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## For More Information

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have general questions about admissions or financial aid, please contact us or check our website:

- Undergraduate Admissions Office
  - Telephone: 607.255.5241
  - Email: admissions@cornell.edu
  - Website: admissions.cornell.edu
- Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment
  - Telephone: 607.255.3145
  - Email: finaid@cornell.edu
  - Website: finaid.cornell.edu

## Transfer Students

Cornell uses the Common Application or the Universal College Application for transfer admission. Detailed instructions for transfer applicants can be found at our website: admissions.cornell.edu.

To receive transfer information, please complete the Information Request Form for transfer students on our admissions website at admissions.cornell.edu/webform/request-information.

The transfer application is online at commonapp.org or universalcollegeapp.com. (You can also download a copy of the transfer application instructions from our website: admissions.cornell.edu.)

## Academic Information

If you have questions about the academic programs or admissions policies of a specific undergraduate college or school at Cornell, please contact the appropriate college or school directly at the telephone number or email address listed below:

- Agriculture and Life Sciences
  - Telephone: 607.255.2036
  - Email: cals_admissions@cornell.edu
- Architecture, Art, and Planning
  - Telephone: 607.255.4376
  - Email: aap_admissions@cornell.edu
- Arts and Sciences
  - Telephone: 607.255.4833
  - Email: as_admissions@cornell.edu
- Engineering
  - Telephone: 607.255.5008
  - Email: engr_admissions@cornell.edu
- Hotel Administration
  - Telephone: 607.255.6376
  - Email: hotelschool_admissions@sha.cornell.edu
- Human Ecology
  - Telephone: 607.255.5471
  - Email: humec_admissions@cornell.edu
- Industrial and Labor Relations
  - Telephone: 607.255.2222
  - Email: ilr_admissions@cornell.edu
**2016 Cornell University Freshman Admission Requirements**

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• SAT Subject Tests are not required  
• International Students: TOEFL or IELTS, in addition to above requirements                                                                                     | Visits encouraged and information sessions recommended. Interviews are not offered. Landscape Architecture: portfolio required (send to: Cornell University, Landscape Architecture Department, 440 Kennedy Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-4203). | Rigorous high school curriculum and outstanding record of academic achievement; participation in activities related to student's choice of major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and a strong and demonstrated match with the college mission and programs. |
| Architecture, Art, and Planning | All departments: 16 units, including 4 of English and: Architecture: 4 of mathematics (including plane geometry, intermediate algebra, and trigonometry) and 1 of physics  
Recommended additional preparation: 1 unit of calculus and 3 or 4 of foreign language (3 years of one language or 2 years each of two languages)  
Art: 3 or 4 of foreign language (3 years of one language or 2 years each of 2 languages) Urban and Regional Studies: 3 of mathematics, 3 of one foreign language, and 3 of science | • SAT or the ACT  
• Architecture: SAT Subject Test required in mathematics (any level)  
• International Students: TOEFL or IELTS, in addition to above requirements                                                                                     | Architecture: file portfolio required; interview required, on or off campus. Details at aap.cornell.edu/admissions/undergraduate/architecture.  
Deadlines: Early Decision: Nov. 1; Regular Decision: Jan. 2.  
Art: portfolio required (online submission); interview strongly recommended. Details at aap.cornell.edu/admissions/undergraduate/art. | Rigorous high school curriculum and outstanding record of academic achievement; participation in activities related to the student's choice of major in Architecture, Art, and Planning. |
| Arts and Sciences            | 16 units, including 4 of English, 3 of mathematics, 3 of science, and 3 of one foreign language (exceptions to these requirements should be explained in a letter accompanying the application for admission) Also recommended: an additional unit of advanced mathematics and science | • SAT or the ACT  
• SAT Subject Tests required in 2 subjects  
• International Students: TOEFL or IELTS, in addition to above requirements                                                                                     | No special requirements. Visits encouraged and information sessions strongly recommended. Interviews are not offered. | Rigorous high school curriculum, outstanding record of academic achievement, and a strong commitment to the liberal arts and sciences. |
| Engineering                  | 16 units, including 1 of chemistry, 1 of physics, 1 of biology, and 4 of mathematics (2 of algebra, 1 of geometry, and 1 of calculus) Also recommended: computer science and a foreign language | • SAT or the ACT  
• SAT Subject Tests required in mathematics (any level) and a science  
• International Students: TOEFL or IELTS, in addition to above requirements                                                                                     | No special requirements. Visits encouraged and information sessions strongly recommended. Interviews are not offered. | Problem solvers and innovators, students with creative skills and a sense of adventure, individuals who want to make a difference in the world and accomplish something of significance. And, of course, strong skills in math and science. |
| Hotel Administration         | 16 units, including 4 of English, 4 of mathematics (including 1 of precalculus), 2 of science (including 1 of chemistry), and 3 of one foreign language (successful completion of level 3) | • SAT or the ACT  
• SAT Subject Tests are not required  
• International Students: TOEFL or IELTS, in addition to above requirements                                                                                     | Visits encouraged and information sessions are recommended. Interviews offered for SHA applicants. Resume/CV required. Details at hotelschool.cornell.edu/admissions/ugrad. | Rigorous high school curriculum and outstanding record of academic achievement; strategic thinking, self-motivation, people skills, initiative, service orientation, global perspective, focus, determination, and hospitality exposure. Visit hotelschool.cornell.edu/admissions/ugrad/ for more information. |
| Human Ecology                | 16 units, including 4 of English, 4 of mathematics (including precalculus), and 4 of science (including 1 of biology, 1 of chemistry or physics, additional core sciences) Also recommended: calculus to be completed before statistics, a foreign language  
Prospective design students: additional course work in art and/or design | • SAT or the ACT  
• SAT Subject Tests are not required  
• International Students: TOEFL or IELTS, in addition to above requirements                                                                                     | All programs: Human Ecology information sessions strongly recommended. Interviews are not offered.  
Design and environmental analysis: design challenge supplement required. Details at www.human.cornell.edu/admissions.  
Fashion design and management: design supplement required. Details at www.human.cornell.edu/admissions. | Outstanding record of achievement in a rigorous high school curriculum; engaged participation in school and community; tested pre-professional interest, volunteer and/or work experience; and a strong and demonstrated match with the college mission and programs. Visit www.human.cornell.edu/admissions/undergraduate for more application tips and recommendations. |
| Industrial and Labor Relations | 16 units, including 4 of English and 4 of mathematics | • SAT or the ACT  
• SAT Subject Tests are not required  
• International Students: TOEFL or IELTS, in addition to above requirements                                                                                     | No special requirements. Visits encouraged and information sessions recommended. Freshman interviews are not offered. | Leaders and problem solvers who are drawn to and excel in social science, writing, and mathematics courses, with relevant extracurricular, work, life and/or service experience, who demonstrate a strong interest in the core topics studied within the ILR School. |

