### Information for Students

| **A. University** | Cornell University - College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALS)  
http://www.cornell.edu | Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students |
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<td><strong>B. Location</strong></td>
<td>Ithaca, New York, USA</td>
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<td><strong>C. Academics</strong></td>
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| i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer | Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.  
Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan. |
| ii) Academic Calendar | Semester 1 (Fall): August to December  
Semester 2 (Spring): January to May  
https://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/ |
| iii) Exchange Duration | One semester |
| iv) Examination | Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period. |
| v) Curriculum Structure | A minimum of 12 academic credits per semester is required to be a full-time student in good academic standing. |
| vi) Entry Requirements | CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C |
| vii) Language Proficiency Requirements | English  
Regarding English Language Proficiency Cornell have advised they can accept an official letter from NUS stating that the students are proficient in English. NUS Registrar’s Office will send this letter on each nominated student’s behalf. |
| viii) Modules Compatibility | College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALS) is Cornell’s second-largest undergraduate college and the third-largest college of its kind in the United States. CALS is primarily suited for FoS students, but has limited offerings in FASS (Applied Economics, Communication and Developmental Sociology) and FoE (Biological and Environmental Engineering). For more information, please refer to the following link:  
https://cals.cornell.edu/academics/departments-majors/ |
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<th>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</th>
<th>Exchange students should take at least two courses in CALS and may pre-enrol for undergraduate courses offered at Cornell University. IMPORTANT: Exchange students should always select alternative courses when they pre-enrol. Course availability cannot be guaranteed and course offerings are always subject to change. Course Roster: <a href="https://classes.cornell.edu/browse/roster/SP20">https://classes.cornell.edu/browse/roster/SP20</a></th>
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D. Application

i) Procedures

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

The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.

Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

ii) 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 have to 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.

E. Accommodation

i) University Accommodation

On-campus Housing:
Students planning on studying at Cornell for a single semester, who have a choice of which semester to arrive, are strongly recommended to arrive in the spring (January). In addition to more housing availability, there are many benefits to studying at Cornell in the spring, including an exciting orientation program comprised of mostly exchange and transfer students. On-campus housing is always full during the fall semester. If students plan on arriving in the fall, they are encouraged to complete their housing application as soon as they receive their applicant ID or activate your NetID. In the past Cornell have been able to secure housing for all incoming students in the fall, but they cannot guarantee it. For all Cornell housing, you will be billed by the Bursar’s Office. Consider your housing carefully before signing a housing contract; this a binding agreement for the academic year. If you are only here for one semester, your contract will be canceled at the end of your semester; you will not be billed for the entire year.

Off-campus Housing:
Students sometimes consider living off-campus in an apartment or shared house. This is difficult to plan before you arrive, but not impossible; please
refer to the [Off campus Housing Office webpage](#) to find out more information. Be aware that off campus housing has no affiliation with Cornell University housing; so exchange students are expected to find their own housing, and are responsible for any legal contract (lease), and must arrange their own payment to the landlord.

**Temporary Campus Housing:**
Can be arranged for students who want to look for housing off-campus. Interested students should contact the Housing Office.

### F. Visa

**Consular/Visa Regulation**

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 processes 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.

You will need a valid passport and student visa to enter the United States. Once accepted to the program and your file has been processed by admissions, you will receive a DS-2019 Form which is required to apply for your J-1 visa.

### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

**i) Health/Medical Insurance**

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link:

[http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html)

For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf](http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf)

If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.

*Because Cornell University requires that all students must have adequate health insurance coverage, all students (including exchange students) are automatically enrolled in and billed for Cornell’s Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). However, if students provide documentation to SHIP that their health insurance coverage meets the criteria listed below, they may submit an application to the SHIP office to waive (cancel) SHIP. The SHIP office determines if you will be approved to waive SHIP coverage--our office has no involvement with this.*

*Students are required to get immunizations before exchange semester begins.*
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<th>ii) Emergency Number at host university</th>
<th><a href="https://www.cupolice.cornell.edu/">https://www.cupolice.cornell.edu/</a></th>
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**H. Cost of Living**

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<th>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</th>
<th>For more information on financial matters, please refer to the following link. Please keep in mind tuition fees are waived for exchange students. <a href="https://finaid.cornell.edu/cost-attend">https://finaid.cornell.edu/cost-attend</a></th>
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