WARMLY WELCOMING YOU TO CORNELL

January Orientation
JANUARY 21-26, 2016

Cornell University
Important Dates

New Students Move into Residence Halls: 9:00am–12:00pm, Thursday, January 21
Meal Plan Dining Begins: 4:30pm, Thursday, January 21
New Student Orientation Begins: 7:30pm, Thursday, January 21–Tuesday, January 26
New Student Check-In: 9:00am, Friday, January 22
Instruction Begins: Wednesday, January 27
February Break Begins: Saturday, February 13
Instruction Resumes: Wednesday, February 17
Spring Break Begins: Saturday, March 26
Instruction Resumes: Monday, April 4
Last Day of Classes: Wednesday, May 11
Study Period: Thursday, May 12–Sunday, May 15
Scheduled Exams: Monday, May 16–Thursday, May 19
Study Day: Friday, May 20
Scheduled Exams: Saturday, May 21–Tuesday, May 24
Residence Halls Close: 2:00pm, Wednesday, May 25
Meal Plan Dining Ends: 2:00pm, Wednesday, May 25
Parents’ Weekend: Friday, October 21–Sunday, October 23, 2016

Questions? Contact Us!

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dos.cornell.edu/orientation
We’ve Been Waiting for You

We, the 2016 Orientation Steering Committee, are pleased to welcome you to Cornell University! Our goal is to provide you with an orientation program that helps you integrate into the Cornell University community. We look forward to the challenge of meeting your every need during Orientation so you can get ready to tackle your collegiate career at Cornell.

We understand your feelings of excitement and that nervous energy you are probably experiencing as well. We, along with 28 January Orientation Leaders (JOLs), will be your guides to Cornell University life and the first of many friendly faces you will see when you get here. We are pleased to welcome you to campus and to provide you with an orientation program that includes interaction with faculty, staff, current students, and more. We will help you meet new people, learn about campus, and become an expert about your new community.

This booklet will be your road map. It is filled with important information to help you make the most of your transition. Welcome to Cornell!

The 2016 Orientation Steering Committee

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Welcome to Your ORIENTATION

All January students are invited to participate in six days and six nights of events and activities. You are required to attend all programs in your college, as well as several university programs. The January Orientation Leaders (JOLs) will accompany you to many of the afternoon and evening events, where you will be provided with invaluable information.

PLOT YOUR COURSE
Your time here at Cornell University is precious; use it wisely, and be proactive with regard to your specific needs. Consider what you want to be a part of while you are here. Will you be active in athletics? How about community service? Are you looking for research opportunities? Does participation in student government interest you? All of these opportunities are within your grasp. It is up to you to ask questions, seek out information, and take full advantage of the programs offered during orientation week and beyond.

HOW TO USE YOUR JANUARY ORIENTATION LEADERS (JOLS)
Each new student is assigned to a January Orientation Leader (JOL)—an upper-level student in your college. If you are a transfer student, your JOL also transferred into Cornell and is in your college. Your JOL will accompany you and your orientation group to orientation activities and help you make the adjustment to Cornell University. Take the time to meet these student volunteers and learn from them. They can provide invaluable information and direction: professors you might want to meet, how to prepare for your prelims, where to hang out, how to get involved, the quietest places to study, and much more. At your first orientation event, Taste of Ithaca, on Thursday night (see page 6), you will meet your JOL and other new students. If you have any questions about your JOL assignment, please contact the Office of Residential and New Student Programs at 607.255.5808.

USING THIS GUIDE WITH THE CAMPUS MAP
We’ve made it easy to find the location of events. Each event listing includes a letter and number (e.g., B7) after the location of the event. Using those coordinates, reference the grid on the border of the map on pages 36 and 37 of this guide, and voilà! If you need any assistance with creating your daily schedule or finding where an event is located, don’t hesitate to ask your JOL or any faculty or staff member on campus.

Important! Deadline for Registration
All students must register by February 19, 2016. To complete the registration process, students must:

• Settle all financial accounts. Any bill not paid by January 7, 2016, will automatically be assessed a finance charge by the University Bursar’s Office, 260 Day Hall, 607.255.2336, uco-bursar@cornell.edu, bursar.cornell.edu.

• Satisfy New York State health requirements. For more information, see page 4.

• Clear any holds, whether from your college, Gannett Health Services, or the Bursar’s Office.

After February 19, 2016, unregistered students will lose access to university services and will be charged a $350 late fee. After March 4, 2016, the late fee is $500.

Confirm your spring 2016 registration status at studentessentials.cornell.edu beginning January 11, 2016.
A NOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
International Student Orientation • isso.cornell.edu • B5

International students are encouraged to attend the International Student Orientation on Thursday, January 21, from 1:30pm–4:30pm in the Memorial Room in Willard Straight Hall. This orientation is for all incoming international undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Essential immigration and legal information, guidelines on health and safety, and tips for academic success will be provided. Come and meet other new international students, and receive a warm welcome from student volunteers who are prepared to share their experiences at Cornell.

Schedule:
1:30pm–2:30pm: Welcome and Icebreaker, ISSO Services, Programs, Immigration Regulations, Maintaining Status, Taxes, and Academic Issues
2:30pm–3:30pm: Understanding Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities, and Staying Safe
3:30pm–4:30pm: Adapting to Cornell—Maintaining Physical and Mental Health

All new international students in F1 visa status and new international students in J1 student visa status whose DS-2019 was issued by Cornell must complete the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) check-in procedure after you have entered the U.S. in F1 or J1 student status and no later than 30 days after the start date on your I-20 or DS-2019. If you do not complete the check-in procedure, you may lose your valid immigration status in the U.S. See details at isso.cornell.edu/students/new-student-visas/isso-check.

A NOTE FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS
On Tuesday, January 26, please join us for an event specifically for nontraditional students. Take this opportunity to meet current nontraditional students and learn more about Cornell. For a full description, please see page 11 in this guide. As a nontraditional student, it is important to learn from other students who have been in your shoes. In addition to the event on Tuesday, January 26, please join the listserv nontrad-L@cornell.edu by sending an email to nontrad-L-request@cornell.edu with “join” in the subject line.
TO DO LIST
The first thing all new students should do is visit newstudents.cornell.edu. This website provides everything you need to know and do before coming to Cornell. It contains a personalized To Do List so you can stay on top of everything in advance of your arrival.

WHAT TO BRING
Here are some additional Cornell basics:

• Warm clothes, layers, and an umbrella
  Be prepared for Ithaca’s ever-changing weather and overheated academic buildings. Many students think a strong umbrella and a pair of rain boots are necessities.

• Social Security card and birth certificate (originals only)
  You will need them if you want to work on campus.

• At least one dressy outfit

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Health History Form
Deadline: December 18, 2015 • Penalty: see details below
All new January entrants at Cornell should have submitted their completed electronic and paper Health History forms by December 18, 2015. Upon receipt of your printed form, Cornell’s Gannett Health Services will review your Health History form to make sure you have met all New York State and Cornell University requirements.* If your form does not demonstrate full compliance by January 8, 2016, you will not be registered and you will be charged a $100 late fee. For assistance meeting any outstanding requirements, call Gannett Health Services at 607.255.4364 as soon as possible to set up a requirements appointment. For more information, visit gannett.cornell.edu.

*Note to affected international students: your TB screening test must be completed after arrival and is not subject to the late penalties.