A note about standardized test scores: Scores that appear on your transcript are not considered official; scores must be submitted to Cornell directly from the testing agency.
Important Information for Cornell Applicants

The Cornell application consists of:

- the Common Application (CA) or the Universal College Application (UCA), (includes the application, school report, teacher evaluations, mid year report, and final report);
- an $80 application fee or fee waiver;
- official secondary school transcript of grades;
- the Cornell University Essays and Questions on the Writing Supplement section of the CA or Cornell University Supplement for the UCA, required of all applicants as it includes important Cornell-specific information and required essays;
- college-specific requirements that all applicants must complete (see the freshman admission requirements grid on the previous page); and
- for applicants planning to apply for financial aid, instructions can be found at finaid.cornell.edu.

Freshman Admission Requirements
Each of the seven undergraduate colleges/schools has specific requirements that you will need to meet in order to be considered for admission, including high school coursework, standardized testing, and other college-specific requirements. Please review the admission requirements grid at the beginning of this booklet to ensure that you are meeting the application requirements of the college/school to which you are applying.

Application Deadlines
Applications must be submitted by November 1 for early decision, or January 2 for regular decision. Applicants are strongly encouraged to file their applications in advance of the deadlines and during the appropriate filing periods: September 1–November 1 for early decision and September 1–January 2 for regular decision.

Early Decision
If Cornell is your first choice, consider applying under the early decision plan. Early decision applications are reviewed in the fall, and you will be notified in mid-December of Cornell’s decision. Before applying early decision, know that:

- early decision is binding. If you’re admitted to Cornell, you are required to withdraw any applications you’ve sent to other schools and send your enrollment deposit to Cornell by early January.
- you can be admitted or denied during early decision as well as postponed to regular decision. Students whose applications are postponed to regular decision are no longer subject to the early decision binding commitment.
- while early decision acceptances to Cornell are binding, students may be eligible to be released from the early decision agreement if the financial aid award does not make a Cornell education affordable for applicants and their families (must have applied for financial aid).
- Cornell University will honor any required commitment to matriculate which has been made to another college under an Early Decision plan.

First-Year Spring Admission
Applicants to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Human Ecology, and School of Hotel Administration may be considered for January admission. Students selected for spring semester enrollment are exceptional candidates whom Cornell is unable to admit for fall because of on-campus space constraints. Learn more about the First-Year Spring Admission program online at: admissions.cornell.edu/fysa.

How We Communicate With You About Your Application
Email is our primary method for communicating with you regarding your application. We will utilize email to request missing application materials, verify information, and give you special instructions. Please provide us with a current email address that you check frequently and use the same email address on all documents. Please carefully type or write your email address on all application materials. Also, be sure to include cornell.edu in your email address book and/or remove any spam blockers that might prevent our email from reaching you.

