



Cornell University

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International Exchange Fact Sheet
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ABOUT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

[Cornell University](#) is the federal land-grant institution of New York State, a private endowed university, a member of the Ivy League, and a partner of the State University of New York. It has been described as the first truly American university because of its founders' revolutionarily egalitarian and practical vision of higher education, and is dedicated to its land-grant mission of outreach and public service. Founded in 1865 by Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White, Cornell was intended to teach and make contributions in all fields of knowledge. These ideals are captured in Cornell's motto, a popular 1865 Ezra Cornell quotation: "I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study."

ABOUT ITHACA, NY

[Ithaca, NY](#), home to Cornell University and Ithaca College, is one of the best known and best loved "college towns" in the nation. Students make up a sizable portion of the population and even have a mini commercial district on the edge of campus. Located in the Finger Lakes region in the middle of the state of New York, Ithaca draws tourists to its waterfalls and gorges, its wineries, its restaurants, and hiking trails. A small city in a rural part of the state, Ithaca is known for its engaged citizens, cooperative ventures, and an emerging start-up sector. Put simply, students find plenty of ways to be active beyond the classroom and campus whether in the community or out in nature.

ABOUT CORNELL'S COLLEGES & SCHOOLS IN ITHACA, NY

NOTE: Graduate programs and degree/certificate programs outside Ithaca, NY are not available

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
College of Architecture, Art, & Planning
College of Arts & Sciences
College of Business-Nolan School of Hotel Administration
College of Business-Dyson School of Applied Economics & Management
College of Engineering
College of Human Ecology
School of Industrial & Labor Relations

IMPORTANT WEBSITES	
Cornell University	cornell.edu
Office of Global Learning	globallearning.cornell.edu
International Services	international.globallearning.cornell.edu

IMPORTANT DATES AND GENERAL DEADLINES		
Nomination Period	Fall Semester & Academic Year	February 1 - March 1
	Spring Semester	August 1 - September 1
Application Deadline	Fall Semester & Academic Year	March 15
	Spring Semester	September 15
Academic Calendar	registrar.cornell.edu/academic-calendar	
Key Academic Dates	registrar.cornell.edu/calendar	

STUDENT APPLICATIONS	
Eligibility	Evidence of solid academic preparation in general and in the proposed field(s) of study; a minimum of two full-time semesters of university study with the equivalent of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. <i>Note: Exchange students are typically at the top of their classes.</i>
	<p>English Language Proficiency IELTS: 7.5. TOEFL iBT: 100. Duolingo: 120. Information for international students is available on the Undergraduate Admissions website.</p>
Nomination Procedures	<p>Via spreadsheet provided by the Office of Global Learning, submit to: incoming-mobility@globallearning.cornell.edu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Email address • Major/area of study and desired field at Cornell • Exchange term (fall/spring/academic year)
Application Procedures	Nominated students will receive an e-mail from the Office of Global Learning with further instructions on accessing the online application.
	<p>The following documents must be submitted by the nominated student as part of the online application or in post-acceptance portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of purpose • Transcripts of all undergraduate work (and graduate work if applicable) • List of Cornell courses of interest • Scanned copy of passport • Declaration of Finances (required Cornell form with bank letter or statement attached)
Visa Application	All exchange students who are not US citizens are required to have a student visa for their studies in the United States. The undergraduate admissions office will prepare necessary paperwork (I-20s) and the Office of Global Learning will provide information regarding student visa applications to all accepted exchange students.

COURSE INFORMATION	
Home College/Department/Major	<p>Students should have significant academic preparation in the discipline of their chosen major/program at Cornell. Students will take at least 50% of their courses in the department or college that is hosting them. Other courses may come from across the college or university.</p> <p>Undergraduate students may apply to any undergraduate college covered by the exchange agreement. Generally, undergraduate exchange students are not approved to take graduate-level courses.</p>
Restricted majors/degree programs/courses	<p>IMPORTANT: Exchange students are unable to take courses in Computer Science (CS) or Information Science (INFO).</p> <p>Only students in Business degree programs can apply to the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management or the Nolan School of Hotel Administration as their Home College. Students accepted into other colleges may take business courses on a space-available basis.</p> <p>Studio classes (architecture, art, design, and fashion) are only available through specific partner exchange agreements.</p> <p>Courses that are only open to degree-seeking majors (i.e.: Dyson students only), including core or senior capstone courses, as well as first year writing seminars are not available to non-degree students.</p> <p>Graduate degree programs and professional colleges and schools (Law, Veterinary Medicine, SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell Tech, Weill Cornell Medical School) are not included in university-wide or undergraduate college-specific exchange agreements.</p>
Registration / Course Enrollment	<p>Accepted students receive information about final course enrollment. Exchange students register for courses after matriculated (regular, full-time) Cornell students. Students may find that certain courses are closed or already full upon arrival. It is important to be flexible with course selection and schedules as students will not officially register for classes until just before classes begin. While students are asked to provide initial course requests at the time of application, this does not constitute enrollment.</p> <p>Course changes are possible during the first two weeks of classes in advance of the "Add/Drop" deadline.</p>
Course Load	<p>Exchange students on F-1 visas are required to maintain full-time status while studying in the United States. Students must enroll in a minimum of 12 credits per semester during the academic year and six credits during the summer. Most exchange students enroll in 14-16 per semester. Exceeding 16 credits is not recommended.</p>

