



# Cornell University

Office of Global Learning  
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 Cornell University degree/certificate programs outside Ithaca, NY are not open to university-wide exchanges**

[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	<a href="http://cornell.edu">cornell.edu</a>
Office of Global Learning	<a href="http://globallearning.cornell.edu">globallearning.cornell.edu</a>
International Services	<a href="http://international.globallearning.cornell.edu">international.globallearning.cornell.edu</a>

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	<a href="http://registrar.cornell.edu/academic-calendar">registrar.cornell.edu/academic-calendar</a>	
Key Academic Dates	<a href="http://registrar.cornell.edu/calendar">registrar.cornell.edu/calendar</a>	

STUDENT APPLICATIONS	
Eligibility	Evidence of solid academic preparation in general and in the proposed field(s) of study; a minimum of one- and one-half years of continuous full-time university study; an equivalent to a United States' Grade Point Average of 3.0, on a 4.0 scale. Note: exchange students tend to be among top of the class of their respective institutions.
	TOEFL and IELTS are the primary tests accepted. Duolingo is also acceptable. More information for <a href="#">international students</a> is available on the <a href="#">Undergraduate Admissions website</a> . TOEFL iBT or Special Home edition: 100 and up IELTS: 7.5 and up Duolingo: 120 and up
Nomination Procedures	Using the spreadsheet provided by the Office of Global Learning, submit the below to: <a href="mailto:incoming-mobility@globallearning.cornell.edu">incoming-mobility@globallearning.cornell.edu</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name</li> <li>Email address</li> <li>Student's major/area of study at home and at Cornell</li> <li>Exchange term (fall/spring/academic year)</li> </ul>
Application Procedures	Nominated students will receive an e-mail from the Office of Global Learning with further instructions on accessing the online application.
	The following documents must be submitted by the nominated student as part of the online application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement of purpose</li> <li>Transcripts of all undergraduate (or graduate) work</li> <li>List of Cornell courses of interest</li> <li>Scanned copy of passport</li> <li>Proof of English proficiency, if relevant</li> <li>Declaration of Finances (form will be provided; student must submit form with a recent bank letter or statement)</li> </ul>
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-20) and the

	Office of Global Learning will provide information regarding the student visa process to accepted exchange students.
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COURSE INFORMATION	
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<b>Home College/Department/Major</b>	<p>Exchange students accepted at Cornell will be admitted into a <a href="#">major</a> in the college or unit participating in the exchange. It is expected that students applying to the exchange program will be interested in taking the majority of their classes in this college or unit. Enrollment in classes in other colleges at Cornell is possible but cannot be guaranteed.</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.</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 undergraduate exchange agreements.</p>
<b>Academic restrictions</b>	<p>Exchange students will be permitted to enroll in any course for which they are qualified, subject to meeting admission requirements, prerequisites, and timetable and capacity constraints at Cornell. However, there are specific academic restrictions to bear in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Exchange students are unable to take courses in Computer Science (CS).</b> Related subjects may be found in other departments (Electrical and Computer Engineering; Information Science, Systems, and Technology; or Operations Research and Information Engineering).</li> <li>• <b>Studio classes</b> (architecture, art, design, and fashion) are typically not available to students through general exchange agreements.</li> <li>• <b>Senior capstone courses</b> as well as <b>first year writing seminars</b> are not available to exchange students.</li> <li>• Courses associated with <b>professional graduate degree programs</b> in any college are not available to non-degree students.</li> <li>• Generally, undergraduate exchange students are not approved to take <b>graduate-level courses</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Registration / Course Enrollment</b>	<p>Admitted students will receive information about registering for courses from their college. In most cases, exchange students will enroll in courses after matriculated (regular, full-time) Cornell students. Exchange students may find that certain courses are closed or already full. It is important to be flexible with course selection and schedules. 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>

<b>Course Load</b>	<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.</p> <p>Most exchange students enroll in 14-16 credits per semester. Exceeding 16 credits is not recommended.</p>
<b>Course Roster</b>	<p>Course descriptions can be accessed through the Courses of Study at <a href="http://courses.cornell.edu">courses.cornell.edu</a>. If viewing 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 and class times are NOT listed in the Courses of Study. This information is listed in the Class Roster at <a href="http://classes.cornell.edu">classes.cornell.edu</a>. Note: the class roster for the appropriate semester may not be available at the time the student completes their application.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<b>Advising</b>	<p>Exchange students continue to be supported by an advisor in the Office of Global Learning. Exchange students may be assigned an advisor in their home college for academic matters. Depending on the college they may have a faculty advisor as well.</p>
<b>Grading Scale</b>	<p>The <a href="#">official university grading system</a> is composed of letter grades with pluses and minuses. Passing grades range from A+ to D-; F is failing.</p>

### POST-ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

<b>Housing</b>	<p>Housing is limited and not guaranteed for exchange students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fall semester:</b> Finding housing can be <u>very</u> challenging. On-campus housing is not available, and single-semester leases within commuting distance are difficult to secure.</li> <li>• <b>Spring semester:</b> Housing may be available on-campus and is generally easy to find off-campus.</li> <li>• <b>Academic year:</b> Off-campus only</li> </ul> <p>Note: Upon nomination to Cornell we encourage students to begin searching for housing. However, students should not commit to housing (financially or otherwise) until they have received admission notification from Cornell and have secured a visa appointment.</p> <p>On-campus housing: <a href="http://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/apply/">living.sas.cornell.edu/live/apply/</a>  Off-campus living: <a href="http://ccengagement.cornell.edu/off-campus-living">ccengagement.cornell.edu/off-campus-living</a></p>
<b>Meals</b>	<p>Cornell University offers many <a href="#">dining plan options</a> 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.</p>