Tracking the Status of Your Application
When we receive your application and application fee (or fee waiver request), we will email you with the information you need to establish an online application status account on Cornell’s website. This may take up to two weeks at peak processing times. Receiving your ApplicantID and PIN via email is your confirmation that we have received your application. Using this secure site, you will be able to track your application materials and update your email address as necessary.

Completing Your Application
Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that all required application materials are submitted to and received by the Undergraduate Admissions Office. Plan on tracking your application materials on your online application status account. We will also email students during the application process to request missing materials. Applications that are not completed will be withdrawn from admission consideration.

How to Apply: Online
The following application materials can be completed and submitted online at commonapp.org or universalcollegeapp.com:

- Application and Application Fee (or fee waiver request)
- Cornell Essays and Questions on the Writing Supplement section of the Common Application or the Cornell Supplement to the UCA
- School Report
- Teacher Evaluation
- Mid Year Report
- Final Report

Additionally, many secondary schools can submit official school transcripts online. If this is the case with your school, please encourage your school to send your official transcript to us online as well.

If you need to submit application materials in paper copy because you cannot do so online, please download and print the appropriate school forms from your Common Application or UCA account. Paper copy
school forms should be mailed to the Undergraduate Admissions Office as follows:

Undergraduate Admissions Office
Application Processing Center
East Hill Plaza
349 Pine Tree Road
Ithaca, NY 14850-2899

Note to early decision applicants: when mailing materials to Cornell, please write "early decision" on the mailing envelope.

Application Fee and Fee Waiver Requests
Cornell's application fee is $80, and you are required to submit it with your application. Please note that Cornell cannot process your application without the application fee or a fee waiver. To apply for a fee waiver, please submit one of the following documents:

• the Common Application fee waiver request completed by your guidance counselor/college advisor as part of the school forms process (online submission available at commonapp.org)
• the College Board Request for Waiver of College Application Fee form (obtainable from your guidance counselor/college advisor if you used SAT or Subject Test fee waivers) or the ACT Fee Waiver Form (obtainable from your guidance counselor/college advisor if you used ACT fee waivers)
• the NACAC fee waiver request form completed by your guidance counselor/college advisor
• a letter from your guidance counselor/college advisor, or representative from a social service or community agency, stating that the fee would cause financial hardship

If you cannot apply for a waiver by one of these methods, please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office at 607.255.5241. Mail fee waiver documentation to: Undergraduate Admissions Office, Application Processing Center, East Hill Plaza, 349 Pine Tree Road, Ithaca, NY 14850-2899.

Cornell University Supplemental Information
The required questions on the Writing Supplement section of the Common Application or the Supplement to the UCA provide us with essential information about your academic interests. Admissions staff members at Cornell carefully read and evaluate your response to the college interest essay. The information you provide helps us determine how good a match exists between your intellectual interests and the Cornell college or school to which you are applying.

Other Application Materials
In addition to the Common Application and the Cornell Essays and Questions or the UCA and the Cornell Supplement, you will be required to submit the following: a school report (including your official secondary school transcript), two teacher evaluations, and a mid year report. These forms, and in some cases your official secondary school transcript, can be submitted online. Please encourage your guidance counselor and teachers to submit these forms online where and when possible at commonapp.org or universalcollegeapp.com.

Counselor Recommendation
Applicants to Cornell are required to submit a counselor recommendation. Your counselor may upload a recommendation via the Common Application or the UCA.

Teacher Evaluations
Applicants to Cornell are required to submit two teacher recommendations. Please be sure to remind individuals writing letters for you to include your name and date of birth on all pages if they are sending them by mail. You are encouraged to limit your letters of recommendation to the two that are required.

Mid Year Report
The Mid Year Report should be submitted as soon after the regular decision deadline as possible. Cornell strongly encourages guidance counselors to utilize the online submission of Mid Year Report forms. Sending your forms via the web will allow us to electronically load midyear grades into application files without opening mail or scanning documents into our imaging system. This allows the reports to reach your application file as many as three or four weeks sooner than if they were submitted by mail. We understand that students whose schools are on trimesters may not submit this form or have any new grade information to report at the time of submission.

Standardized Testing Requirements
All applicants are required to submit either the SAT or the ACT. In addition, each undergraduate college/school has specific requirements for the SAT Subject Tests (see requirements below). It is your responsibility to make sure that you have taken the appropriate Subject Tests and have the scores officially reported to Cornell from the testing agency by the application deadline. ACT scores may not be used to fulfill SAT Subject Test requirements.

Please note that Cornell requires students to submit all scores from SAT tests taken and does not participate in the College Board's Score Choice. Cornell University will not require the optional essay section on the new SAT. Learn more about Cornell's transition to the new SAT at: admissions.cornell.edu/sat.