Health Coverage
Deadline for SHP waiver: February 2, 2016 • Billing date: December 11, 2015 (reimbursed to those with accepted waiver applications)
Cornell’s Student Health Plan (SHP) provides comprehensive health coverage for students and eligible dependents. Per Cornell policy, students are enrolled automatically in the SHP each year unless they have alternate health insurance meeting Cornell’s requirements. Those who choose to waive SHP must file an online application (studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu) by February 2, 2016. After the deadline, SHP enrollment may not be cancelled, except as allowed by policy guidelines. Students who waive SHP enrollment pay a student health fee that provides prepaid access to care at Gannett Health Services and helps support campus health initiatives. Please visit studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu or contact the Office of Student Health Benefits at 607.255.6363 for more information about requirements, waivers, or health coverage.
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Your Journey Begins . . .
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

This section is a comprehensive guide to all scheduled events during Orientation. Remember, you are required to attend all scheduled events and activities within your college; see pages 14 to 20.

9:00am–12:00pm • Move-In
Students should plan to move into their residence halls between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Thursday, January 21. Orientation volunteers will help you move your belongings and answer any questions that you may have. Plan on picking up your key to your room at your service center before heading over to your residence hall. More information about the location of your service center can be found at dos.cornell.edu/orientation. If you are living off campus, we also recommend moving in on Thursday so you can attend A Taste of Ithaca at 7:30pm that evening.

1:30pm–4:30pm • International Student Orientation • Memorial Room, fourth floor, Willard Straight Hall • B5
See page 3 for description.

7:30pm–10:30pm • First Night: A Taste of Ithaca • second floor, Physical Sciences Building Atrium • CD4
Do you like food? Curious about the food Ithaca has to offer? Want to find the best restaurant in town? Sample a wide variety of local Ithaca cuisine and food favorites from the Ithaca area. Enjoy great food, meet other new students, and have your first meeting with your January Orientation Leader.

FOR FAMILIES

Thursday • 7:30pm • Parents’ Welcome Event • Memorial Room, fourth floor, Willard Straight Hall • B5

We invite parents and family members to join us for a welcome reception featuring a fireside chat with Dr. Christine Schelhas-Miller, retired Human Development faculty member and author of Don’t Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years. Dr. Schelhas-Miller will provide some humorous and helpful tips on navigating your relationship with your college student. In addition, university administrators will be available to answer questions about transitioning to Cornell. Light hors d’oeuvres will be provided.
9:00am–11:00am • New Student Check-In and Coffee Hour • throughout the fourth floor, Willard Straight Hall • B5
You are required to attend New Student Check-In in the Memorial Room to verify your matriculation and registration requirements. Please arrive anytime between 9:00am and 10:30am as representatives from across campus will also be available to answer questions and to better acquaint you with university services. Coffee and a light breakfast will be available for students and parents throughout the fourth floor of Willard Straight Hall.

11:30am–5:30pm • Required Academic Meetings • locations vary
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3:00pm–4:30pm • Winter Boot Camp • Memorial Room, fourth floor, Willard Straight Hall • B5
Feeling unprepared for winter? Don’t worry, Winter Boot Camp will get you squared away! Come enjoy our hot chocolate bar and hear some advice from current students about making the most of the wintry weather.

4:30pm–5:30pm • Getting to Know Your Residential Community • Auditorium, second floor, 205 Robert Purcell Community Center • E1
All new first-year students (FYSA) are required to attend this event. Learn everything you need to know about living in a residence hall on North Campus and meet your RAs before heading to dinner upstairs in Robert Purcell.

5:30pm–7:30pm • Welcome Dinner • Becker House Dining Room, Becker House • A4 or Robert Purcell Marketplace Eatery, third floor, Robert Purcell Community Center • E1
Join us for an evening of delicious food and new friends at one of Cornell’s fantastic dining halls as we welcome you to Cornell! Join us on West Campus in the Becker House Dining Room or on North Campus in the Robert Purcell Marketplace Eatery. If you don’t have a meal plan, don’t worry, we’ve got you covered at the door. Students living in the Collegetown area and West Campus are encouraged to go to Becker House. FYSAs and students living on North Campus are encouraged to go to RPCC.

7:00pm • Big Red Hockey Game: Cornell vs. Dartmouth • Lynah Rink • E5
Come to Lynah Rink and cheer on the Big Red against Dartmouth and learn some great Cornell hockey traditions. Tickets are free, so come and show some Big Red spirit! Sign up for a ticket at Taste of Ithaca on Thursday night.

9:00pm–11:00pm • Starry Night: Visit Cornell’s Observatory • Fuertes Observatory, North Campus • F3
Star light, star bright, how many stars will you see tonight? If you come to the observatory, you can see a sky full of stars and experience looking through Irv, our historic telescope. Hot chocolate will be provided, but warm clothes will not—please dress warmly as you will spend part of the evening outside on the roof.
10:30am–11:30am • Coffee Hour • Café Jennie, The Cornell Store • C5
Visit Café Jennie in The Cornell Store for free coffee and hot chocolate! Join in on casual conversation with both new and current students to discuss life at Cornell.

11:00am • Everything You Need to Know About Textbooks • The Cornell Store • C5
Learn all of the tricks and secrets to successful textbook shopping from where to find the best prices to how to use a personalized textbook consultant. Come prepared to browse or shop—after the session, assistance with textbook shopping at The Cornell Store will be available.

1:00pm • Getting Around Campus: TCAT Buses • Kaufman Auditorium, G64 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
“Baby it’s cold outside”—BUT don’t worry; every new Cornell student has a FREE bus pass! Come to this interactive session to learn how to use the TCAT bus system. We will teach you how to go everywhere you need to go including to all your classes and the greater Ithaca community.

1:00pm • Sledding at Taughannock State Park • Pick up the shuttle at Baker Flagpole • B4 (West Campus) or Donlon Circle • E2 (North Campus)
Do you want to build a snowman? Join other new students for some fun in the snow at one of Ithaca’s favorite sledding hills! Pickups will begin at 1:00pm at Baker Flagpole and Donlon Circle. We will provide the sleds. The last pickup will be at 1:30pm. Dress warmly!

3:00pm–5:00pm • Cornell Essentials • 132 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Hear from upper-level students and alumni about their own introduction to Cornell. Learn how to navigate the university, deal with setbacks, find balance, and take advantage of the multitude of campus resources available. All new students must attend this event.

5:30pm–7:30pm • Etiquette Dinner • Becker Dining Room, West Campus • A4
Meet us in Becker Dining Room for an introduction to etiquette and fun conversation! If you don’t have a meal swipe, it is on us. This will be a great way to learn about common etiquette expectations, practice networking, and meet fellow students.

5:30pm–7:30pm • FYSA Dinner • Robert Purcell Marketplace Eatery, third floor, Robert Purcell Community Center • E1
We don’t always offer free dinners, but when we do, don’t miss it—this may be the most interesting dinner in the world. Dine with Cornell students and enjoy a free and hearty dinner with friends. If you don’t have a meal swipe, it is on us.

8:00pm–10:00pm • Carnival • Noyes Gym, Noyes Recreation Center • B5
Join us at Noyes and show off your Big Red spirit! You can bounce on giant inflatables, play fun carnival games, and take pictures in a photo booth. You’ll have a chance to receive free giveaways from the Cornell Store and eat snow cones, cotton candy, and more. For those who live on North Campus, shuttles will leave from the circle right outside the Robert Purcell Community Center (RPCC) on the second floor. Feel free to wait with your JOLs inside RPCC.
10:00am • Breakfast • Robert Purcell Marketplace Eatery, third floor, Robert Purcell Community Center • E1
Enjoy pancakes, waffles, hot chocolate, and more. Stop by with your friends for a FREE and hearty breakfast to kick off your day. Side effects may include happiness, energy, satisfaction, and lots of fun!

11:00am • Study Smarter, Not Harder • Lewis Auditorium, G76 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Are you ready to conquer procrastination and stress while maximizing your learning experience? Join the Learning Strategy Center’s Mike Chen and learn how to make the most of your study skills. Get ahead of the game!

