

UNIVERSITY	Cornell University
	Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students
LOCATION	Ithaca, New York, USA
ACADEMICS	
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: August to December Spring Semester: January to May
	Exchange students are required to attend Cornell's <u>campus-wide orientation</u> . This orientation will review various campus policies and go over pertinent information needed for their time at Cornell. In addition, students can participate in college-specific orientation events.
	We recommend students arrive the night before orientation. Students should check with their housing provider regarding the earliest move-in date. It may be necessary to secure temporary housing for orientation purposes.
	Orientation typically falls on the Wednesday prior to the first day of instruction each term. The full calendar for Cornell University can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> .
Exchange Duration	One semester
Course Load	Exchange students on F-1 visas are required to maintain full-time status while studying in the United States. Students must enrol in a minimum of 12 credits per semester during the academic year and six credits during the summer. Most exchange students enrol in 14-16 per semester. Exceeding 16 credits is not recommended.
Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 (equivalent to 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA) with no grade below C.
Language Proficiency Requirements	Cornell can accept an official letter from NUS stating that students are proficient in English. NUS Registrar's Office sends this letter on students' behalf during the nomination process.
Course Catalogue	Course descriptions can be accessed through the <u>Courses of Study catalogue</u> . If students are applying before the upcoming year's course catalogue is published, refer to the most current version. Normally the course descriptions will indicate if they run in the following year.
	Actual course availability is listed in the <u>Course and Time Roster</u> . Note: the class roster for the appropriate semester may not be available at the time you are completing your application. Syllabi, if available, will appear in the roster (most do not).
	Students participating in the Exchange Programme in Cornell may take undergraduate courses from the following Colleges subject to pre-requisites and availability:
	<ul> <li>College of Agriculture and Life Sciences</li> <li>College of Architecture, Art, and Planning</li> <li>College of Arts and Sciences</li> </ul>



- College of Engineering
- College of Human Ecology
- School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR)
- Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, SC Johnson College of Business
- School of Hotel Administration, SC Johnson College of Business

## Course restrictions and pre-requisites

# IMPORTANT: Exchange students are unable to take courses in Computer Science (CS) or Information Science (INFO).

Only students in Business degree programmes can apply to the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management or the Nolan School of Hotel Administration as their Home College. Students accepted into other colleges may take business courses on a space-available basis.

Studio classes (architecture, art, design, and fashion) are only available through specific partner exchange agreements.

Courses that are only open to degree-seeking majors (i.e.: Dyson students only), including core or senior capstone courses, as well as first year writing seminars are not available to non-degree students. Graduate degree programmes and professional colleges and schools (Law, Veterinary Medicine, SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell Tech, Weill Cornell Medical School) are not included in university-wide or undergraduate college-specific exchange agreements.

Cornell cannot guarantee enrolment in any course. Enrolment permission is often subject to class size limitations, the consent of instructors, and demonstrated academic qualifications in the form of prerequisites.

#### **APPLICATION**

### **Procedures**

All NUS students must be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.

Nominated students will receive an e-mail from Cornell's Office of Global Learning with further instructions on accessing the online application.

The following documents must be submitted by the nominated student as part of the online application or in post-acceptance portal:

- Statement of purpose
- Course or research plan (if relevant)
- Transcripts of all undergraduate work (and graduate work if applicable)
- Scanned copy of passport
- Declaration of Finances (required Cornell form with bank letter or statement attached)

#### **Deadlines**

All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their Home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students must take note of the application deadline set by the host university.



Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

Cornell's application deadlines:

Fall Semester: March 15

Spring Semester: September 15

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

## **University Accommodation**

On-campus housing is limited and not guaranteed for visiting students.

- Fall semester: Finding housing can be very challenging as single-semester leases are typically not available (students seek "sublets" using Off-Campus Living database and other sources).
- Spring semester: Housing may be available on-campus and is generally easy to find off-campus.
- Full-year: Housing is available off-campus.

Note: Students should consider the risk of committing to housing before they have received admission notification from Cornell.

On-campus housing | Off-campus living

### VISA

# Consular/Visa Regulation

All exchange students who are not US citizens are required to have a student visa for their studies in the United States. Cornell's undergraduate admissions office will prepare necessary paperwork (I-20s) and the Office of Global Learning will provide information regarding student visa applications to all accepted exchange students.

All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email from their host university.

Some visa application can take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

### **SAFETY, HEALTH & MEDICAL INSURANCE**

## Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the <u>university health insurance and the</u> blanket travel insurance.

All students are enrolled in <u>Cornell's Student Health Insurance</u>. This is mandatory and cannot be waived by international students unless they are covered by an acceptable U.S. employer-based health insurance plan.

All students must show <u>proof of immunizations</u> prior as part of the new student on-boarding process. See also information on <u>COVID</u>.

In addition, students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.



Emergency info	The <u>Cornell Police</u> (607-255-1111) provide 24/7 emergency services information for students on campus. Cornell maintains a robust <u>Emergency Management</u> website with information and contact information to address many types of emergencies.	
COST OF LIVING		
Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	Please keep in mind tuition fees are waived for exchange students. For more information on financial matters, please refer to the following link.	