SAT Subject Test Requirements by College
• Agriculture and Life Sciences: SAT Subject Tests not required
• Architecture, Art, and Planning: mathematics (any level), architecture only
• Arts and Sciences: two subjects of your choice
• Engineering: mathematics (any level) and a science
• Hotel Administration: SAT Subject Tests not required
• Human Ecology: SAT Subject Tests not required
• Industrial and Labor Relations: SAT Subject Tests not required

Admission Interviews
Formal admission interviews are required for applicants to:

The College of Architecture, Art, and Planning: students applying to the architecture program are required to participate in an interview as part of the admission process. Applicants to the Department of Art are encouraged, although not required, to have an interview. Beginning in August, students may visit aap.cornell.edu/admissions/undergraduate/architecture or call 607.255.4376 to schedule an interview.

Formal admission interviews are offered for applicants to:

The School of Hotel Administration: interviews offered for SHA applicants. Details at hotelschool.cornell.edu/admissions/ugrad.

Though Cornell offers applicants the opportunity to meet with Cornell alumni, formal interviews are not required, nor offered, for any other undergraduate programs.
Freshman Application Instructions continued

Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network Applicant Contact Meetings

Once we receive your application and fee (or fee waiver request), we will forward your name to the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) committee in your area, if one exists. A member of that committee may then contact you to schedule a time to meet or speak on the phone. This meeting is not an admission interview, nor is it a requirement for admission; rather, it is an opportunity for you to speak with a Cornell graduate and learn more about the university—and for us to learn more about you.

Portfolios and Design Supplements

Portfolios and/or design supplements are required as follows:

- **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
  - Landscape architecture: portfolio required
  - Send to: Landscape Architecture Department, Cornell University, 440 Kennedy Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853

- **Architecture, Art, and Planning**
  - Architecture: file portfolio required—for guidelines visit aap.cornell.edu/admissions/undergraduate/architecture
  - Art: portfolio required (online submission)—for guidelines visit aap.cornell.edu/admissions/undergraduate/art
  - Send to: Architecture, Art, and Planning Admissions and Registrar, Cornell University, 235 Sibley Dome, Ithaca, NY 14853-6701

- **Human Ecology**
  - Design and environmental analysis: design challenge required
  - Fashion design and management: design supplement required
  - For more information and instructions, visit www.human.cornell.edu/admissions

**English Proficiency Requirement**

If you are an international applicant and English isn’t your first language (even if you have attended an English medium school), you will need to demonstrate your English language competency by having your score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam sent to Cornell.

**TOEFL/IELTS Requirement**

*International* freshman applicants for whom English is not the first language must submit a TOEFL or IELTS score.

The recommended minimum TOEFL and IELTS scores are as follows:

- **TOEFL:** 100 (Internet-based exam) and 600 (paper-based exam)
- **IELTS:** 7

**Policy Exemptions**

- We will waive the TOEFL and/or IELTS requirement for international students who have achieved a score of at least 670 on the Critical Reading section of the SAT exam.
- We also will waive the TOEFL and/or IELTS requirement for international students who have studied for at least four years in the United States or nations where English is an official language. See details at admissions.cornell.edu/apply/international-students.

*Cornell defines international applicants as those who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents.

**The Final Report Form**

If you are admitted to Cornell and make the decision to enroll, you will be required to submit the Final Report Form and also have your school send us your final high school transcript.

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**Helpful Application Tips**

- Submit either the Common Application or the Universal College Application Application and all associated forms. DO NOT duplicate applications or mix and match forms.
- Give yourself enough time before the application deadline to complete both the application and the required supplemental information.
- Be sure to carefully review the literature and online information regarding the college or school you are applying to. An understanding of the program to which you are applying will be helpful as you approach the college interest essay.
- Provide your guidance counselor and teachers with advance notice of your intention to apply to Cornell—at least one month.
- If mailing materials, pages can get separated, so include your full name and date of birth on each page mailed.
- For groupings of multiple pages, please use paper clips (do not staple).
- If applying early decision, please write “early decision” on your mailing envelopes.
- After completing your application, save a copy for yourself.
- Set up your online application status account by following the instructions you will receive via email after submitting the application and application fee (or fee waiver).
Supplemental Submissions

Music Submissions
Information for submitting supplemental materials for evaluation by Cornell's music department can be found at music.cornell.edu/undergraduate/admissions/submit-recordings. Deadlines for music submissions are November 1 for early decision and January 2 for regular decision applicants.

Note About Supplemental Submissions
Cornell will not accept supplemental materials or updates after February 15. Required materials may be sent after this date.

Enrollment Policies

Deferring Enrollment
Cornell University supports requests to defer enrollment for one or two years. Recent examples of admitted students successfully deferring enrollment include military service, religious study and travel, cultural experiences in the United States or abroad, and research and internship experiences related to educational goals.