1:00pm–2:30pm • Healthy Relationships at Cornell • 132 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
A student panel will share real student experiences about diverse healthy relationships, consent, and options for positive bystander intervention. The program will also introduce students to the many resources at Cornell. All new students must attend this event.

3:00pm • Explore Downtown Ithaca • Meet at the Risley • C3 or Schwartz Center • B6-7 Bus Stops
Haven’t had the chance to explore downtown Ithaca yet? Come join us for a trip to the Ithaca Commons and enjoy a free movie at our local independent movie theatre, Cinemapolis, and sip rich coffee and espresso drinks courtesy of Gimme! Coffee, our local coffee shop. The Commons is the award-winning pedestrian mall in Ithaca, with a wide variety of restaurants and shops. Meet us at the Risley bus stop or at the Schwartz Center in Collegetown on the half hour to take TCAT Bus Route 30 and get off at the Green Street stop. Cinemapolis is right across the street. Check with your JOL for specifics about show times during Orientation.

3:00pm • Laser Tag • Meet on second floor of Robert Purcell Community Center • E1
Calling all First Years! Your entrance to campus couldn’t be better timed: there’s an alien invasion and we need your help. Join your fellow first years at Barskis Xtreme Lazer Tag to help the cause. So grab a LASER, get in position, and get ready to defend your alma mater. Meet on the second floor of Robert Purcell Community Center to get the shuttle at the RPCC traffic circle.

6:30pm • NFL Championship Game • 101 Robert Purcell Community Center • E1
Sports? Indeed. Always. Come by to watch the NFC championship game and enjoy some free food.

7:30pm • Bowling • Helen Newman Hall Bowling Center • E3
Tonight, no pin shall be spared! Join your January Orientation Leaders for bowling with pizza and refreshments. You might find that it is right up your alley.

9:00pm • Beach Party • second floor, Physical Sciences Building Atrium • C4
Come join us at one of the biggest orientation events of the week as we turn Cornell Orientation into a beach party! Join us for free food and other tropical refreshments, as well as games, activities, and music. Bring your best tropical gear for our best-dressed competition. Also, make sure to come and get your FREE class T-shirt, with the option to tie-dye it.
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11:00am • Cornell's History and Traditions • Lewis Auditorium, G76 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Curious about the fascinating history of Cornell and its many unique traditions? Join Corey Ryan Earle ’07, who teaches a one-credit course on Cornell history (AMST 2001), and hear about the brain collection, the clock tower pumpkin, Touchdown the bear, famous (and infamous) alumni, and more. Bring your questions on anything and everything related to Cornell.

1:00pm–2:00pm • First-Year Writing Seminar Consultation • 174 Rockefeller Hall • C4
This consultation will provide students with the chance to learn if their writing skills meet the expectations of the First-Year Writing Seminar Program. If you are unsure about whether you are prepared for college-level writing, come to this session to have your writing evaluated by an experienced writing instructor.

3:00pm • Career Services at Cornell • 228 Mallott Hall • D4
Looking for information on how to start searching for jobs and internships? Have you been introduced to the Handshake platform yet? Come to this Career Services information session to find out what resources Cornell has to offer.

3:00pm • 161 Things • 3330 Tatkon Center • D2
From tasting Cornell Dairy ice cream to climbing the 161 clock-tower steps, it is a tradition that every Cornellian ends up completing at least some of these activities on the list of 161 Things Every Cornellian Should Do. Come mingle with other new students and have the opportunity to check off some of the first of many activities on the list. We will be providing food and activities to help you get closer to completing these 161 things, as well as giving tips on how you can cross even more off the list throughout your orientation experience!

4:30pm • Learning Where You Live • 3331 Tatkon Center • D2
Want to take a small class where you get to know the professor and the other students? Curious to learn a subject that has nothing to do with your intended major? Want to explore a really interesting subject without the pressure of grades? Come check out a few of the one-credit courses being taught on North Campus this year. Dinner provided!

5:30pm–7:30pm • Professor Dinner • Bethe Dining Room, West Campus • B6
Feel like you are ready to start classes and aren’t willing to wait the next two days? Want to get a leg up and know your professors personally before classes start? At Professor Dinner, you will be able to meet and connect with current professors of many colleges excited to meet new students. Join us for a delicious meal over great conversation at Bethe Dining Room. Meals will be provided for those not on the meal plan.

9:30pm • Casino Night • Bear's Den, third floor, Willard Straight Hall • B5
Feeling lucky? Play a few games of Blackjack, Texas hold 'em, and Roulette against your friends and win prizes. You can bet that you don’t want to miss this evening!
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11:00am • Greenhouses Tour • Meet in front of Robert Purcell Community Center • E1 or at Baker Flag Pole • B5 for pickup
Does this Ithaca cold have you down? Join us on a tour of Cornell’s wonderfully warm greenhouses on campus and be transported to a tropical world of greenery! Learn about the nationally top-ranked plant breeding program and sustainability efforts at Cornell.

12:00pm–2:00pm • First-Year Writing Seminar Transfer Credit Consultation • 101 McGraw Hall • BC4
Interested in learning if writing courses you’ve taken at other institutions can be used for your college’s writing requirement? Drop in to meet with David Faulkner, the director of the First-Year Writing Seminar and learn more about transferring these credits.

1:30pm–3:30pm • Swim Tests • Teagle Hall Pool • D5
See pages 30 and 31 for more information.

4:00pm • Housing Information Session • 132 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Curious about where to live in Ithaca next year? Whether you plan to stay on campus or make the move off campus, come learn about all available options.

5:00pm–6:00pm • Nontraditional Student Meet and Greet • Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI), 200 Computing and Communications Center (CCC Building) • D4
Join fellow nontraditional students in getting an insider’s view of Cornell at this relaxed meet and greet where current nontraditional students will be on hand to chat and share their experiences about student life, campus, and the local Ithaca community. Learn more about the student organization focused on nontraditional students on campus (NCOSU) and OADI’s Trailblazers Program, which supports students who are adult learners, veteran/military-affiliated, parents, commuters, part-time or full-time employed, or financially independent.

5:30pm • FYSA Class Photo • Physical Sciences Building entrance • C4
Walk over to the entrance of the Physical Sciences Building and we will take your FYSA Class Photo! Don’t miss taking this photo with all of your new friends. After the photo, orientation group meetings will continue on Central Campus.

8:00pm • Transfer Student Panel • Carl Becker Common Room • A4
Come join us for last-minute tips, tricks, and advice from a diverse successful panel of fellow transfer students! Refreshments will be served and fun is guaranteed.
1:00pm • Clubfest • Barton Hall • D5
With over 1,000 student organizations on campus, there is something for everyone at Cornell. Join us to learn more about the variety of student groups on campus. Representatives of 300 student organizations will be in attendance to showcase what their club has to offer. From public services organizations to the Herpetological Society (the study of amphibians and reptiles) take this opportunity to learn more what Cornell has to offer and how you can get involved.
PROGRAMMING FOR NEW STUDENTS IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS • VARIOUS LOCATIONS
Whether you live on North Campus, West Campus, or in Collegetown, programming after Orientation continues in your residence hall throughout the semester. Details will be provided by the residential staff in your community.

PROGRAMMING FOR NEW STUDENTS AT THE TATKON CENTER • D2
The Tatkon Center (see page 21) has created programming especially for you. Join us for our popular Cornell 101 series throughout the spring semester to learn more about academic success, getting involved in research, preparing for summer internships, majors and related careers, study abroad, housing, student employment, student organizations, and much more! Watch for the Tatkon Center’s weekly e-newsletter for details on Cornell 101 and additional programming happening all term.

