



Incoming Exchange Student Fact Sheet & Application Guidelines

Spring Semester





“I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any Study” - Ezra Cornell

About Cornell

- A private and statutory **Ivy League research university** located in Ithaca, New York
- Approximately **14,000** undergraduates from **50** states and **120** nations; **8** undergraduate colleges and schools.
- **4000+** courses; **100** academic departments; **~ 80** majors, **90+** minors

About the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- Cornell University's second largest college
 - Focus on three overlapping concerns: natural and human systems; **food, energy and environmental resources**; and **social, physical and economic well-being**
 - **15** academic departments and **2** schools.
 - **20+** exciting majors and **30+** minors.
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Exchange Acceptance Guidelines

- Students must be nominated by their home institution first
- Nominees must have completed at least **two full-time semesters** of university
- Nominees must have a minimum cum. GPA equivalent to **US 3.0 on a 4.0 scale**
- Nominees must be proficient in English. You are required to submit the **TOEFL** or the **IELTS** proficiency exams if: your first language is not English or you are from an institution where English is not the primary language of instruction
- Exchange students must take the majority of their courses (**minimum of two-thirds**) in CALS. Check [here](#) to verify if the courses you are interested in is offered within CALS.

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Getting Started at Cornell

- Exchange students must take at least **12 US credits per semester** to maintain visa status. The maximum # of credits is 18 but most students enroll in 14-16 per semester.
- You can access the Cornell class roster at <https://classes.cornell.edu/browse/roster/FA17> The spring class roster will generally be published in mid October.
- Please note **we cannot guarantee enrollment** in any course.
 - **CALS Buddy** You will be matched with a CALS student to assist you with the transition.

Spring Semester Key Dates

- Nomination Deadline: Late September
- Application Deadline: Mid-October
- **Welcome Dinner & Exchange Orientation: One week before classes**
- First Day of Classes: Mid-January
- February Break: Mid-February
- Spring Break: Late March-Early April
- Last Day of Classes: Beginning of May
- Exams: Mid-May

Fall Semester Key Dates

- Nomination Deadline: Late February
 - Application Deadline: Mid-March
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- **Welcome Dinner & Exchange Orientation: One week before classes**

- First Day of Classes: Mid-August
- Fall Break: Beginning of October
- Thanksgiving Break: End of November
- Last Day of Classes: Beginning of December
- Exams: Mid-December

Estimated Expenses

- For a non-exhaustive list of **approximate** expected costs, listed in **US Dollars**, refer to our website, and please note that **fees are subject to change.**

<http://finaid.cornell.edu/cost-attend>

- The overview does not include cost of travel, international or domestic.

Housing in Ithaca

Ithaca is a small city but **securing housing is more difficult than you might think.**

On-campus housing is not available for exchange students in the Fall semester and very limited in the Spring

We expect that exchange students search for off-campus accommodation

- **New Exchange Housing Program:**

We offer rooms at a residence hall near campus and **about 50%** of our exchange students live here.

- Rent: \$1,000-1,200/month.

- Students can indicate in their exchange application if they are interested in this housing opportunity.

- **Off Campus Housing** Costs vary greatly, depending on proximity to campus, age of building, access to amenities, and more.

- Rent: \$600-1300/month

Useful Web Links

- Cornell: www.cornell.edu

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs): <http://cals.cornell.edu/>

- International Students and Scholars Office Cornell (for questions about visa regulations): <http://isso.cornell.edu/>

- Cornell Health: <https://health.cornell.edu/>

- Cornell Events: <https://events.cornell.edu/>

- Academic Calendar <https://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/?year=2017-18>

- Cornell courses: <http://courses.cornell.edu/index.php?catoid=28>