Cornell University rarely grants enrollment deferrals for financial reasons. We recommend contacting the Undergraduate Admissions Office to discuss your reasons before submitting a formal request.

Students admitted from the waiting list for fall semester enrollment are expected to enroll for the fall semester. Cornell will not honor requests from students admitted from the waiting list to defer enrollment to the following fall.

Admitted students wishing to defer enrollment for one or two years, should submit a request in writing to the Cornell undergraduate college or school to which they have been admitted. The college or school may wish to discuss the request and the possibility of fulfilling enrollment deferral goals through a Cornell program.

Admitted students who are granted a deferral must submit a $400 enrollment deposit to reserve a place in the class ($800 for two years).

Students admitted under the early decision program must submit requests by March 1. Students admitted under the regular decision program must submit requests by June 1.

Gap Year Experiences
We encourage students and families to review the National Association of College Admissions Counseling website to learn more about the Gap Year Experience: nacacnet.org/studentinfo/articles/Pages/Gap-Year.aspx.

Cornell University broadly supports the notion of a gap year experience for students between high school and college. Successful gap year experiences start with a well-developed plan and include personal goals. We encourage students considering Cornell for their undergraduate education to apply and gain admission before requesting an enrollment deferral to participate in a gap year experience. We will ask students to submit their request in writing and will quite often want to discuss gap year plans before granting a request.
Cornell has a need-blind admissions policy, which means that we review your admissions application without considering whether you’ve applied for aid; Cornell awards all financial aid on the basis of demonstrated financial need. We encourage you to learn more about our aid initiatives and policies, or even complete our Financial Aid Calculator, at finaid.cornell.edu.

Applying for Financial Aid

U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents, Asylees, and Refugees

U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, and applicants who have been granted refugee or asylee status are eligible to apply for financial assistance and should follow the instructions on the following webpage to apply for financial assistance: finaid.cornell.edu/apply-aid/prospective-applicants.

Note that if you are applying for aid as a U.S. permanent resident, or have been granted refugee or asylee status, you will be required to document your permanent residency or refugee/asylee status. To be considered for aid, you must be able to document your status by May 1. Please see our website for the required forms of documentation.

Financial Aid Deadlines and Timeline:

If you are offered admission and have met our aid application deadlines, you will receive an aid notification. Failure to meet our deadlines will result in limited financial aid eligibility.

Early Decision Applicants

November 1: CSS PROFILE; prior year tax returns; Non-Custodial PROFILE (if applicable) due
Mid-December: Estimated financial aid notifications sent to admitted applicants
Early January: Deposit due to Admissions
February 15: Final aid application requirements due

Regular Decision Applicants

February 15: All financial aid application requirements due
Early April: Financial aid notifications sent to admitted applicants
May 1: Deposit due to Admissions

International and Undocumented Applicants

Cornell University provides financial aid on a limited basis to students who are not citizens or eligible non-citizens of the United States. International students and undocumented U.S. residents should follow the instructions on the following webpage to apply for financial assistance: finaid.cornell.edu/apply-aid/international-applicants.

To apply for financial aid, please visit finaid.cornell.edu.
Joint Statement for Candidates on Common Ivy League Admissions Procedure

The Ivy League is an association of eight institutions of higher education, established in 1954 primarily for the purpose of fostering amateurism in athletics. Although the Ivy League institutions are similar in many respects, each member institution makes its own independent admission decisions according to its own particular admissions policy.

In that the transition between secondary school and institutions of higher education is complex, the institutions have agreed to simplify the process through more uniform admissions procedures. Below is a summary of the procedures under which we are operating, which are shared to provide prospective students with a better understanding of the process.

1. Timing of Decisions

Ivy League institutions mail admission decision letters twice annually, in mid-December and late March. Those who wish a decision in December must apply by early to mid-November and complete their applications with supporting materials shortly thereafter. A student may not file more than one Early Decision or Early Action application within the Ivy League.

a. Early Application - December Notification

Under December Notification, an applicant may be notified that he or she has been granted or denied admission or that a final decision has been deferred until the late March notification date. Two plans are offered according to individual institutional policy:

i. Early Decision

The College Board-approved Early Decision Plan, which is offered by Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, and the University of Pennsylvania, requires a prior commitment to matriculate. Financial aid awards for those qualifying for financial assistance will normally be announced in full detail at the same time as the admission decisions. An applicant receiving admission and an adequate financial award under the Early Decision Plan will be required to accept that offer of admission and withdraw all applications to other colleges or universities. All Ivy League institutions will honor any required commitment to matriculate that has been made to another college under this plan.

ii. Early Action

A Single Choice Early Action Plan is offered by Harvard, Princeton, and Yale. This plan does not require a commitment to matriculate, and students may apply to other colleges under those colleges' regular admission programs (spring notification of final admission decision) but not to another private institution's Early Action or Early Decision program.