WORKSHOPS AT TATKON
Keys to a Great Semester: Thursday, February 4, 4:30pm–5:30pm
Ace that Prelim: Wednesday, February 24, 4:30pm–5:30pm
Time Management and Test Prep: Wednesday, April 13, 4:30pm–5:30pm
Presented by the Learning Strategies Center

How to Do Your Best
Topics include research paper boot camp, making posters, and effective presentations. Watch for the dates. Sponsored by the Cornell University Library.

WEEKLY DROP-IN SERVICES AT TATKON
Writing Walk-In Service: Sundays–Thursdays, 7:00pm–10:00pm
Drop-in for free writing consultations. Sponsored by the John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines.

Let’s Talk: Mondays, 2:30pm–4:30pm
Drop-in and talk with an experienced counselor who can help if you have concerns about adjustment to Cornell, relationship issues, family problems, sexual health concerns, depression, anxiety, or relating to faculty or staff. Free and confidential. No appointment necessary. Sponsored by Gannett Health Services.

Math Drop-In Tutoring: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:30pm–9:30pm
Whether you are studying for a prelim or brushing up on forgotten algebra, tutors can relieve your math anxiety. Experienced tutors are available on a walk-in basis for free individual and small-group tutoring. Sponsored by the Math Support Center.

Q Chats: Second Thursdays of the month, 2:00pm–4:00pm
Come chat with Brian Patchcoski, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Cornell’s LGBT Resource Center. All questions and identities welcome!

Study Abroad Q&A: TBA
Thinking about advancing your academic, personal, and professional goals by studying abroad? Talk with Cornell Abroad staff during drop-in time at the Tat.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
10:00am–11:00am • Parent Coffee Chat • Collaboration Zone, Warren Hall Basement (corner near Mann Library) • C4
Welcome CALS Parents! Bring questions and meet college faculty and staff while enjoying coffee and refreshments.

12:00pm–4:00pm • College Welcome and Lunch • G10 Biotechnology Building • DE5
Join us for a warm welcome to CALS and a chance to meet other entering CALS students and staff members who have first-hand knowledge of the Cornell experience. After a buffet lunch, there will be specialized activities designed to help with your transition to Cornell and CALS.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25
9:00am–5:00pm • Major Department Advising Meetings • location to be announced
During this time, you will have the opportunity to meet with department faculty and advising staff members to work on course scheduling and learn about major requirements. Meeting times and locations will vary by department. A list of scheduled meeting times and locations will be posted on Chatter.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
9:00am–4:30pm • Transfer Tuesday with the Registrar • 140 Roberts Hall • D4
Have questions about transfer credits? Need help planning your degree progress? Call CALS Student Services at 607.255.CALS (2257) to set up your 15-minute appointment with the registrar and get some answers.
AAP Academic Services will contact all incoming spring transfer students individually to schedule a meeting to discuss transfer credit, course enrollment, and scheduling.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

1:00pm–1:30pm • Welcome to A&S! • G70 Klarman Hall Auditorium • C4
New students and their parents will be officially welcomed to Cornell and the College of Arts and Sciences.

1:30pm–2:30pm • Mandatory Student Briefing • G70 Klarman Hall Auditorium • C4
Mandatory for all new students. During this academic briefing, A&S advising deans will review important academic and procedural issues.

1:30pm–2:30pm • Parents’ Briefing • HEC Auditorium, 132 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Learn more about the first-semester experience in the College of Arts and Sciences during this session facilitated by Associate Dean David DeVries.

4:00pm–5:30pm • Welcome Reception • Klarman Hall Atrium • C4
Join advising deans and faculty members of the college at this reception. Light refreshments will be served.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

10:00am–12:00pm • Mandatory Biology Advising Meeting • 206 Stimson Hall • C4
Faculty, staff members, and student advisors will introduce new students to the biology major and help with schedule planning.

12:00pm–1:00pm • Mandatory Student Advisor Meetings • Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Your student advisor will help you get settled and answer your questions about student life on campus. You will be notified of the exact location of your meeting in early January. If you arrive on campus unsure of the location of your meeting with your student advisor, please stop by the A&S Advising Office in Klarman Hall. Some students will be scheduled to meet with their student advisor on Tuesday, January 26, at 8:30am (see next page).

2:30pm–3:30pm • Pre-Health Info Session • G64 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Meet A&S Health Careers Advisor Ana Adinolfi and plan your first year at Cornell to include academic and extracurricular opportunities that will prepare you for medical or dental school. A&S students interested in health careers are expected to attend, regardless of their level of commitment.

2:30pm–3:30pm • Pre-Law Info Session • G76 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
This session, facilitated by A&S Pre-Law Advisor Heather Struck, is designed to help you think about the ways you can prepare yourself for a career in law.

3:45pm–4:30pm • Exploring Internships and Career Options • G64 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
Join the A&S Career Development Office to learn what you can do with your liberal arts degree. This open discussion will include information on exploring career options, connecting with alumni to learn more about the world of work, and identifying summer job and internship opportunities.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30am–9:30am • Breakfast with Student Advisors • North Star Dining Hall, Appel Commons • E2
Fuel up for the last day of Orientation during this dining hall breakfast, and ask your student advisor those last few questions about campus life before classes start tomorrow. Scheduled Student Advisor Meetings are mandatory.

9:30am–12:00pm • Mandatory Faculty Advisor Meetings
Required for all new students. Meet your faculty advisor to discuss your academic plans. For details on your appointment time and location, visit as.cornell.edu/your-advisors. This is an important meeting to get acquainted with your faculty advisor and to finalize your course schedule for the spring semester.

12:00pm–1:00pm • Lunch with Your Advising Deans • Appel Commons, third floor, Multi-Purpose Room • E2
Join the A&S first-year/sophomore advising deans for an informal lunch, during which we’ll talk together about your first semester in the college. This is an opportunity for you to get to know your advising dean and for your advising dean to learn about you.

1:30pm–2:30pm • Everything Econ • 142 Goldwin Smith Hall • C4
What Econ courses should you take? How much calculus do you need? How do you apply your AP/IB/A-level credit? Want to dabble in Econ? Want to make Econ your life? Come to this session for advice and information about the Economics program at Cornell. You demand answers; we supply them.
HOTEL ADMINISTRATION

180 STATLER HALL • 607.255.6376

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

11:30am–1:30pm • Getting to Know the School of Hotel Administration • 291 Statler Hall • C5
Meet the Office of Student Services staff during this pizza lunch. SHA’s registrar and advising staff will meet with new students to review spring schedules.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

10:00am–2:30pm • Orientation Activities • 165 Statler Hall • C5
Faculty and staff members will lead sessions on how to be successful at SHA and connect with SHA resources. SHA students will give tours of SHA and the Statler Hotel, and open advising will be available. Buffet lunch served.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00am–2:30pm • SHA Orientation Programming • Park Atrium, Statler Hall • C5
Start the day with a coffee chat with upperclassmen, participate in an Inclusion and Engagement Workshop, followed by lunch. Continued SHA programming in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

5:30pm–7:30pm • Reception for New Students Hosted by Student Ambassadors • Tower Conference Room, fifth floor, Statler Hall • C5 • attendance not required
Meet your student mentors, the SHA ambassadors, and gain insights about classes, student organizations, and other opportunities available to Hotelies, while enjoying light refreshments with SHA students and faculty and staff members. Business casual attire is recommended.
HUMAN ECOLOGY

172 MARTHA VAN RENSSELAER HALL (MVR) • 607.255.2532

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
9:00am–11:00am • Welcome Breakfast for Parents • Human Ecology Commons • D4
We invite parents to join us for a breakfast social to meet College of Human Ecology leaders and advisors.

