“I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study.”

—Ezra Cornell, 1868

Transfer Student

Students transfer to Cornell for many reasons: after completion of a two-year degree program, a change in academic interest, or simply a change of heart about the original institution chosen.

Whatever the reason, Cornell University welcomes transfer students to a degree unmatched in the Ivy League. Transfer students have been a part of the university since our founding in 1865. In fact, the first woman to graduate from Cornell—Emma Sheffield Eastman (Class of 1875)—was a transfer student. Today, about 550 transfers enroll at Cornell each fall and another 100 in the spring, enriching the classrooms and campus with a broad range of life experiences.

If you are thinking about the next step in your educational career, we invite you to consider Cornell, where “any person can find instruction in any study” (Ezra Cornell, 1868). Our commitment to transfer student education sets the standard for the country’s preeminent universities. Visit the campus or admissions.cornell.edu and see for yourself all that Cornell has to offer.
Why Cornell

Cornell is the right place for students who want to chart their own intellectual course and who seek to make a difference in our world. At Cornell, students develop the confidence and abilities necessary to pursue their goals while exploring a vast array of academic offerings:

- more than 4,000 courses in seven undergraduate colleges and schools
- more than 80 majors and the option to develop an individual, interdisciplinary major with a faculty advisor
- an extensive network of undergraduate research opportunities
- internships to take classroom learning into a “real-world” environment

Students at Cornell benefit from the university’s worldwide network of alumni, who are eager to help the current generation of students pursue their career goals. Cornell has remarkable graduation rates (93 percent) and placement into graduate and professional schools—83 percent of Cornell graduates who apply are admitted to law school (compared to the national acceptance rate of 66 percent), and 74 percent of students with a 3.4 GPA or better are admitted to medical school (the national overall admission rate is 44 percent).

If you are eager to learn, to make new discoveries, and to realize your career goals—and you are seeking an environment that embraces transfer students—then you should consider Cornell University.

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester: from late August to mid-December
Spring Semester: from late January to mid-May
Winter session
Three summer sessions

Finding Your Place at Cornell

Before you apply, you must determine which college is the right fit for you. Take a close look at the university’s academic programs and determine whether Cornell offers the opportunities you are looking for. Can you pursue your intellectual passions here as you work toward your ultimate career and life goals? No matter which college you choose, you will be well prepared for the career path you desire.

The college or school you choose will be your academic “home” within the larger university. You’ll take many of your courses in the college. You will get to know faculty and staff members on a first-name basis, and you’ll make new friends among other students in the college.

If you have a strong academic foundation in the liberal arts, you may want to consider applying to the College of Arts and Sciences, but this background also will position you to study in any of Cornell’s undergraduate colleges or schools. You can study many subjects such as biology, computer science, design, business, geology, and psychology in more than one college or school.

For example, if you are interested in English and writing, you may want to consider the communication program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; for students interested in government and public policy, the School of Industrial and Labor Relations may be a good choice; and many students seeking a business-related degree enroll in the School of Hotel Administration. In addition, you can prepare for medical, law, or business school in any of Cornell’s seven undergraduate colleges or schools.

Whichever you choose, planning is important because each college and school has its own admissions requirements for transfer students.

You may begin by reviewing the college/school websites:

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
  www.cals.cornell.edu
- College of Architecture, Art, and Planning
  www.aap.cornell.edu
- College of Arts and Sciences
  www.as.cornell.edu
- College of Engineering
  www.engineering.cornell.edu
- School of Hotel Administration
  www.hospitality.cornell.edu
- College of Human Ecology
  www.human.cornell.edu
- School of Industrial and Labor Relations
  www.lir.cornell.edu

2012 New Transfer Students by College **

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Just The Facts

Fall 2012 New Transfer Students

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Academic Programs

Africana studies
Agricultural sciences
American studies
Animal science
Anthropology
Applied economics and management
Archaeology
Architecture
Asian studies
Astronomy
Atmospheric science
Biological engineering
Biological sciences
Biology and society
Biometry and statistics
Chemical engineering
Chemistry and chemical biology
China and Asia-Pacific Studies
Civil engineering
Classics (Greek, Latin)
Communication
Comparative literature
Computer science
Design and environmental analysis
Development sociology
Economics

Electrical and computer engineering
Engineering physics
English
Entomology
Environmental engineering
Environmental science and sustainability
Feminist, gender, and sexuality studies
Fiber science and apparel design
Fine arts
Food science
French
German area studies
German (literature and culture)
Government
History
History of art
Hotel administration
Human biology, health, and society
Human development
Industrial and labor relations
Information science
Information science, systems and technology
International agriculture and rural development
Italian
Landscape architecture
Linguistics
Materials science and engineering
Mathematics
Mechanical engineering
Music
Near Eastern studies
Nutritional sciences
Operations research and engineering
Performing and media arts
Philosophy
Physics
Plant sciences
Policy analysis and management
Psychology
Religious studies
Science and technology studies
Science of Earth systems
Sociology
Spanish
Statistical science
Urban and regional studies
Viticulture and enology

Cornell University uses the Transfer Common Application exclusively and also requires Cornell-specific essays. The application deadline for fall transfer admission is March 1. Students wishing to transfer in spring must submit all materials by October 1. Details about transfer admission timelines and requirements are available at admissions.cornell.edu/apply/transfer-applicants.

Keep in mind that transfer applicants have diverse academic talents and career interests that may be satisfied by more than one of Cornell’s colleges and schools. Your application may be reviewed by a college or school at Cornell in addition to the one to which you are applying.

