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.
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 cumulative 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
- 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 note that fees are subject to change.
  [http://finaid.cornell.edu/cost-attend](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](http://www.cornell.edu)
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS): [http://cals.cornell.edu/](http://cals.cornell.edu/)
- International Students and Scholars Office Cornell (for questions about visa regulations): [http://isso.cornell.edu/](http://isso.cornell.edu/)
- Cornell Health: [https://health.cornell.edu/](https://health.cornell.edu/)
- Cornell Events: [https://events.cornell.edu/](https://events.cornell.edu/)
- Academic Calendar: [https://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/?year=2017-18](https://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/?year=2017-18)