1:00pm • College Briefing for All Students • MVR 280 • D4
This mandatory briefing will prepare you for adding courses, academic planning, and advising by major. Questions about transfer credit, academic policy, and advising will be addressed. Session followed by small group meetings for FYSA students, transfer students, and exchange students.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25
11:30am • Lunch and Advising Meetings • Human Ecology Commons • D4
Have lunch with other students and advising faculty in your major. Department advising meetings will follow lunch. This is a mandatory event.

12:30pm • Department Advising Meetings
Design and Environmental Analysis • MVR 153
Fiber Science and Apparel Design • HEB 101
Human Biology, Health, and Society • MVR 151
Human Development • MVR G-87
Nutritional Sciences • MVR 151
Policy Analysis and Management • MVR G-422

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
9:00am–10:00am • Multicultural/EOP Orientation • 172 MVR Hall • D4

10:00am • Pre-Med Information Session • 153 MVR Hall • D4

1:00pm–2:00pm • MVR/HEB Building Tours • Human Ecology Commons • D4

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28
10:00am–4:00pm • Career Exploration Center Open House • 162 MVR Hall • D4
Attendees who require accommodations for these events please contact us at 607.255.2532 by January 12 for arrangements.
ILR SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

11:30am–1:30pm • Curriculum Review • 111 Ives Hall • D5
Transfer credit summaries and spring 2016 schedules will be discussed. Lunch will be provided.

2:00pm–3:00pm • Martin P. Catherwood Library Orientation • Martin P. Catherwood Library, Ives Hall • D5
Reference librarians will introduce you to the resources available in the ILR library.

3:15pm–4:15pm • Coffee Hour with Faculty and Peer Mentors • Doherty Lounge, 281 Ives Hall • D5
Enjoy coffee, other beverages, and snacks and engage in helpful conversation with faculty and peer mentors.
When Orientation Ends, You Still Have the Tat

The Tatkon Center is Cornell’s resource and support center for first-year and transfer students. Watch for spring 2016 programming designed to help new students explore and discover all that is Cornell. Check out weekly drop-in services and special programs.

Ask Us Anything!

The Tat is staffed by 25 students who love sharing their experiences and advice. Stop in for a free lanyard and meet friendly, helpful, upper-level Cornellians.
Connections to Make

ON CAMPUS

The following are important campus resources you should take advantage of during your time on campus. Visit dos.cornell.edu for more information on any of these offices.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS
607.255.1115 • 401 WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL • B5
The Office of the Dean of Students (DOS) comprises many offices with wide-ranging and diverse expertise. All are devoted to helping Cornell students develop a well-rounded education and fulfill their potential. Through DOS, students can find their extracurricular niche; explore cultural, social, and intellectual interests; and develop self-confidence and leadership skills. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the offices also provide support and advocacy for the many student communities at Cornell. Kent L. Hubbell ’67, the Robert W. and Elizabeth C. Staley Dean of Students and professor of architecture, is the primary liaison between students and Cornell administration and welcomes students’ comments.

CORNELL CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE
607.255.3693 • 626 THURSTON AVENUE • D3
The Intercultural Center is home to the Asian and Asian American Center, ALANA, Intercultural Programs, LGBT Resource Center, and Student Development Initiatives. The center offers advising, advocacy, and student support and has many clubs, organizations, activities, and events. Students can study, print papers, and meet student leaders and community members at the center.

CORNELL UNITED RELIGIOUS WORK
607.255.4214 • ANABEL TAYLOR HALL • B6
Composed of 28 affiliated religious communities, Cornell United Religious Work (CURW) offers programs of worship, study, and social life, as well as opportunities for students to engage in interfaith dialogue and address religious and spiritual matters. Chaplains from the religious communities can be found in Anabel Taylor Hall. Sage Chapel and the chapel in Anabel Taylor are frequent sites of student, staff, faculty, and alumni events and services, as well as places for performances of sacred music. For information about services during Orientation, visit our website.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE
607.255.5243 • B50 CALDWELL HALL • E4
Welcome! All international students in F-1 or J-1 status MUST check in/report to the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) no later than 30 days after the start date on their I-20 or DS-2019 document, as required by immigration regulations. Please bring to the ISSO your passport and I-20 or DS-2019 document. The ISSO is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am–4:30pm and Wednesday 1:00pm–4:30pm. The advisor on duty is not available from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER RESOURCE CENTER
607.254.4987 • 626 THURSTON AVENUE, THIRD FLOOR • D3
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center coordinates the efforts of the entire Cornell community to ensure the inclusion of all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQQIA) individuals and works to eliminate discrimination based upon sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. The LGBT Resource Center affirms LGBTQQIA+ identities and lives, and provides education, outreach, advocacy, and support. The LGBT Resource Center is also the home of over 20 undergraduate and graduate student organizations and serves as a community center and gathering space for LGBTQQIA+ students and staff and faculty members. Allies are always welcome. Come explore and engage in our work on campus!
OFFICE OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND INDEPENDENT LIVING
607.255.2310 • FIFTH FLOOR, WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL • B5
Our office represents three areas: Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, Off-Campus Housing, and the university-owned cooperatives. Our fraternities and sororities currently have over 3,600 members and 61 chapters. The staff members act as advisors and advocates for the fraternity and sorority community by coordinating educational programs, reinforcing community expectations, supporting council, chapter, and individual member needs, and working with the vast number of supportive alumni from our fraternity and sorority community. Staff members also work diligently with chapters to help them develop positive new member programs free of hazing and alcohol or drug use. For more resources, please visit hazing.cornell.edu and greeks.cornell.edu. For incoming transfer students participating in new member recruitment, it is important to remember that orientation activities take precedence over membership recruitment activities. You will not be excused from required orientation events to participate in membership recruitment. You must attend ALL required orientation activities. All college activities are required unless otherwise specified.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
607.255.3608 • 200 WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL • B5
The Office of Student and Community Support, located in the Elizabeth Chapman Staley Center, delivers a diverse array of campus-wide services to support student well-being and to promote personal growth, respectful human relations, appreciation of diversity, and enhancement of each student’s ability to thrive in and contribute to a vibrant, inclusive educational community. For more information, visit OSCS on the second floor of Willard Straight Hall.
Cornell Minds Matter (Student Mental Health Awareness)
607.255.3897
Cornell Women’s Resource Center (CWRC)
607.255.0015
Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service (EARS)
607.255.EARS (3227)

RESIDENTIAL AND NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS
607.255.5533 • 1501 CLARA DICKSON HALL • D2
Residential and New Student Programs (RNSP) provides a safe, inclusive, and purposeful living and learning environment focused on fostering students’ personal development, critical thinking, intellectual engagement, and social responsibility. RNSP includes new student orientation in August and January, the Tatkon Center, and 21 undergraduate residential communities for students across North Campus and Collegetown. Sixteen full-time, live-in professional staff members and over 130 student resident advisors (RAs) work within the residence halls to establish a vibrant, healthy living environment where students can achieve academically, socially, and interpersonally. The Tatkon Center, located in South Balch Hall, is an intellectual, support, and resource center for new students that is staffed over 80 hours per week by upper-level students who can answer any questions you might have.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP, ENGAGEMENT, AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
607.255.4169 • 521 WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL • B5
The mission of the office of Student Leadership, Engagement, and Campus Activities (SLECA) is to provide students with opportunities designed to promote individual growth, creativity, and personal connections through experiential learning. The office coordinates the registration of over 1,000 student groups annually, assists with event registration and event planning, and oversees several student organizations including the Willard Straight Hall Student Union Board, Cornell Concert Commission, Class Councils, Student Assembly Finance Commission, Cornell Program Board, and Community Center Programs. SLECA also coordinates the Willard Straight Hall Resource Center and manages Bailey Hall.
These additional offices outside of the Dean of Students can be helpful:

**CORNELL CAREER SERVICES**
607.255.5221 • 103 BARNES HALL • CAREER.CORNELL.EDU • C5
Career advising is available to all students university-wide through the Cornell Career Services offices in Barnes Hall, as well as within the undergraduate colleges. Advisors specialize in many career areas of interest in addition to academic specialties. Find out about career exploration, job-search assistance, internships, graduate and professional school advising, fellowships, and more.

