Q1. **What is the First-Year Spring Admission program?**

A. The First-Year Spring Admission (FYSA) program is an opportunity for 125 freshmen to begin their Cornell experience in the spring. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) will welcome 30 students to the Cornell campus in January 2016.

Q2. **How were students selected for FYSA?**

A. FYSA is offered to a select number of exceptional first-year applicants whom we were unable to admit for the fall semester to due to housing constraints.

Q3. **What are my options for the fall?**

A. During the fall semester you could:
   - Take courses at another accredited institution.
   - Participate in an internship.
   - Travel.
   - Participate in a volunteer experience that will enrich your knowledge within your interest area.
   - Continue your summer employment or find a job opportunity related to your CALS major.

Q4. **If I decide to take courses in the fall, which courses should I take?**

A. Courses that would satisfy college distribution requirements would be a good choice. Key foundation courses by major are available here: [http://admissions.cals.cornell.edu/apply/transfer/requirements/](http://admissions.cals.cornell.edu/apply/transfer/requirements/). These courses can be taken at any accredited institution. If you have questions about fall coursework, please contact us. Note: FYSA students cannot take fall 2015 courses through the Cornell University School of Continuing Education.

Q5. **How will I know my fall semester course credits will transfer?**

A.

- CALS has agreements with many New York institutions that offer equivalent courses that will transfer to Cornell: [http://admissions.cals.cornell.edu/apply/transfer/transfer-agreements](http://admissions.cals.cornell.edu/apply/transfer/transfer-agreements)
- CALS transfer credit policy: [http://cals.cornell.edu/academics/registrar/policies/transfer-credit](http://cals.cornell.edu/academics/registrar/policies/transfer-credit)
- CALS Transfer Equivalency Database: [http://transferequiv.cals.cornell.edu/](http://transferequiv.cals.cornell.edu/)
- Note: [College credit earned in high school](http://transferequiv.cals.cornell.edu/) may not transfer to CALS.
Q6. Can I change my major?
A. After you are on campus, CALS will work with you if you are interested in changing your major. More information is available here: https://cals.cornell.edu/academics/advising/academic/majors-minors-transfers.

Q7. Can I graduate in May 2019 or will I need to wait until January 2020?
A. You can graduate in May of 2019 if you are able to meet your degree requirements within 3.5 years. You can accomplish this through one (or a combination) of the following:

• Use AP credit.
• Complete at least 18 credits each semester at Cornell.
• Take summer and/or winter courses.
• Enroll in fall 2015 semester courses at a different institution.

Q8. Will I have an advisor who can help me with spring semester course enrollment?
A. Yes; each student will be assigned an academic resource to help with spring enrollment selection.

Q9. Is there orientation for FYSA students?
A. Yes! January 2016 Orientation will be Thursday, January 21 through Tuesday, January 26.

Q10. Is there a way I can connect with other FYSA students?
A. Yes; you will be signed up for CALS Chatter, our online community, where you can connect with other FYSA students, current Cornell students, academic coordinators, staff, and faculty.

Stay in touch with us!
We look forward to assisting with your FYSA planning this year.

Questions? Please email our office at cals_admissions@cornell.edu or call us at (607) 255-2036.