

Information for Students

A. University	Cornell University - College of Human Ecology (CHE) http://www.cornell.edu Exchange Program Application Process Exchange Program Cornell College of Human Ecology
B. Location	Ithaca, New York, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<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>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May</p> <p>https://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/</p>
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	https://www.human.cornell.edu/academics/policies/requirements
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 (equivalent to 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA) 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	Cornell CHE cannot accept students who do not have a firm interest in Human Ecology, their academic departments include design and environmental analysis, human development, nutritional sciences, policy analysis and management, and fiber science and apparel design. Cornell CHE expects exchange students to take 50% of their coursework in these academic departments.
ix) Module restrictions	Please see the class roster for reference at https://classes.cornell.edu

<p>and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Please note that the lists are subject to change. Lists for previous semesters are available from the dropdown list in the upper right of the page.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Students are to write down subjects they are interested on the application form, yet it is only an 'indication of interest', even if the application is approved, it does not mean the subjects indicated on the application form are approved. Students will be asked to submit their choices for actual subject registration at a later date (dates to be confirmed in the admission letter) when the timetable is released and the list of subjects is finalized. Therefore, students are advised to identify as many suitable subjects as possible so that they can revise their subject selection easily if those they are interested in are not available.</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>Acceptance guidelines for the Human Ecology Exchange Programme.</p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a UG student from one of our exchange partner universities. • have a minimum cumulative GPA equivalent to a U.S. 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (above average grades). • have completed at least three full-time semesters (one and one half years) of college/university level studies and must continue to assume this status throughout your intended duration of study at Cornell under the exchange program. • refer to our areas of study to ensure your academic interest relates to the mission of the college. These include Biology and Society, Design + Environmental Analysis, Human Biology Health and Society, Human Development, Nutritional Sciences, Policy Analysis and Management and Fiber Science &Apparel Design. For a complete list of fields of study offered at Human Ecology, please visit each department's website for available courses. • be proficient in the English language. Unless explicitly waived by the Human Ecology Exchange Office, you are required to submit either the Test of English as a Foreign Language [TOEFL] or the International English Language Testing System [IELTS] if you are from a non-English medium institution; and/or your first language is not English. • be recommended by your home institution/university.

	<p>If you meet the above guidelines and you wish to apply for the Human Ecology Exchange Program, you must be currently enrolled at one of our exchange partner universities and be nominated by your home university. Please contact the relevant office at your university which is responsible for student exchange programs to determine your eligibility.</p> <p>Cornell CHE Application Deadlines: Fall semester - March 15th; Spring semester - September 15th.</p> <p>What you'll need to apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Exchange Student Application Form: Typed, and signed by you and your home university.(Obtain from your home university exchange coordinator.) • Declaration of Finances Form (2R): Must be correctly completed or application cannot be processed.(Obtain from your home university exchange coordinator.) • Letters of Reference: Provide 2 letters of reference from professors, lecturers, or employers, explaining your readiness to represent your university as an exchange student at Cornell University. If English is not your native language, the letters of reference should include his/her general impression of your readiness to study in a fast-paced English-speaking environment. • Personal statement: Tell us why you want to spend a semester or year studying at Cornell University as a Human Ecology Student. Include personal characteristics, contributions you can make, personal benefits you anticipate, and how studying at Human Ecology fits into your curriculum and career. • Most recent official transcript(s) with an official grading system explanation: Official seal of your home institution should be included. • Official score of a recognized Language Proficiency Test, if required. • Passport: Include a copy of the passport (personal information pages) on which you intend to travel to the United States. If you also have a U.S. passport, please provide that copy also. Make sure that your Passport(s) will not expire while you are in the United States. <p>All materials must be submitted by your home university exchange coordinator.</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>E. Accommodation</p>	
<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 CHE, 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>