

Information for Students

<p>A. University</p>	<p>Cornell University - College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALs)</p> <p>http://www.cornell.edu Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students</p>
<p>B. Location</p>	<p>Ithaca, New York, USA</p>
<p>C. Academics</p>	
<p>i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer</p>	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your SEP. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you develop your Study Plan.</p>
<p>ii) Academic Calendar</p>	<p>Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May</p> <p>https://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/</p> <p>Students are required to attend the Incoming Exchange Orientation. This orientation will review various campus policies and go over pertinent information needed for their time at Cornell. There will be a welcome lunch prior to the orientation session to socialize, get to know one another and their exchange coordinators. There are also a few campus-wide sessions students must attend (required for all students). A detailed schedule will be sent prior to the start of the semester.</p> <p>We recommend students arrive the night before orientation. Students should check with their housing provider to ask about the earliest move-in date. It may be necessary to secure temporary housing for orientation purposes.</p> <p>Orientation dates: Fall Term: Typically the Wednesday prior to the first day of instruction Spring Term: Typically the Wednesday prior to the first day of instruction</p>
<p>iii) Exchange Duration</p>	<p>One semester</p>
<p>iv) Examination</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>v) Curriculum Structure</p>	<p>All Exchange students must take at least 12 credits per semester at Cornell in order to maintain their visa status. The maximum number of credits is 18, although most students enroll in 14-16 per semester. Exceeding 16 credits is not recommended for exchange students.</p>

<p>vi) Entry Requirements</p>	<p>CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 (equivalent to 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA) with no grade below C</p>
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>English</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>viii) Modules Compatibility</p>	<p>College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CAL S) is Cornell’s second-largest undergraduate college and the third-largest college of its kind in the United States. CAL S is primarily suited for FoS students, but has limited offerings for FASS (Applied Economics, Communication and Developmental Sociology) and FoE (Biological and Environmental Engineering) majors as well. For more information, please refer to the following link: https://cals.cornell.edu/academics/departments-majors/</p> <p>CAL S Exchange students must take the majority (minimum of two-thirds) of credits at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S). For the CAL S exchange, this does not include courses with the prefix AEM.</p> <p>Please look for courses with the following prefixes: AGSCI; AIS; ALS; ANSC; BEE; BIOG; BIOAP; BIOBM; BIOEE; BIOGD; BIOMI; BIONB; BIOPL; BIOSM; BTRY; COMM; CSS; DSOC; EAS; EDUC; ENTOM; FDSC; HORT; IARD; INFO; LA; NS; NTRES; PLBR; PLPA; SES; SNES; and TOX.</p>
<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Cornell cannot guarantee enrollment in any course. Enrollment permission is often subject to class size limitations, the consent of instructors, and demonstrated academic qualifications in the form of prerequisites. Some courses require one or many prerequisites. If students have not already taken the equivalent prerequisites in their home institution, they will not be able to register in these courses.</p> <p>Exchange students should always select alternative courses when they pre-enrol. Course availability cannot be guaranteed and course offerings are always subject to change.</p> <p>Course Roster: https://classes.cornell.edu/browse/roster/SP20</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Once nominated, students will receive an email from Jess Hawkey, Assistant Director (Exchange Coordinator) at Cornell CAL S, with an</p>

	<p>application link and instructions. Students will need to prepare and provide the following documents to include in the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcripts • Copy or image of the first page of their passport • Passports must be valid for at least six months past a student’s date of departure from the US. If a student needs to renew their passport, they should do this as soon as possible. Students may upload their current passport for purposes of application review if it needs renewed. If students do not have a passport, they may upload proof they have applied for a passport. Passport information will be needed to complete the admissions process. • Declaration of Finances. Students must show they can support themselves while living in the US for studies. The Declaration of Finances form will be emailed to students once it is finalized. Detailed instructions are within the application. • Language proficiency exam results if English is not a student’s first language or the medium language of instruction used at the host university. • Personal statement (500 words telling us why Cornell, why it’s a good fit, and how Cornell will fit into curriculum and career goals). • Course selection (list 10 courses of interest at Cornell). <p>Acceptance letters will be sent after application reviews. Applications will be reviewed within one week of the application deadline. Within the application there is a section titled “Learning Content”. This section contains helpful pre-departure information to prepare students for their time at Cornell. Students may return to their application at any time. Visit experience.cornell.edu, and in the upper right corner, choose “dashboard” and login as a non-Cornell user. Use the email and password used to start the application. On the left of the screen go to “my applications”. Choose that option the application should be listed. If it is not, contact Jess Hawkey as soon as possible.</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cornel CALS application deadlines:</p> <p>Fall semester/Academic Year: April 1st</p>

	Spring semester: October 1 st
E. Accommodation	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>University Housing:</p> <p>In recent years, Cornell has experienced an increased demand for on-campus housing, and as a result, on-campus housing is not usually available for incoming exchange students. In the fall semester, there are usually no on-campus housing vacancies for exchange students—in rare cases, a few vacancies may become available—and in the spring semester, if any on-campus housing vacancies become available for exchange students, they will be very limited. In either case, exchange students would not be notified of any possible on-campus housing vacancies until very late, and <u>exchange students should not apply for on-campus housing unless they are notified that there are some vacancies available</u>. If on-campus housing becomes available, the Exchange Coordinator will contact students directly. Some students have been able to find housing in an alternative form of on-campus housing run by students called cooperative housing, but if any vacancies are available, they will also be very limited: http://living.cornell.edu/live/wheretolive/co-ops/index.cfm.</p> <p>Exchange Housing Program: We know finding a place to live in an unfamiliar city can be stressful, especially when trying to do so from another country. Therefore, for convenience, Cornell has established an exchange housing program to help incoming exchange students with their search for housing. Collegetown Terrace (vetted and viewed by Cornell staff) has an agreement with the Office of Global Learning to assist in placing incoming exchange students in apartments located just down the hill from the main campus area. Students can reach campus by bus (free) or within 15 minutes by walking. The apartments are fully furnished, include free wi-fi, on-site fitness, and in-apartment laundry. Rent for these apartments is billed to students Cornell account and there is no 12 month lease required.</p> <p>Off-Campus Housing: Students may choose to find their own housing off-campus. Incoming exchange students who wish to search for their own off-campus accommodation should refer to the resources listed in the learning content pages of their application. Exchange students should begin their search right away, and they should be aware that it is difficult to find one-semester leases near campus in the fall in comparison to the spring when there are usually quite a few sublets available. As a part of the application, students will receive more detailed information regarding the Exchange Housing program (application process, costs, etc.) and resources and tips to finding off-campus housing if preferred.</p>

F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	<p>All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they receive the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance	
i) Health/Medical Insurance	<p>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: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester.</p> <p>In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university.</p> <p><i>For CALS, 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.</i></p> <p><i>Students are required to get immunizations before exchange semester begins.</i></p>
ii) Emergency info	https://www.cupolice.cornell.edu/
H. Cost of Living	
i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	<p>For more information on financial matters, please refer to the following link. Please keep in mind tuition fees are waived for exchange students. https://finaid.cornell.edu/cost-attend</p>