**CORNELL DINING**
607.255.5368 • 206 ROBERT PURCELL COMMUNITY CENTER • DINING.CORNELL.EDU • E1
If you have already enrolled in a Cornell Dining meal plan, your student ID card will be your “ticket” to dine on your plan. If you have not signed up for a meal plan, you may do so at Check-In or dining.cornell.edu. Your meal plan begins with dinner on Thursday, January 21. Before then, several dining locations will be open, where you may use either cash, credit card, or Big Red Bucks. For information about meal plans and dining locations and hours, visit the website.

**CORNELL OUTDOOR EDUCATION**
607.255.6183 • B01 BARTELS HALL • COE.CORNELL.EDU • E5
With more than 100 programs, serving thousands of participants a year, Cornell Outdoor Education (COE) helps students develop teamwork, leadership, and personal growth through adventure and outdoor experiences. Take advantage of physical education credit, team building, leadership training, wilderness medicine classes, gear rental, or student employment opportunities. Consider an Outdoor Odyssey pre-orientation trip! Financial aid is available for COE programs.

**CORNELL POLICE**
911 (EMERGENCY) • 607.255.1111 (NONEMERGENCY) • G2 BARTON HALL • WWW.CUPOLICE.CORNELL.EDU • D5
Cornell Police is the law enforcement agency for the Cornell community, and its primary objective is to enhance safety and security on campus. Authorized to enforce local, state, and federal laws, Cornell Police are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Although numerous departments and offices at Cornell provide students with the information and means to help achieve a safer environment, each individual is responsible for his or her personal safety. Students should lock their rooms or apartments, offices, and labs when they leave, never prop locked doors open, never leave valuables unattended, and report to Cornell Police all crimes and/or suspicious activities on campus.

**CORNELL RECREATIONAL SERVICES**
607.255.5133 • 305 HELEN NEWMAN HALL • CORNELLBIGRED.COM • E2–3
Recreational Services provides a wide array of activities, events, and facilities to promote health, well-being, and enjoyment for both Cornell students and staff members. The department encompasses the Cornell Fitness Centers, Intramural Sports, the Wellness Program, the Bowling Center, and Open Recreation. Intramural Sports offers over 30 fun, competitive activities each year for students.

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM**
607.255.4144 • LIBRARY.CORNELL.EDU
One of the leading academic research libraries in the U.S., Cornell University Library is an integral partner in teaching, research, and learning at the university. The library offers extensive collections, cutting-edge programs and facilities, a full spectrum of services, and a deep network of digital resources.

“Utilize the programs and opportunities on campus, from the career office to your professors, whom I have found are very interested in getting to know the students.”

—Advice to transfer students from a January Orientation Leader
ENGAGED LEARNING + RESEARCH
607.254.4240 • 260 CALDWELL HALL • ELR.CORNELL.EDU • E4
Engaged Learning + Research seeks to advance academic service-learning, community-based research, and public scholarship across a wide spectrum of academic disciplines and programs. Created to provide students with guidance, resources, and training so that they can become more actively involved in community-engaged learning and research, the center prepares future generations to be creative, collaborative, and critically reflective leaders in their professional lives and in their own communities.

GANNETT HEALTH SERVICES
607.255.5155 • 110 HO PLAZA • WWW.GANNETT.CORNELL.EDU • B5
Good health is essential for academic success and full enjoyment of college life. Gannett Health Services, a fully accredited health care facility located on central campus, provides primary-care medical services, mental health services, and health education for all Cornell students. Guided by a model of integrated care for the whole person, Gannett strives to provide high-quality services that are convenient, cost-effective, confidential, sensitive to the diverse needs of individuals, and responsive to the ever-changing needs of the campus. Gannett primary-care providers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants), nursing staff, and counselors have skills and experience to serve the health needs of members of an academic community like Cornell. Gannett staff members will work with students to care for illnesses, injuries, and mental health concerns, and help them learn to protect and enhance their health and well-being.

GANNETT COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)
607.255.5155 • 110 HO PLAZA • WWW.GANNETT.CORNELL.EDU/SERVICES/COUNSELING/CAPS/ • B5
University life can generate academic, emotional, and social concerns. Everyone experiences them, but at times these concerns can make it difficult to function. It is a sign of intelligence and strength to recognize when you may need help. It is also the first step in resolving many difficulties. Gannett’s CAPS is a safe place to talk with someone privately about any concern. This may include stress, loneliness, anxiety, depression, adjustment challenges, relationship difficulties, questions about identity, managing an existing mental health condition, or other issues. More than 3,000 Cornell students seek counseling at Gannett each year. CAPS staff members provide a safe, confidential atmosphere where they can consider your current situation in the context of your personal history and life experiences. Please call 607.255.5155 to explore whether CAPS can help you through counseling or referral to more appropriate services.

KNIGHT INSTITUTE WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE
607.255.6349 • 174 ROCKEFELLER HALL • WWW.ARTS.CORNELL.EDU/WRITING • C4
The Knight Institute Writing Walk-In Service (WWIS) is a free service available to students for essays, research papers, presentations, lab reports, and more. Trained graduate and undergraduate tutors are available five days a week, Sunday through Thursday. Writing tutors serve as responsive listeners and readers who can discuss specific pieces of writing or questions about writing. They can consider questions of confidence, critical reading, analytic thought, and imagination. Many writing tutors also have experience working with non-native speakers of English. Tutors are available on a drop-in basis or by appointment at several campus locations. Visit the website for more information or to schedule an appointment.

LEARNING STRATEGIES CENTER
607.255.6310 • 420 COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER • LSC.CORNELL.EDU • D4
Successful students know the importance of time management! And you can, too. Join Mike Chen from the university’s Learning Strategies Center (LSC) at his orientation workshop on Sunday, January 24 (see page 9), or visit the LSC website (lsc.cornell.edu) for tips on making a successful transition to being a Cornell scholar. View our videos, download weekly and semester calendars, read about note-taking and test preparation, and much more. The LSC also provides supplemental courses, tutoring, study-skills courses and workshops, and reading and statistics labs to help students develop effective strategies to excel in their rigorous Cornell course work. More than 7,000 student visits are made each semester to LSC office hours, tutorials, workshops, and consultations. All LSC services are free to Cornell undergraduates.
MATHEMATICS SUPPORT CENTER
607.255.3905 • 256 MALOTT HALL • WWW.MATH.CORNELL.EDU • D4
The Mathematics Support Center specializes in helping students with calculus but also provides help with upper-level mathematics courses and with mathematical concepts students encounter in other courses. Free tutoring is offered on a walk-in basis. Review capsules are available in the center and on the website. Contact Director Meghan Anderson at meghan@math.cornell.edu.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC DIVERSITY INITIATIVES
607.255.3841 • 200 COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER • OADI.CORNELL.EDU • D4
Working closely with Cornell’s undergraduate colleges, the Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) provides individual and group support for academic pursuits and organizations. OADI is a place of lively discussion and interchange—a family environment in which to feel at home and speak openly—and is a strong voice of advocacy across Cornell. OADI works to help students get the most out of Cornell and works to assist Cornell to benefit more fully from inclusive excellence.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
607.255.5145 • 203 DAY HALL • FINAID.CORNELL.EDU • C5
For general information about financial aid and financing options, visit finaid.cornell.edu. Visit studentemployment.cornell.edu for information specific to student employment (including job postings).