<b>Orientation and Events</b>	<p>All incoming students are expected to attend new student orientation programs. More information on general Cornell orientation for undergraduates can be found here: <a href="http://newstudents.cornell.edu">newstudents.cornell.edu</a></p> <p>Exchange students also attend a campus-wide Exchange orientation at the beginning of each semester, in addition to applicable College-specific orientation events.</p>
<b>Health Insurance &amp; Immunizations</b>	<p>All students are enrolled in <a href="#">Cornell's Student Health Plan insurance</a>. 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 <a href="#">proof of immunizations</a> as part of the student on-boarding process.</p>
<b>Costs</b>	<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"> <li>• <a href="#">Student Health Plan insurance</a></li> <li>• Student Health Fee</li> <li>• Activity Fee</li> </ul> <p>For a breakdown of expenses, see: <a href="#">Cost to Attend</a>. 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

<b>Cultural and Social Enrichment</b>	<p>Exchange students are eligible to participate in a wide range of general campus activities. The <a href="#">Office of Global Learning</a> offers supplemental programming throughout the year including informal coffee talks, visits to natural areas, and holiday meals.</p>
<b>Student and Campus Life</b>	<p>Cornell offers <a href="#">many ways</a> to get involved through student groups, club sports, community service, and more. Cornell is famous for its student clubs. With <a href="#">1,000 student clubs</a> across the university, there is something for everyone.</p>
<b>Cornell Health</b>	<p><a href="#">Cornell Health</a> provides a wide range of health care services (see page for <a href="#">international students</a> and <a href="#">new students</a>). 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, <a href="#">Cayuga Medical Center</a>.</p>
<b>COVID-19</b>	<p>Find the latest information Cornell's <a href="#">COVID-19 response</a>, tracking, and specific information for <a href="#">international students</a>.</p>
<b>Mental Health Resources</b>	<p>The <a href="#">Mental Health</a> website contains information on mental health programming, services, systems, and strategies, and invites engagement from all members of the Cornell community.</p>

<b>Disability Services</b>	<a href="#">Cornell Health</a> is the home to the <a href="#">Student Disability Services Office (SDS)</a> . 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 exchange officials and relevant Cornell colleagues early regarding any academic or physical accommodations that may be needed.
<b>Emergency Services</b>	Cornell University has <a href="#">24/7 Emergency Response</a> with multiple units able to respond to different emergency situations, most notably the <a href="#">Cornell Police</a> (+1 607-255-1111). Cornell has special resources for Sexual Harassment and Assault – Response and Education ( <a href="#">SHARE</a> ).
<b>Cornell Library</b>	Cornell University has a world-class research <a href="#">library</a> with extensive print and digital resources in support of teaching, learning, and research along with popular study areas for individuals and groups.
<b>IT Services</b>	Cornell offers a wide array of <a href="#">IT services</a> to students, including collaboration software, network printing, and computer labs.
<b>Learning Strategies Center</b>	The <a href="#">LSC</a> provides academic support, including supplemental instruction for specific courses and peer tutoring.
<b>Identity Resources</b>	Cornell's emphasis on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is a focus of the <a href="#">Dean of Student's Office</a> and multiple resource centers including the <a href="#">Asian &amp; Asian American Resource Center</a> , the <a href="#">LGBT Resource Center</a> , the <a href="#">Multicultural Student Leadership Empowerment</a> , the <a href="#">Women's Resource Center</a> , and the <a href="#">Office of Spirituality and Meaning Making</a> . Many affinity groups and clubs exist.
<b>Community Engagement</b>	Cornell is a leader in public engagement with a focus on community-based initiatives. <a href="#">Find out ways to get involved.</a>
<b>Cornell Recreational Services</b>	Recreational Services encompasses the <a href="#">Cornell Fitness Centers</a> , <a href="#">Helen Newman Bowling Center</a> , and <a href="#">Intramural Sports</a> . Visit <a href="#">Hours &amp; Facilities</a> page for more information. <a href="#">Cornell Outdoor Education</a> is the largest collegiate outdoor ed program in the country. From the <a href="#">Lindseth Climbing Center</a> , to <a href="#">outdoor physical education</a> classes, a team-building and leadership center, and courses in Wilderness First Aid, COE offers a perfect complement to one's studies in Ithaca.
<b>Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies</b>	Cornell's "hub for global thinking and action." The regional and thematic programs of the <a href="#">Einaudi Center</a> are sources of intellectual discovery and collaboration for Cornell faculty, staff and students.
<b>Office of Global Learning – Education Abroad</b>	The <a href="#">Education Abroad</a> Team in the Office of Global Learning supports incoming exchange students on behalf of the university and its colleges and works with undergraduates seeking to study abroad in other countries as part of their Cornell degree.
<b>Office of Global Learning – International Services</b>	The <a href="#">International Services</a> Team in the Office of Global Learning provides immigration services to Cornell faculty, staff, and students.