you are missing due to holiday has many negative consequences. Thus, overall, it will be a very negative change for the students. Furthermore, although the spring break is not necessarily at the middle of the semester, yet having the spring break during the holidays allowing our students to go home and be with their families during the holidays. In addition, talking to colleagues that have a calendar similar to the one you suggesting changing to, they repeatedly say that the Hofstra system is by all means the best system possible. One might say that the current schedule is not perfect, but it by all means the best in taking care of all the academic and personal needs of the students and the faculty. Thanks.	1
I hope you make the changes.	1
I like NOT having classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and on Good Friday and Easter Monday to allow for travel for those holidays. I am in favor of organizing the calendar (similarly to the way it is organized now) to accommodate these holidays.	1
I like the fall semester as it stands. The Jewish holidays are not such a disruption, and I think it is important to many students and faculty to observe them. On the other hand, always tying spring break to Easter can be very disruptive to the spring semester, esp. if it comes in April. Very few students or faculty observe holy week services anyway. I would like to see spring break tied to the public schools' spring break, so that I can take time off with my family.	1
I like the proposed much better, especially for the spring.	1
I prefer the calendars to match the public school holiday schedule for state of New York. This best accommodates parents of school aged children and those whose partners are teachers (like me). As Director of the Center for Civic Engagement, I also request that the closest Wednesday to April 22 each year NOT be a conversion day so we might schedule our Earth Day festival on that Wednesday each year (except when, like this year, Easter break coincides with that week).	1
I support a calendar that places the break in the middle of the semester. I understand that different faiths need to respect different dates, but I do not think we should organize the school calendar around them.	1
I support that proposed changes to the calendar and the elimination of conversion days.	1
I support the effort to standardize the academic calendar, but I do not support the idea that students would be "allowed" (encouraged) to miss class for religious reasons and faculty would be expected to make up that work for them. That would lead to chaos and tons (really a disproportionate amount) of work would fall on faculty. I support the idea of having Wednesday before Thanksgiving off, because students take it off anyway, but don't understand why it is a trade-off with religious holidays. I do not support condoning or encouraging anyone to miss class on a regular basis for any reason.	1
I think it's better to have the spring recess earlier because students tend to lose focus when the break is scheduled so close to the end of the semester.	1

I think some of the proposed changes, like the extra day before Thanksgiving, match the change in our student population that a majority are now coming from outside the area. The changes are friendly to them and make the holidays less disruptive, pedagogically. The Fall 10 schedule was crazy, pedagogically,	1
I think that if the spring break is standardized it would be a hardship on faculty and students who have children. They would not off at the same time as their children and that would require more child care and less family time. In addition it would make it impossible to schedule a vacation at that time as well.	1
I think the alternatives between the two calendars represent the extreme. There is no real difference in start or end dates. I am Jewish and do observe the first day of Rosh Hashana and also Passover is a major holiday. Before coming to Hofstra, I was never able to spend Passover with my family - so that has been a plus here. On the other hand, I see the value in the Spring break in March (although my graduate students are teachers and it won't coincide with school holidays). Is there any possibility of compromise between the two schedules. I would like to see at least the first day of Rosh Hashana off, and the two days of Passover so that I don't have to make arrangements myself for my classes. We don't meet on Christmas. I would be willing to start back the week before Labor Day to allow for more flexibility in scheduling.	1
I think we should start earlier in the Fall. For example, this fall (2010), Cornell University started August 25,. <a href="http://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/">http://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/</a>	1
I understand the frustration of recognizing Jewish holidays in the fall and the annoyance of conversion days, especially for classes that meet on an irregular schedule. However, the small break for Rosh Hashanah is a wonderful opportunity for a brief respite from the hectic pace of the semester, regardless of ones religious orientation. If the observance goes away, it would be nice to have a long weekend or something to break up the long slog from the start of classes to Thanksgiving. Some schools have a "fall break" for this purpose.	1
I understand the idea of moving to a secular calendar. The trouble is that many students will miss the classes that we schedule over religious holidays. They can catch up on the work, true, but they will still be at a disadvantage.	1
I wish this survey had offered the two alternative calendars side by side first. It is easier to amke decisions when both were viewed together. Also, I believe that students missing classes for religious holidays will be a problem.	1