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE BIOLOGY
607.255.5233 • 216 STIMSON HALL • BIOLOGY.CORNELL.EDU • C4
The Office of Undergraduate Biology provides a warm, welcoming environment that encourages conversation between peer or professional advisors and students seeking academic advice. Services include free tutoring, walk-in academic advice, career talks, information fairs, and guidance on how to become involved in undergraduate research.

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
607.255.6445 • 501C DAY HALL • UNDERGRADUATERESEARCH.CORNELL.EDU • C5
Everywhere you look at Cornell undergraduates are involved in research. There are student clubs and college offices that can help you get started. The Office of Undergraduate Research and the Cornell Undergraduate Research Board (courses2.cit.cornell.edu/CURB) also offer programs and advice to help you in your search for the perfect research opportunity. Email undergradresearch@cornell.edu for more information.

PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER
607.255.1148 • 100/200 BARNES HALL • PSC.CORNELL.EDU • C5
The Cornell Public Service Center (PSC) is the university hub for community service learning and civic engagement. Meet fellow Cornellians through civic engagement with over 8,000 students participating yearly in a wide array of initiatives involving individual and collective action focused around important issues facing society and the world. PSC fosters and supports student-led civic engagement projects and service-learning through its signature programs, internships, work-study programs, and community grants, while working closely with community partners to create service opportunities essential to an active citizenship. Programs include PreK–12 outreach opportunities, such as enrichment programs, tutoring and mentoring programs, and advocacy and citizen programs. Service-learning experiences include Alternative Spring Breaks, Cornell Students for Hunger Relief, and the Translator/Interpreter Program. Community action programs include the Cornell Dream Team, Immigrant Farmworker Initiative, and Students Against Sexual Solicitation of Youth (SASSY). For information on these and other PSC programs, visit the website.
Cornell is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities have equitable access to all university programs, services, and employment. Students who require modifications for access must register with Student Disability Services (SDS) and provide medical, learning disability, or psychological documentation. Disability-related accommodations may include academic accommodations, accessible campus housing, and transportation. Advance notice of accommodation requests will better enable SDS to meet students’ needs. All inquiries about disability services are confidential.

STUDY ABROAD AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND ITHACA
Cornell Abroad • cuabroad.cornell.edu
Cornell in Rome • aap.cornell.edu/rome
Cornell in Washington • ciw.cornell.edu
NYC Urban Semester • human.cornell.edu/academics/urban-semester/index.cfm
International opportunities while on campus • einaudi.cornell.edu

The world at large is your classroom at Cornell. There are many opportunities both on and off campus to explore the world.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
607.255.4600 • 116 MAPLE AVENUE • WWW.COMMUTING.CORNELL.EDU • E7
Transportation Services is committed to offering alternatives to the single-occupant vehicle, while supporting sustainability initiatives for the campus and adjacent neighborhoods. Students are encouraged to review their transportation options before choosing to bring a vehicle to Cornell. Ithaca has a robust public transit system (tcatbus.com), a carshare program (ithacacarshare.org), a rideshare network (zimride.com/cornell), and a bike-sharing program (bigredbikes.cornell.edu). All new-to-Cornell students are eligible for no-fee, unlimited-rides transit privileges on TCAT buses in their first year at Cornell. All cars, bikes, motorcycles, and mopeds parked on campus must be registered with Transportation Services (myparking.cornell.edu). There is no fee for registration. Student parking permits may be purchased online (myparking.cornell.edu). Parking restrictions are strictly enforced. For complete information regarding transportation at Cornell, visit the website or email transportation@cornell.edu.

CAMPUS-TO-CAMPUS COACH SERVICE • 607.254.TRIP • C2CBUS.COM
Campus-to-Campus provides express, executive-class motorcoach service between Cornell’s Ithaca and New York City campuses. Buses are equipped with reclining seats, worktables, wireless Internet service, and electric outlets at every seat. Passengers also have the added convenience of snack and beverage service and a lavatory. All trips are reserved and paid for online. For more information or to book a trip, go to c2cbus.com.
As you start your Cornell career, please review the rules and regulations of campus, many of which are available at judicialadministrator.cornell.edu. You are expected to understand and abide by all Cornell University policies, which range from academic integrity to use of computers and network systems, as well as our Campus Code of Conduct.

To help you learn and meet Cornell’s requirements for academic integrity, we have created The Essential Guide to Academic Integrity at Cornell. All new students will receive a copy. You can also view the guide online at dos.cornell.edu/sites/dos.cornell.edu/files/rnsp/documents/academic_integrity_pamphlet_2015.pdf.

The Campus Code of Conduct is intended to define conduct that is threatening to, or is otherwise unacceptable in, the Cornell community. This includes infractions such as assault, sexual assault, harassment, and hazing. It also includes more common, non-violent behaviors that violate campus policy, such as underage drinking and smoking marijuana, both of which are illegal under New York State law. When students violate the Campus Code, they are referred to the judicial administrator (JA). Any Cornell community member who believes that he or she has been victimized by a violation of the code should contact the JA or call the CU Police to discuss those concerns.

The university has a Bias Response Program to assist members of the Cornell community who believe that they or other members of the Cornell community have been adversely affected by instances involving bias on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other protected condition.

It is important to be aware of your physical surroundings and to exercise good judgment. Blue Light emergency telephones on campus have direct lines to Cornell Police, and the Blue Light bus service operates daily from 6:30pm to 2:30am. To request the Blue Light service, call 607.255.7373. Additionally, please remember that swimming in the gorges is extremely dangerous and a serious threat of drowning exists, regardless of your swimming ability. It is against the law to swim in areas not designated as swimming areas. The gorges are constantly eroding and rocks fall throughout the year; many areas are marked as “no trespassing.”

It is also important to exercise good judgment online. Understand that your postings may last much longer than you intend and may reach a much wider audience than you intend. Your online footprint is a reflection—perhaps a permanent one—of you.

GOOD SAMARITAN PROTOCOL

Never let the fear of disciplinary JA action impede your willingness to call 911 for help in an alcohol or other drug emergency. Although it is illegal for individuals under the age of 21 to drink alcohol, severe intoxication and overdoses are life-threatening and require swift medical intervention. To encourage students to call for help, Cornell provides a Good Samaritan Protocol that reduces or removes the judicial consequences typically associated with alcohol or other drug use. This protocol is consistent with New York State’s Good Samaritan Law. The Good Samaritan Protocol can extend to the caller, the person in need of medical assistance, and the organization hosting the event in which alcohol or other drugs were consumed. For more information about the Good Samaritan Protocol, visit goodsam.cornell.edu.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES ON STUDENT RECORDS

Under the U.S. Department of Education’s Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), Cornell is required to advise students of their rights concerning their educational records. This notice is posted in the Course Roster distributed before the start of classes each semester.
**Basic Placement and Advanced Standing Exams for Language**

These examinations are for students who wish to continue a language studied in high school or college for which a placement exam is not available online. For all placement tests, bring a sharpened pencil and an eraser.

**Arabic**

Any student wishing to sign up for an Arabic Placement Exam should contact Munther Younes, director of the Arabic Program, at 607.255.6275 or may2@cornell.edu.

**Asian Languages (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hindi, Japanese, and Korean)**

Please visit lrc.cornell.edu/asian/programs/placement.

**German**

The Basic German Placement Exam is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, at 3:00pm, in G22 Goldwin Smith Hall. (The makeup Basic Exam is in the same location on Thursday, January 28, at 7:00pm). The German CASE Exam is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, at 3:00pm, in G24 Goldwin Smith Hall. (The makeup CASE Exam is in the same location on Thursday, January 28, at 7:00pm). Pre-registration is not necessary. Please bring a pen. If you have questions, or if you are unable to attend the scheduled exam, please contact Gunhild Lischke at 607.255.0725 or gl15@cornell.edu.