b. Regular Decision – Notification in the Spring

i. Common Notification Date

On a common date, usually in late March, applicants to Ivy League institutions will be notified of admission decisions and financial aid awards. (Letters are mailed beginning in February for the Schools of Hotel Administration, and Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell, and beginning in February for the School of Nursing at Penn.)

ii. Common Reply Date

A candidate admitted under the regular decision process to any of the Ivy League institutions may take until the Common Reply Date of May 1 to announce his or her decision to accept or decline an offer of admission. By that date all admitted candidates must affirm in writing their single choice.

iii. Waiting Lists

The preceding paragraph does not preclude students from remaining on active waiting lists and withdrawing promptly from their original college choice upon receiving subsequent waiting list acceptance to another institution. However, the Ivy League institutions reserve their right to rescind acceptance decisions from candidates who make commitments to and who hold confirmed places at more than one institution concurrently. Students who choose to remain on an active waiting list after May 1 will normally receive a final response no later than July 1.

2. Early Evaluation

As determined by each institution, admissions offices may advise certain applicants in writing of the probability of admission (e.g., likely, possible, unlikely), no earlier than October 1 of the prospect's senior year in high school. Likely letters will have the effect of letters of admission, in that as long as the applicant sustains the academic and personal record reflected in the completed application, the institution will send a formal admission offer on the appropriate notification date. An applicant who receives one or more such written communications and who has made a decision to matriculate at one institution is encouraged (but not required) to notify all other institutions, and to withdraw all other applications, as promptly as possible.

a. Likely Letters to Student-Athletes

From October 1 through March 15 of senior year, an admissions office may issue probabilistic communications, in writing, to recruited student-athlete applicants who have submitted all required application materials.

b. Preliminary Feedback

Ivy League Admissions Offices will provide feedback to coaches on an individual student's application no earlier than July 1 following the junior year in high school.

c. Communications with Coaches

Coaches may communicate to the Admissions Office their support for candidates who are athletic recruits. Candidates are encouraged to ask coaches directly about the coach's level of interest in them as potential athletic recruits, and should be prepared for coaches to inquire about the candidate's level of interest as well. Ivy League coaches may indicate the extent to which a candidate's interest will affect their willingness to support an application, so that candidates can make informed decisions about potential opportunities.

Please note that while a coach may ask whether or not his or her school is a candidate's top choice, a coach may not require a candidate to refrain from visiting or applying to other schools, or to withdraw applications to other schools, as a condition for support during the admissions process.

Only the Admissions Office has the authority to make or communicate an admissions decision. Communications regarding admissions status provided by coaches, whether orally or in writing, do not constitute binding institutional commitments.

3. Financial Aid Policies

a. Need-Based Financial Aid

All the Ivy League institutions follow the common policy that any financial aid for student-athletes will be awarded and renewed on the sole basis of economic need with no differentiation in amount or in kind (e.g., packaging) based on athletic ability or participation, provided that each school shall apply its own standard of economic need. The official award of aid may only be made at or subsequent to the time of admission.

b. Awarding of Financial Aid

Only the Office of Financial Aid has the authority to award financial aid on behalf of the institution, and applicants should rely only on formal communications from these offices. No suggestion that financial aid may be available that comes from anyone else associated with the institution is binding on the institution. No applicant should consider or accept an offer of financial help from an alumnus, and any such offer should be reported immediately to the Office of Financial Aid.

Participating Institutions

Brown University  Harvard University
Columbia University  University of Pennsylvania
Cornell University  Princeton University
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2016 Universal College Application (UCA) for First-Year Admission
Cornell University Supplement

Please see the instructions on Cornell's Admissions website at admissions.cornell.edu/apply/first-year-applicants prior to completing this form.

Name:
   last/family
   first
   middle

U.S. Social Security number (optional): ____________________  Preferred name: ________________________

Mailing address: __________________________________________
   number and street
   city
   state or province
   zip + 4 or postal code
   county (if U.S.)
   country
   telephone

Date of birth: ________________________
   month/day/year

Email address: _____________________________________________

It is important that you provide us with a legible, current email address that you check frequently. Email is our primary tool for communicating with you to request missing application materials, verify information, give you special instructions, etc. Please carefully type or print your email address on the application form, being certain that characters are understood (for example, using Ø for zero and noting the difference between a lower case l, the number 1, and the capital letter I). Please be sure to include cornell.edu in your email address book and/or remove any spam blockers that might prevent our email from reaching you.