I would like starting before labor day if it meant that we could have more solid weeks of class before Jewish Holidays; then having those days wouldn't seem so disruptive for class. In the Spring proposed alternative, we would start later, but have spring break earlier, whereas the original calendar has a earlier start and later break; why not start earlier in addition to having an earlier break in the proposal?	1
I would like the breaks to follow as much as possible the public school calendar.	1
I would only propose changing the calendar if it involved an earlier start day in the spring semester. Many universities finish their semester 2-3 weeks earlier than we do. This would also allow us to have more robust summer sessions.	1
If religious Holidays are observed then there should be room for the major Indian Holiday of Divali also which falls on Wednesday Oct. 26, 2011 and Tuesday Nov. 13, 2012. Thanks!	1
If the calander does not include the important religious holidays then we will either have lots of cancellation of classes or absences from the classes. i know that scheduling the classes for Rosh Hashana is a joke since either the professor or a large portion of the class will not be there. Religion is an important element in the lives of the students whose lives we are trying to enrich and making them chose between education and beliefs is not something we should do. I do not think it is a wise move. I also note that the NYC schools have spring breaks around easter and take off for the high Jewish Holidays. Since many of our students have siblings who are still in those schools it is best for the students to have holidays which coincide with their brothers and sisters.	1
In general, eliminating religious holidays will smooth out the teaching schedule for both Fall and Spring semesters. The presence of those holidays in Sept. and early Oct. disrupts the beginning of the Fall semester; when spring break occurs late in April it disrupts the end of the Spring semester. In addition, starting the Spring semester with a single class meeting on a Thursday makes little sense, other than creating enough contact hours to meet requirements. Starting on the Monday (1/30) is far superior.	1
In general, I think it would be good to set vacations days that make sense academically. I don't think we need to concern ourselves with particular religious holidays.	1
In the Fall instead of 3 days at Thanks giving what about a mid-semester break like having Columbus day 3-day weekend when everyone needs a break, again not 2 weeks before the semester ends getting 3 days off.	1
Is this a legitimate debate? The alternate calendars are superior by any criteria. We should switch over as soon as possible. This was long overdue.	1
It is a shame that the end of the fall semester comes so soon after Thanksgiving, but it is preferable to not having Rosh Hashanah as a holiday. The spring semester is not as bad, since there is more time between the recess and the end of the semester.	1
It is better to have breaks in the middle of the semester, not crammed in at the end.	1
It is disastrous for attendance to hold classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. To be fair, I agree with students who skip classes on that day--especially those who live out of state. Thanksgiving is the one non-religious holiday we observe. Can't we honor it?	1
It is non-trivial to reschedule a class (particularly if it has 30+ students) or ask another faculty member to cover for you. (What if all qualified faculty observe the same holidays?) I think there will be unstated pressure on faculty to not observe religious holidays for these reasons. It is only a small fraction of Jews who observe the second day of Rosh Hashannah. So a potential compromise would be to only cancel classes for the first day and then add a day onto Thanksgiving break.	1
It makes it easier if Hofstra is consistent with the public school calendar.	1

It seems like there is room for at least one Reading Day in the Fall.	1
It would be an outrage not to observe the religious holidays as has always been done in the past.	1
It would be very difficult for me to prepare for passover if spring break was changed	1
Keeping spring break around the Easter holiday works better for those of us that have kids in school who will be off during that time. Shifting spring break to a random central week will result in child-care problems later in the semester.	1
Let's use language in truthful ways. The proposed changes don't eliminate observance of "religious holidays;" they eliminate observance of "Jewish religious holidays." I find this both offensive and a hardship.	1
Maybe I misunderstood, but I thought the proposed alternative fall calendar would give three study days, but I only saw one day listed. I don't like the burdens put on faculty in the proposed alternative. And I don't see any sign that the New Student convocation is going to be rationally scheduled to avoid cancelation of classes.	1
My only concern is this: My children are in the New York City public schools. I want Hofstra's calendar to track the NYC public school calendar as closely as possible. It is very expensive to pay for child care if my kids have days off when I have to work.	1
My reservations apply primarily to the Snow/Study Days. I have served Hofstra for over 40 years. In all that time, to the best of my recollection, snow days have NEVER been invoked. Eliminating study days would simply mean students would be forced to start serious study by the end of the semester, rather than starting to buckle down AFTER the end of the semester. The same logic applies to overdue assignments, papers, etc. EXcept for the Passover/Easter conundrum, I would NOT recommend amending the HIGH HOLIDAY schedules.	1