**Hebrew**

Any student wishing to sign up for the Hebrew Placement Exam should contact Nava Scharf, Hebrew language coordinator, at ns21@cornell.edu.

**Latin and Greek**

To arrange a time for a Latin or Greek Placement Exam, contact the Department of Classics in person at 120 Goldwin Smith Hall or by calling 607.255.3354.

**Romance Languages (French, Italian, and Spanish)**

Basic placement tests are available online: romancestudies.cornell.edu/undergraduate/placement. Cornell Advanced Standing Exams (CASE) are held at 2:00pm on Monday, January 25; for more information, visit romancestudies.cornell.edu/undergraduate/testing.
HOW DO I GET TO ITHACA?
Air service provided by Delta, American Airlines, and United is available to Ithaca via Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (flyithaca.com) with approximately 20 flights that arrive and depart daily with non-stop service to New York (LaGuardia), Philadelphia, Newark, and Detroit. Additional airlines fly in and out of Syracuse, Elmira, and Binghamton; however, these options require traveling to Ithaca by rental car or bus. Airline Limousine (855.686.7735) provides service from both the Ithaca and Syracuse airports. For information visit cornell.edu/visiting/ithaca.

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE?
Move-In is Thursday, January 21, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We recommend you arrive on Thursday, January 21, to move in and get acclimated to your new surroundings before leaping into your academic career. The first orientation event for international students is at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 21. The first orientation program for all new students is on Thursday evening, January 21, at 7:30pm in Physical Sciences Building.

I’M HERE, NOW WHAT?
After you get settled into your room, your orientation program begins on Thursday evening, January 21, at 7:30pm in the Physical Sciences Building. There you will meet your January Orientation Leader and other new students, grab some food, and have a great first night on campus. All international students should attend the International Student Orientation at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 21.

WHAT IF I MISS CHECK-IN?
We highly discourage missing Check-In because of the information conveyed by the many Cornell representatives in one place. All students should also verify that all required items on their To Do List are complete (newstudents.cornell.edu).

WHEN DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?
Each college has a different procedure for registering for classes; check out newstudents.cornell.edu for more information. Your college will review this information with you at your college-specific orientation sessions. The student support office in your college is able to answer many questions regarding course selection, advising, transfer credits, and other academic issues that arise.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES AND, IF SO, WHEN IS COURSE ENROLLMENT?
Students who transfer to Cornell from another college or university will be awarded one term of physical education credit for each full term of academic transfer credits they are granted by Cornell. Transfer students entering Cornell as sophomores or juniors are usually not required to take physical education classes for credit. Each student should clarify his or her transfer status with their college office. Those students who do need to enroll may do so online during spring semester. Transfer students held to the swim requirement may take the swim test at no charge during the fall or spring orientation week swim tests. For more information visit pe.cornell.edu/physed.

“Establish a healthy routine that balances academics and extracurricular activities; it’s very important to start off on the right foot.”
—Advice to transfer students from a January Orientation Leader
DO I HAVE TO TAKE A SWIM TEST?
Check with your college about the requirement. The swim test schedule is as follows:

**No charge for this January date:**
**Tuesday, January 26:** Teagle Hall pool, co-ed, 1:30pm–2:30pm or 2:30pm–3:30pm

**$30 charge for these April dates:**
**Friday, April 8:** Teagle Hall pool, co-ed, 1:30pm–2:30pm
**Friday, April 15:** Teagle Hall pool, co-ed, 1:30pm–2:30pm
**Friday, April 22:** Teagle Hall pool, co-ed, 1:30pm–2:30pm

Students should bring with them a swim suit and their I.D. card. See the previous “Do I Have to Take Physical Education ... ?” answer for additional information.

WHERE SHOULD I PURCHASE TEXTBOOKS?
The Cornell Store is your only source for the official Cornell course material list. They work with faculty members to know precisely what books are needed for each Cornell course. Kiosks are provided to print your booklist in an easy shopping list format. Textbooks are located on the first floor and are shelved alphabetically by author’s last name. The Cornell Store offers you a one-stop shopping experience with their online price comparison tool. Purchase books from the store in various formats: new, used, rental, or digital. Directly through their website, you can buy from Amazon.com and Half.com or compare their prices to these sites. The Cornell Store is the only location that accepts CornellCard for textbook purchases, along with other payment options. For more information, including hours of operation, visit store.cornell.edu.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MY CORNELL ID, MY NETID, AND MY CORNELL CARD?
Your Cornell ID is your picture identification card that identifies you as a member of the Cornell community. You will use it for meal plan dining, door access, taking out books at the library, riding TCAT buses, and many other identification purposes. Your NetID is a combination of your initials and numbers that make up the first part of your Cornell email address. It is used to securely access network services. Your CornellCard is a service activated on your Cornell ID if you have filled out the application form. It works similarly to a cash card and allows you to charge purchases to a designated account. Every registered student must have a Cornell ID and a NetID. CornellCard is an option for students but is not required.

CAN I GET TECH SUPPORT?
If you need help with services like NetID, Wi-Fi, or Cmail, contact the IT Service Desk at it.cornell.edu/support.

WHAT IF I AM A STUDENT REQUIRING SPECIAL RELIGIOUS CONSIDERATION?
Cornell University is committed to the values of diversity and inclusiveness. This commitment includes embracing religious diversity. In keeping with this commitment, the university will make good faith efforts to honor and support within reason a student’s desire to observe religious holidays of one’s tradition. In such cases, you should consult with your appropriate academic department ahead of time to make alternative arrangements for the scheduling of exams, classes, or labs. For additional support and counsel, please consult with Cornell United Religious Work (CURW) at 607.255.6002.

WHAT IF I AM A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY?
The Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) works with students with disabilities to ensure nondiscrimination and equal access to programs and services. All inquiries are confidential. Some accommodations may require advance notice to be arranged by the beginning of the semester. Contact SDS to discuss your access needs at 607.254.4545 or sds_cu@cornell.edu.
Quick NUMBERS

All numbers are in the (607) area code. From any campus phone, dial the last five digits only.

- Admissions Office, Undergraduate: 255-5241
- Blue Light Escort Service: 255-7373
- Bursar’s Office: Student Accounts: 255-2336
- Bus Schedules (TCAT): 277-RIDE
- Career Services: 255-5221
- CIT Help Desk: 255-5500
- Cornell Abroad: 255-6224
- Cornell Police (Nonemergency): 255-1111
- Cornell Store: 255-4111
- Dean of Students, Office of The Tatkon Center: 253-4282
- Center for Intercultural Dialogue: 255-3693
- Cornell United Religious Work: 255-4214
- Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living: 255-2310
- Information: 255-6839
- International Students and Scholars Office: 255-5243
- LGBT Resource Center: 254-4987
- New Student Programs/Orientation: 253-4282
- Residential Programs: 255-5533
- Student Leadership, Engagement, and Campus Activities: 255-4169
- Student and Community Support: 255-3608
- Dining, Cornell: 255-5952
- Directory Information: 254-INFO
- Emergency: 911
- Employment, Student: 255-5145
- Financial Aid: 255-5145
- Gannett Health Services: 255-5155
- Graduate School: 255-5820
- Housing: 255-5368
- Information and Referral Center: 254-INFO
- Learning Strategies Center: 255-6310
- Library (General Information): 255-4144
- Lost and Found: 255-7197
- Off-Campus Housing: 254-8718
- Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives: 255-3841
- Parking: 255-4600
- Public Service Center: 255-1148
- Registrar, University: 255-4232
- Student Disability Services: 254-4545
- Undergraduate Research: 255-6445
- Writing Workshop: 255-6349