Cell phone number (optional): (_____)(____)_______________
   area code

College/School you are applying to (choose only one):
   ☐ Agriculture and Life Sciences  ☐ Arts and Sciences  ☐ Hotel Administration  ☐ Industrial and Labor Relations
   ☐ Architecture, Art, and Planning  ☐ Engineering  ☐ Human Ecology

Code number of your anticipated major within the college/school you’ve chosen above (select only one; codes are at admissions.cornell.edu/apply/forms-materials): ______

Note to all applicants: Recognizing that applicants have diverse academic talents and career interests that may be satisfied by more than one of Cornell’s colleges/schools, your application may be reviewed by a college/school at Cornell in addition to the one to which you are applying.

Applicants to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Human Ecology, and School of Hotel Administration may be considered for January 2017 admission. Learn more about the First-Year Spring Admission program online at admissions.cornell.edu/fysa.

In addition to being considered for Fall 2016, I am interested in First-Year Spring Admission in January 2017: ☐ Yes  ☐ No

U.S. Armed Forces status: ☐ None  ☐ Currently Serving  ☐ Previously Served  ☐ Current Dependent
Your anticipated status at enrollment: ☐ On active duty U.S. Military  ☐ Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces  ☐ U.S. Reserves or National Guard
Cornell University is home to Air Force, Army, Naval, and Marine Corps ROTC programs. Are you interested in being considered for ROTC programs at Cornell?: ☐ Yes  ☐ No

List any community programs or organizations that have provided you with free assistance in your application process:

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Do you have parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents who attended Cornell?: ☐ Yes  ☐ No
(Please list one individual per line below.)

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Is a parent or guardian currently a Cornell faculty or staff member?: ☐ Yes  ☐ No
If so, name of that parent/guardian: _______________________________________

Do you have any siblings applying to Cornell this year?: ☐ Yes  ☐ No
If yes, enter full name: ___________________________________________
Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________     Date of birth: ________________

**College Interest Essays**

The primary focus of your college interest essay should be what you intend to study at Cornell.

Please respond to the essay question below (maximum of 650 words) that corresponds to the undergraduate college or school to which you are applying. Be sure to include your full legal name exactly as it appears on passports or other official documents and date of birth, and attach the page to the back of this form.

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:** How have your interests and related experiences influenced the major you have selected in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences?

**College of Architecture, Art, and Planning:** Why are you excited to pursue your chosen major in AAP? What specifically about AAP and Cornell University will help you fulfill your academic and creative interests and long-term goals?

**College of Arts and Sciences:** Describe two or three of your current intellectual interests and why they are exciting to you. Why will Cornell’s College of Arts and Sciences be the right environment in which to pursue your interests?

**College of Engineering:** Tell us about an engineering idea you have, or about your interest in engineering. Describe how your ideas and interests may be realized by—and linked to—specific resources within the College of Engineering. Finally, explain what a Cornell Engineering education will enable you to accomplish.

**School of Hotel Administration:** The global hospitality industry includes hotel and foodservice management, real estate, finance, entrepreneurship, marketing, and law. Describe what has influenced your decision to make the business of hospitality your academic focus. What personal qualities make you a good fit for SHA?

**College of Human Ecology:** How have your experiences influenced you to consider the College of Human Ecology and how will your choice of major(s) impact your goals and plans for the future?

**School of Industrial and Labor Relations:** Tell us about your intellectual interests, how they sprung from your course, service, work or life experiences, and what makes them exciting to you. Describe how ILR is the right school for you to pursue these interests.

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Have you applied for admission to Cornell before (including the Summer Session or Summer College)? □ Yes □ No

If so, for what term? (check one) □ Fall □ Spring □ Summer

And for what year? ________________

**New York State/Cornell Opportunity Programs**

Through New York State’s Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), Cornell offers a network of services (including a prefreshman summer program) for academically and economically disadvantaged students. If you’re interested in learning more about EOP and HEOP, please visit our website at oadi.cornell.edu/heop.