Applying to Cornell

Cornell is committed to helping students and their families find ways to afford and finance a Cornell education. Last fall, the university awarded nearly $13.8 million in need-based aid to incoming transfer students. Our policies reflect our commitment to providing need-based aid. Here are a few of the highlights:

• Need-based loans are capped or eliminated for students from families meeting annual income guidelines.
• Parental contribution expectations have been eliminated for students from families that meet total annual income and total asset parameters.
• Cornell will match the family contribution components and lower loan level of other Ivy League schools and will also strive to match the family contribution components and lower loan level offers from Stanford, Duke, and MIT.
• For more information about our financial aid initiatives, visit finaid.cornell.edu/cost-attend/financial-aid-initiatives.

Two important things you need to understand about financial aid at Cornell are:

• All admissions decisions are made on a need-blind basis. Neither your family’s financial situation nor your own has any bearing on our decision to admit you.
• We award financial aid on the basis of demonstrated need. Cornell does not offer merit or athletic scholarships.

Financial Aid/Costs

Tuition and Student Activities Fee 2013–14

Endowed Colleges
Architecture, Art, and Planning; Arts and Sciences; Engineering; Hotel Administration
$45,358

New York State–Supported Colleges
Agriculture and Life Sciences; Human Ecology; Industrial and Labor Relations
New York State resident* $29,218
Non-New York State resident $45,358

* A resident is a person whose permanent domicile is in the state of New York. The domicile of a student under 21 is presumed to be that of his or her custodial parent(s), unless the student provides acceptable proof of emancipation.

Estimated Living Expenses 2013–14

Housing
$8,110*
Dining
$5,570*
Books and supplies
$850
Personal expenses
$1,730

Note: This table does not include travel allowances.

*Cost of an undergraduate double room and Bear Traditional meal plan.
† The estimated cost of books and supplies for undergraduate students in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning in the Department of Design and Environmental Analysis in the College of Human Ecology is $1,430.
As a transfer student, you have many options for housing at Cornell. The university offers on-campus housing for incoming transfer students who apply for housing by the housing deadline. Among the options are traditional residence halls, program houses, cooperative residences, and apartments. Whether you are 20 years old or 50, single or married with a family, Cornell offers a variety of on-campus options to meet the needs of our diverse transfer population. Or, like many upperclass students, you might prefer to live off campus, and there are ample rental properties adjacent to the campus. Additional information about housing is available at housing.cornell.edu.

Founded in 1865, Cornell is an Ivy League research university comprising seven undergraduate colleges and schools and seven graduate and professional schools. With total enrollment of more than 21,000 students from all over the world, and top-rated programs in architecture, business, engineering, hotel administration, human and veterinary medicine, human development, the humanities, labor and employment issues, law, and life sciences, the university embodies Ezra Cornell’s vision of “an institution where any person can find instruction in any study.”

The university’s commitment to high-quality education is reflected in the number and variety of resources available to its students, faculty, and staff. These include one of the largest academic research libraries in the United States, support for transfer students who come to Cornell after studying elsewhere; and more than 800 student organizations dedicated to interests ranging from politics to professions, religion to recreation. Cornell’s faculty, numbering more than 2,700 worldwide, includes Nobel laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, and presidents of the leading professional organizations in their fields.

There is a vibrant cultural life on campus, with seasonal offerings of theater, music, film, art exhibits, and dance. As New York State’s land-grant institution—and the only Ivy League university with land-grant status—Cornell seeks to instill an interest in public service and community involvement in its students, encouraging them to use their skills and knowledge to benefit others.

The university experience is enriched by the diversity of its student body. One-third of undergraduates are African American, Asian American, Latino, Native American, or are from multiracial backgrounds. International students from 120 countries make up an additional 9 percent of the total student body.

Cornell’s main campus is frequently described as one of the most beautiful in the United States. Spread over 2,300 acres of gardens, fields, and woods crisscrossed by gorges, waterfalls, and creeks, it includes more than 360 buildings ranging in age from mid-Victorian to early twenty-first century and offers spectacular views of Cayuga Lake and the surrounding countryside.
Life in Ithaca

By choosing to study at Cornell, you’ll have the opportunity to live in and experience Ithaca, a thriving college town spread over rolling hills at the southern tip of Cayuga Lake, one of central New York’s Finger Lakes. Festivals, shops, outdoor recreation, and cuisine from around the world help make Ithaca a vibrant place.

Among Ithaca’s accolades:
• Named the Best College Town
• One of the Best Green Places to Live
• In the list of Top 10 Recreation Cities
• One of America’s Foodiest Towns
• In the list of Top 100 Places to Live
• One of the Hippest Hometowns for Vegetarians

You can enjoy:
• Professional theaters (Kitchen Theatre, Hangar Theatre) and an independent movie theater (Cinematopia)
• Festivals year round: Ithaca Festival, Apple Harvest, Chili Cook-Off, Porchfest (a local music festival), and more.
• Shops of all kinds: bookstores, sporting goods, vintage clothing, and coffeehouses, including Starbucks and award-winning Gimmey! Coffee, as well as American Eagle, Best Buy, Gap, and Urban Outfitters
• Natural beauty and outdoor activities: miles of state and local park trails, bicycling the hilly terrain, sailing or paddling on the lake, and skiing, snowboarding, and tubing at the Greek Peak resort in nearby Virgil

For information about visiting and staying in Ithaca, see visitithaca.com.