



Student Assembly

Resolution 43: Implementing a 5 Day Study Period for Final's Season

Abstract: In light of the heavy academic workload borne by many students each semester, Cornell will extend the existing 3-day final exam study period to 5-days.

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Whereas, the minimum requirement to be considered a full-time student at Cornell University is 12 credits per semester.

Whereas, to graduate from Cornell's undergraduate program, a student needs to complete 120 credits. Across 8 semesters (or 4 academic years), this means that a student has to take around 15 credits per semester.

Whereas, most courses at Cornell are 3 or 4 credits in line with Federal and New York state laws and regulations, meaning that all full time students must usually be enrolled in at least 3 classes.

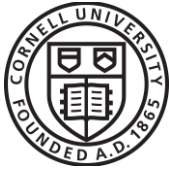
Whereas, a significant portion of courses have a final assessment in various formats, including, but not limited to, sit-down exams, take-home exams, and final projects.

Whereas, the study period and the final exam period are often times of great stress for students.

Whereas, the current 3-day study period requires students to decide between taking care of themselves and studying to an adequate level for their final exams.

Be it therefore resolved, Cornell will determine with utmost urgency how the academic calendar can be amended to extend the existing pre-final exam season study period from 3 days to 5 days.

Be it further resolved, if this change is determined to be feasible for the Fall 2025 semester, the University will take all necessary steps to change the academic calendar to replace the existing 3 day final-exam study period with a 5 day study period for that semester and all Fall and Spring semesters going forward,.



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30 **Be it finally resolved**, if this is determined to not be feasible for the Fall 2025 semester by the
31 Office of the Registrar, the University will take all necessary steps to make this change by the
32 Fall 2026 semester and for all following semesters.

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