no	4
No	3
No comments.	1
No strong feelings between the Fall 2011 calendars. i was forced to choose one or the other in order to proceed, but I really don't care.	1
No, other than to say that I hope student input is also being solicited.	1
No.	2
No. Thanks!	1
One of the things I like about Hofstra's schedule is that it is sensitive to the Jewish holidays. Please do not eliminate that sensitivity. It is a plus for many.	1
Personally, as someone who observes the Jewish holidays, I enjoy the current system that allows me to avoid canceling class for those holidays. However, I understand it causes some difficulty, and basically believe in separation of religion and state, and would understand/not oppose moving to the proposed schedule. My concern would be that eliminating the vacations that coincide with the actual holidays will lead to an incredible amount of student absenteeism, particularly around Good Friday and Easter. If students travel home for these holidays, I can easily see them missing both Friday and Monday. If Passover and Easter coincide, then it makes sense to set Spring Break then. If they don't, well, that does cause a problem. Even though the current system is unwieldy in ways, I'm not entirely sure if it is broken enough to change, or whether eliminating the current system would solve more problems than it would cause. I'd be happy to hear a compelling argument otherwise. Good luck!	1
Please consider multi-section courses. Any make-up days need to happen near the "lost" day, or else two weeks are "lost" for labs. I'm concerned that some faculty will just automatically cancel classes on religious holidays, making those who hold classes the "bad guys".	1
Please consider that faculty members have school aged children. If we eliminate Jewish holidays, we will not have childcare/school for our children on those days (they are off but we will not be.) Our school holidays will not coincide with our children's holidays. Further, given that we would still have Easter and Christmas off in the proposed, the net result of this calendar is only to make the observance of Jewish holidays (only) difficult for students and faculty. Though the intent is different, this gives the impression of being discriminatory. I think this would be a bad move for Hofstra. I strongly object.	1
PLEASE NOTE THAT MY PRIOR COMMENT APPLIES TO YOUR PROPOSED NEW CALENDAR AS WELL. THERE SHOULD BE A CONSISTENT NUMBER OF COURSE SESSIONS FOR EACH DAY OF THE WEEK. NOTE THAT FOR YOUR PROPOSED SPRING 2012 CALENDAR, A GRADUATE CLASS THAT MEETS ONE DAY PER WEEK WILL MEET 13 TIMES IF IT MEETS ON TUESDAYS AND 14 TIMES IF IT MEETS ON THURSDAYS. WHETHER THE UNIVERSITY VOTES FOR THE SECULAR OR NON-SECULAR CALENDAR, PLEASE ADDRESS THIS SHORTCOMING.	1
Pretending Easter does not exist is comical. The need for President's Day to be an official holiday is also odd, as we ignore Columbus and Veteran's days. It would make infinitely more sense to skip President's Day and take off Good Friday and Easter Monday.	1
Religious holidays must be observed. Putting the burden of securing replacement faculty on a faculty member who is observing a religious holiday is simply not right. If the University policy is to ignore religious holidays, then it is the University's responsibility to secure replacements for those that choose to follow their religion.	1

Respect for the traditional religious holidays must override all other considerations as the values represented are simply more important to the majority of students and their families than other considerations, including minor inconveniences associated with calendar peculiarities from year to year. Minority religious rights, as well as those of the non-religious, should also be accommodated, on an "as needed" basis. The proposal to change the calendar for "secular" reasons comes up from time to time, and begs the question as to whether the minority of proponents will just keep asking for change until they get it. Frankly, many view these recurring proposals as mere hostility to religion, and conform to the predisposition that academics are "godless." Correct or not, as a practical matter, such perception can really hurt enrollment at a school such as Hofstra. While I do not share this general point of view, as a practical matter, if my child were considering attending Hofstra with a secular calendar, versus another similar institution with a traditional calendar, I would urge him or her to attend the school with the traditional calendar, especially if our family did not live locally, so that my child would have the opportunity to come home for religious	1
See no need for 2 reading study days. Why not one in each semester?	1
Simple is better! Move towards the proposed calendars.	1
Some considerations need to be made for Graduate students who work around public school calendars. The March break in spring would really create a conflict for them, as well as undergraduates student teaching. Fall scheduling, Columbus Day, Monday is often a conflict as well for graduates.	1
spring recess in the proposed calendar should be one week later or the president's day holiday should be removed	1
standardize the breaks.	1
Start each semester a week earlier. In that way religious observances can be accommodated	1
Thanks for asking.	1