Course Roster	<p>Course descriptions can be accessed through the Courses of Study at courses.cornell.edu. If you apply before the upcoming year's Courses of Study is published, use the most current version of the Courses of Study. Normally the course descriptions will indicate if they are to run in the following year.</p> <p>Actual course availability, locations, and times are NOT listed in the Courses of Study. This information is listed in the Course and Time Roster at classes.cornell.edu. Note: the class roster for the appropriate semester may not be available at the time you are completing your application. Syllabi, if available, will appear in the roster (most do not).</p> <p>We cannot guarantee enrollment in any course. Enrollment permission is often subject to class size limitations, the consent of instructors, and demonstrated academic qualifications in the form of prerequisites.</p>
Advising	Exchange students continue to be supported by an advisor in the Office of Global Learning. Exchange students will also be assigned an advisor in their home college for academic matters. Depending on the college they may have a faculty advisor as well.
Grading Scale	The official university grading system is composed of letter grades with pluses and minuses. Passing grades range from A+ to D-; F is failing.
Transcript	Students must order their own official transcript after the completion of studies to be sent to their home institution.

POST-ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

Housing	<p>On-campus housing is limited and not guaranteed for visiting students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall semester: Finding housing can be very challenging as single-semester leases are typically not available (students seek “sublets” using Off-Campus Living database and other sources) • Spring semester: Housing may be available on-campus and is generally easy to find off-campus • Full-year: Housing is available off-campus <p>Note: Students should consider the risk of committing to housing before they have received admission notification from Cornell.</p> <p>On-campus housing: living.sas.cornell.edu/live/apply/ Off-campus living: ccengagement.cornell.edu/off-campus-living</p>
Meals	Cornell University offers many dining plan options for students who want to have a full or partial meal plan. Restaurants and groceries are available in the Collegetown neighborhood next to campus and by bus.

Orientation and Events	<p>All incoming students are expected to attend new student orientation programs. More information on general Cornell orientation for undergraduates can be found here: newstudents.cornell.edu</p> <p>Exchange students also attend a campus-wide orientation for Exchange and Visiting students at the beginning of each semester, in addition to applicable College-specific orientation events.</p>
Health Insurance & Immunizations	<p>All students are enrolled in Cornell's Student Health Insurance. This is mandatory and cannot be waived by international students unless they are covered by an acceptable U.S. employer-based health insurance plan.</p> <p>All students must show proof of immunizations prior as part of the new student on-boarding process. See also information on COVID.</p>
Costs	<p>Exchange students do not pay Cornell tuition, but are responsible for charges that will be billed through the Cornell Bursar system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Health Insurance • Student Health Fee • Activity Fee <p>For a breakdown of expenses, see: Cost to Attend. This includes an estimate of additional costs payable by the student, including housing, meals, books and personal expenses. Spending varies greatly according to personal habits and choices.</p>

STUDENT SERVICES & CAMPUS LIFE

Cultural and Social Enrichment	<p>Exchange students are eligible to participate in a wide range of general campus activities. The Office of Global Learning offers special orientation for exchange and visiting students and additional programming throughout the year.</p>
Student and Campus Life	<p>Cornell offers many ways to get involved through student groups, club sports, community service, and more. Cornell is famous for its student clubs. With 1,000 student clubs across the university, there is something for everyone.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cornell Health</p> <p><i>Physical and Mental Health Care</i></p>	<p>Cornell Health provides a wide range of health care services (see page for international students and new students). Services include physical and mental health care, lab testing and x-rays, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, alcohol and other drug services, nutrition counseling, sexual health care and gender services, immunization, travel medicine, and allergy shots. Cornell Health partners closely with our local hospital, Cayuga Medical Center.</p>
Disability Services	<p>Cornell Health is the home to the Student Disability Services Office (SDS). In order for students to get the most out of their exchange at Cornell, it is best for students to inform their home university's</p>

	exchange officials as well as relevant Cornell colleagues as early as possible regarding any academic or physical accommodations that may be needed.
Cornell Library	Cornell University has a world-class research library with extensive print and digital resources in support of teaching, learning, and research along with popular study areas for individuals and groups.
IT Services	Cornell offers a wide array of IT services to students, including collaboration software, network printing, and computer labs.
Learning Strategies Center	The LSC provides academic support, including supplemental instruction for specific courses and peer tutoring.
Identity Resources	Cornell’s emphasis on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is a focus of the Dean of Student’s Office and multiple resource centers including the Asian & Asian American Resource Center , the LGBT Resource Center , the Multicultural Student Leadership Empowerment , the Women’s Resource Center , and the Office of Spirituality and Meaning Making . Many affinity groups and clubs exist.
Community Engagement	Cornell is a leader in public engagement with a focus on community-based initiatives. Find out ways to get involved.
Cornell Recreational Services	Recreational Services encompasses the Cornell Fitness Centers , Helen Newman Bowling Center , and Intramural Sports . Visit Hours & Facilities page for more information. Cornell Outdoor Education is the largest collegiate outdoor ed program in the country. From the Lindseth Climbing Center , to outdoor physical education classes, a team-building and leadership center, and courses in Wilderness First Aid, COE offers a perfect complement to your studies in Ithaca.
Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies	Cornell’s “hub for global thinking and action.” The eight regional and thematic programs of the Mario Einaudi Center are sources of intellectual discovery and collaboration for Cornell faculty, staff and students.
Office of Global Learning – Education Abroad	Education Abroad supports incoming exchange and visiting students on behalf of the university and its colleges and works with undergraduates seeking to study abroad as part of their Cornell degree.
Office of Global Learning – International Services	The International Services Team in the Office of Global Learning provides immigration services to Cornell faculty, staff, and students.
Emergency Contact	The Cornell Police (607-255-1111) provide 24/7 emergency services information for students on campus. Cornell maintains a robust Emergency Management website with information and contact information to address many types of emergencies.