**Reminder for all applicants:** You must submit your $80 application fee or fee waiver. If you are applying for a fee waiver, please indicate this on the application and mail your fee waiver form or letter to the Undergraduate Admissions Office, 349 Pine Tree Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Visit admissions.cornell.edu for further information regarding application fee waivers.
125 Agricultural Sciences (broad education in agriculture with concentrations in animal science; crop production and management; sustainable agriculture; business; education and communica-
130 Animal Science (animal breeding and genetics; nutrition; physiology and growth; pre-veterinary; dairy manage-
140 Applied Economics and Management (accounting; agricultural management; applied economics; entrepre-
145 Atmospheric Science (weather and climate; analysis, interpretation, and forecasting of meteorological events)
110 Biological Engineering (joint program with the College of Engineering)
150 Biological Sciences (animal physiology; biochemistry; computational biology; ecology and evolutionary biology; general biology; genetics, genomics, and development; human nutrition; insect biology; marine biology; microbiology; molecular and cell biology; neurobiology and behavior; plant biology; systematics and biotic diversity)
172 Biology and Society (biology and public policy; biology and ethics; biology and communication)
180 Biometry and Statistics (statistics; statistical genomics; actuarial studies)
160 Communication (communication, environment, science, and health; communication media studies; communication and information technologies; communication and social influence)
178 Development Sociology (community development; environmental sociology; inequality studies; international development and globalization)
164 Entomology (study of insects within the framework of the biological and environmental sciences)
166 Environmental Engineering (joint program with the College of Engineering)
115 Environmental and Sustainability Sciences (environmental biology and applied ecology; environmental policy and governance; environmental economics; biogeochemical sciences)
168 Food Science (food operations and management; food safety; food science)
185 Global and Public Health Sciences (emerging population health issues; disease prevention and health promotion; resource-challenged environments; epidemiology and biostatistics)
155 Information Science (human-centered systems; information systems; social systems)
169 International Agriculture and Rural Development (economics and development; agricultural and food systems; environment and ecosystems)
170 Landscape Architecture (environmentally sustainable design; community-based design; landscape archaeology; public garden management)
175 Nutritional Sciences (community nutrition; international nutrition; molecular nutrition; human nutrition)
176 Plant Sciences (plant genetics and breeding; sustainable plant production and landscape management; evolution, systematics, and ecology; plant physiology and molecular biology; plants and human health)
179 Science of Earth Systems (atmospheric sciences; biogeochemistry; geological sciences; ocean sciences)
190 Viticulture and Enology (grape production processes; wine production)
College of Architecture, Art, and Planning
205 Architecture (five-year program)
215 Fine Arts (digital media; drawing; painting; photography; print media; sculpture)
225 Urban and Regional Studies (urban history, government, politics, and sociology; urban and regional theory)
College of Arts and Sciences
310 Africana Studies
312 American Studies
314 Anthropology
316 Archaeology
318 Asian Studies
320 Astronomy
350 Biological Sciences (animal physiology; biochemistry; computational biology; ecology and evolutionary biology; general biology; genetics, genomics, and development; human nutrition; insect biology; marine biology; microbiology; molecular and cell biology; neurobiology and behavior; plant biology; systematics and biotic diversity)
351 Biology and Society
360 Chemistry and Chemical Biology
359 China and Asia-Pacific Studies
361 Classics (Greek, Latin)
362 Comparative Literature
363 Computer Science
364 Economics
365 English
330 Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
366 French
376 German Area Studies
378 German (literature and culture)
379 Government
381 History
382 History of Art
368 Information Science
383 Italian
385 Linguistics
386 Mathematics
387 Music
388 Near Eastern Studies
396 Performing and Media Arts
389 Philosophy
390 Physics
391 Psychology
331 Religious Studies
352 Science and Technology Studies
393 Science of Earth Systems
394 Sociology
395 Spanish
301 Statistical Science
398 College Scholar/Independent major
399 Undecided (within Arts and Sciences)
College of Engineering
400 Biological Engineering
402 Biomedical Engineering
405 Chemical Engineering
410 Civil Engineering
415 Computer Science
420 Electrical and Computer Engineering
425 Engineering Physics
466 Environmental Engineering
450 Information Science, Systems, and Technology
480 Materials Science and Engineering
485 Mechanical Engineering
490 Operations Research and Engineering
477 Science of Earth Systems
495 Independent major (individually arranged program of study, typically in an interdisciplinary area)
499 Undecided (within Engineering)
School of Industrial and Labor Relations
701 Industrial and Labor Relations
• economics
• human resource studies
• international and comparative labor
• labor relations, law, and history
• organizational behavior
• social statistics
School of Hotel Administration
501 Hotel Administration
• hospitality management (hotel & resort; restaurant & foodservice; tourism; facilities)
• entrepreneurship
• real estate
• finance
• services marketing
• operations management
• accounting
• human resources
• law
College of Human Ecology
620 Design and Environmental Analysis (design strategy, sustainable futures, health and well-being)
680 Fashion Design and Management (apparel design; fashion design management)
685 Fiber Science (biomedical materials; ergonomics and comfort; fiber based sensors and detectors; green composites; nanotechnology; performance enhancing fabrics; sustainable materials and processes)
645 Global and Public Health Sciences (disease prevention and health promotion; emerging population health issues; resource-challenged environments; epidemiology and biostatistics)
640 Human Biology, Health, and Society (biology and behavior; metabolism, genetics, and health; biological and social aspects of growth and development; biology and public health policy; biology and health promotion)
630 Human Development (cognitive development; human neuroscience; law, psychology and human development; aging and health; social and personality development)
660 Nutritional Sciences (diet and disease; nutritional biochemistry; economic and global influences on human health; human health and nutrition; nutrition and fitness counseling; nutrition and public health; social influences on human nutrition)
670 Policy Analysis and Management (demography; economics and public policy; health care policy; policy analysis; regulation and public policy; social welfare policy)
699 Undeclared (within Human Ecology)