The alternative calendar as proposed is impractical, unacceptable, offensive, and discriminatory. 1- The three holidays are targeted for removal from the calendar are all and only Jewish holidays. 2- The particular holidays specified are the ones most widely observed in Hofstra's Jewish population-- including students and faculty. 3- The three holidays in question are those whose observance is viewed not as merely elective, but for many, as madatory aspect if their affiliation. As a result, should the alternative calendar be accepted, many students and faculty will be compelled not to comply with the calendar. This will in turn lead to more confusion, scheduling problems, anger, and feelings of discrimination than the ill conceived idea is worth. My recommendation is to stay far away from alienating any of our student body at any time, and more so at this time when Hofstra needs as much good student will as it can muster. I have been a professor ar Hofstra for 30 years, and I stand together with several colleagues in being appauled at this 2nd attempt -- in several years-- to eliminate these holidays from Hofstra University's academic calendar. Please put more thought into future suveys of this sort. They are time consuming, and in certain	1
The biggest advantage of keeping the current Spring calendar is that Hofstra's spring break coincides with local school districts, making childcare far easier. Therefore, I am a slight proponent for the current calendar.	1
The Fall alternatives did not look equal to me. I counted 14 Tuesdays in the proposed alternative; only 13 in the existing.	1
The late spring recess usually scheduled creates havoc with the end of the semester.	1
The proposed calendar for Fall appears not to represent the same number of days off. I see that one day from Roshana has moved to Thanksgiving but what happened to the other day? Some schools have a Fall break usually two-three days in October. Why not consider the same rather than give an extra day for Thanksgiving?	1
The proposed calendars are much better! PLEASE adopt them.	1
The schedule should be similar to that of the public school system.	1
The Spring 2012 does not cover Passover which starts on April 14. However the main religious dates( the first and last two days) are over the weekend.	1
The students need a break before Thanksgiving. It is too long and there is the letdown after midter exams to consider.	1
There is only one thing that needs to be considered with regard to spring recesses: many professors have grade-school children. If we just choose the middle of our spring semester as our Spring Break period, and it doesn't coincide with the 'traditional' Good Friday/Easter break, then we might have to take off extra time from classes to stay home with our kids who will not have any school or after-school care for that week.	1
There will be problems with attendance of faculty and students if we do not recognize that they still want the right to celebrate their religious holidays. You may eliminatethese dates. But I surely will do what I believe rather than honor what the calendar indicates. I don't think I am alone in this. So what has been accomplished....more time out of classes.That is indeed unfortunate. It is a loss all around.	1
This is the second calendar survey that has been distributed within the past few years. On the first version the faculty was divided equally between those who favored keeping the existing calendar and those who favored a "secular" calendar. Students were strongly opposed to changing the calendar. I do not understand why this issue has re-emerged, and I strongly urge that the existing calendar be retained.	1
WE NEED MULTIPLE COMMON HOURS EACH WEEK !	1
When we start having classes or examinations on December 25, I will start believing so-called "non-religious" calendars are really secular. The proposal implicitly puts extra burdens on non-Christians, while Christians conveniently get off their most important holiday. Until we treat Christmas as just another holiday (and I don't see that day coming any too soon), I think it is necessary to accommodate students and/or faculty of all faiths as long as there are significant numbers in the Hofstra community. At some point, possibly sooner than later, that will include Muslims as well as Christians and Jews.	1

While I am not an observant person myself, I think that one the most valuable aspects of our calendar has been its respect for the religious observances of each individual, student and faculty. Any change that ignores religious observances would be insulting to observant students and faculty, not to mention unfair. If any changes should be made it should be the elimination of unnecessary "holidays" like "Presidents' Day" "Spring Break" (other than that which coincides with religious holidays) the day off before Thanksgiving, etc.	1
While I think the proposed fall schedule with an extra day at Thanksgiving is good and would be a VAST IMPROVEMENT over what we have now, I would also be in favor of having a two day break in October at mid semester and just the regular Thanksgiving break.	1
Why do we get the 2 days for President's Day in the alternate calendar where they are close to Spring break?	1
Yes, for years I have taught 39 MWF 55-minute classes, yet the approved fall 2011 calendar excludes the day before Thanksgiving and has 40 MWF 55 minute classes. Earlier in my career I also had Wed classes before Thanksgiving and attendance was about one third of the total.	1
Yes: that I hope Jews and Christians stand together against discouraging observance 'holy days' (= 'holidays') by the young.	1
YHes, why don't you ask why I like or dislike? My opinions have entirely to do with my great dislike of conversion days that eliminate Wednesday classes. I have a musical ensemble that rehearses only on Wednesday evenings, so missing one Wednesday is a matter of missing tghat entire week. I suspect that this kind of situation has never been considered by those who schedule such conversion days, It is a terrible disservice to those of us who direct performing ensembles.	1
Your proposals discriminate against Jewish and Catholic students and faculty.	1