

The College of **Arts&Sciences**

First-Year Spring Admission (FYSA)

Q1. What is the First-Year Spring Admission Program?

A. The First-Year Spring Admission (FYSA) program is an opportunity for approximately 50 first-years to begin their Cornell experience starting in the spring semester. In the College of Arts & Sciences, some 30 students will enroll in January.

Q2. How are Arts & Sciences students selected for the Program?

A. Arts & Sciences students selected for spring semester enrollment are exceptional candidates whom we were unable to admit for fall because of on-campus space constraints (this year, the College of Arts & Sciences considered almost 20,000 candidates for about 1,000 spaces).

Q3. When will I hear if I have been accepted for FYSA?

A. Most Arts & Sciences students selected for the program will be notified in late March, however some may be notified in May.

Q4. Can I start in the fall if I take courses over the summer, use previously earned credit, or have AP/IB credit?

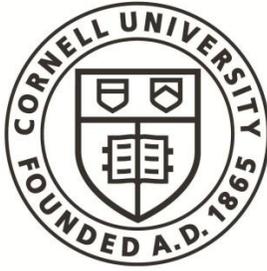
A. No. Unfortunately, no spaces are available for the fall. No exceptions will be made.

Q5. I am not sure what to do in the fall. What do you recommend?

A. This is a wonderful time to explore enriching opportunities! We recommend spending the fall traveling (perhaps abroad), participating in public service, working, doing research, etc. You may also choose to be a full-time or part-time student elsewhere. You are not expected to attend another college – all FYSA first-years are entitled to attend Cornell for four full years (8 semesters) and, if eligible, receive financial aid for 8 semesters. We understand that students will have different preferences, and the choice is yours.

Q6. What will my graduation date be?

A. Students starting in the spring semester will have a graduation date of January 2023. If you spend the fall semester in full-time study in an approved curriculum at another



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institution, you may be able to subsequently transfer in 12 or more of those college credits and could then choose to have your graduation date changed to May 2023. (AP or IB credits may not be used to change your graduation date in this way.) The College will be in touch with students who wish to pursue this option throughout the fall.

Q7. If I decide to take courses in the fall, do you have any suggestions?

A. It is strongly recommended that you attend a four-year liberal arts institution whose academic calendar is organized by semesters. In general, take courses that parallel what you would take as a first-semester freshman at Cornell, and remember that Arts & Sciences students often use their first year to explore a number of different subjects and majors. Please also refer to *“Guidelines for Choosing Courses at Other Institutions.”*

Q8. How do I know if I will receive Cornell credit for courses taken elsewhere?

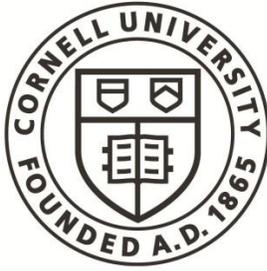
A. Courses taken elsewhere will be evaluated carefully for their content and degree of challenge. If those courses provide you with adequate preparation for advanced work here, then Cornell credit may be obtained – credit evaluations for these courses will be available in October.

Q9. Will the grades I receive at another college contribute to my grade point average at Cornell?

A. No. These courses are considered for credit toward the Cornell degree, but the grades earned are not averaged in.

Q10. Can I enroll in Cornell as an Extramural student in the fall or take Cornell online courses?

A. No. We do not believe that starting your Cornell experience as a non-matriculated student is in your best interests. You would not be eligible for on-campus housing, financial aid, an academic advisor, and many other benefits that matriculated students enjoy.



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Q11. Will I be at any disadvantage when it comes to registering for my spring semester courses at Cornell?

A. Absolutely not! You will pre-enroll for spring semester courses at the same time as fall semester first-years. The College will provide you with further information about procedures and course selection before pre-enrollment in November. After you arrive on campus and complete the Orientation program, you will review your course selections and class schedule with your faculty advisor. Like all students, you will have the opportunity to make changes to your schedule during the add/drop period at the start of the semester.

Q12. Will there be space for me in a residence hall in January?

A. Yes. The University guarantees on-campus housing for all matriculating FYSA students.

Q13. What will adjusting to Cornell be like? Will there be an Orientation program?

A. To make the transition to Cornell as smooth as possible, the College will send you information on a regular basis throughout the summer and fall. You will be assigned a peer advisor who can answer questions and share experiences even before you arrive – you can expect to hear from your peer advisor in October.

All FYSA students participate in a January Orientation program which is designed to help you navigate your new environment. The program will include not only an academic advising briefing, but social events and information about clubs to join as well. Your faculty advisor and regular advising dean will also be available for meetings starting in January.

Q14. Can I visit the campus before January?

A. Of course! Please do consider registering for Cornell Days, or visit us at any time this summer. We recommend you take a campus tour and attend a class or two. When you finalize your plans, please let us know you are coming to Ithaca by emailing the address below – we would like to see if a staff member in the admissions office is available to meet with you.

We hope you will choose to join the College of Arts & Sciences in January!

Still have questions?

Contact the College of Arts & Sciences at: as_fysa@cornell.edu.