

Cornell University Info Guide

General Information

- Private Ivy League
- Located in Ithaca, New York
 - Rural, upstate NY
- 14,743 undergraduates enrolled as of Fall 2020
- Very Selective: 11% acceptance rate
- Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 9:1
- Most classes have 20 or fewer students

Campus Highlights

- McGraw Tower
 - Where “Cornell’s chimes” are stationed
 - Set of infamous musical bells at the top of the tower
- Rare and Manuscript Collections
 - A library that houses a collection of rare books, archives, and manuscripts
 - Ex: the Gettysburg Address
- Johnson Museum of Art
 - Known for amazing Southeast Asian art collection
 - Amazing views of Ithaca from here

Surrounding Area

- Robert Trent Jones Golf Course
- Collegetown - the college town south of campus is simply called this
 - Lots of upperclassmen live here
 - Great balance between nightlife and nature
 - 15 min walking distance to the main part of Cornell
 - 5 min by bus
- Rural campus so gorgeous scenic areas around
 - Ithaca Falls

- Cornell Botanic Gardens
- Hot air balloon tours at *Southern Tier*
- Treman Triangle Park

School's Strengths

- One of the best schools for agricultural studies
- Renowned hotel and hospitality schools
- Top-ranked vet school

Application Info

- Test optional for c/o 2022
- Early Decision Deadline: November 16
- Regular Decision Deadline: January 2
 - Apply through the Common App
 - \$80 application fee
- Letters of Recommendation:
 - 1 from counselor
 - 2 from teachers
- Official high school transcript
 - Also, send them your mid-senior year grade report when you have that info
- Supplemental Essays:
 - Depends on what undergraduate school you are applying to
 - Each prompt can be found here - <https://bit.ly/3gsKfAn>
 - Focuses on why you want to pursue your intended area of study

Student Life

- NCAA DI athletics!
- Women and men's hockey teams are so popular!
- Amazing acapella and chorus
- Greek Life:
 - 40+ fraternities, 10+ sororities

- Lots of mixers, but isn't *just* a big party scene
- Some are more philanthropic and not stereotypical at all!
- Fun traditions:
 - Dragon Day
 - First-year architecture students make a big dragon
 - First-year engineering students make a big phoenix
 - Both parade through campus and “battle” in the art quad
 - Slope Day
 - Held in May before finals
 - Live music and festivities on “Libe Slope”
 - Libe Slope - incline on campus with the main library at the top

Special Programs

- College Scholar Program
 - Individualized College of Arts and Sciences major
 - Essentially “design your course of study”
 - Senior thesis required
- Concurrent Degrees (dual majors)
 - Ability to get a B.A. from the College of Arts and Sciences plus one of the following
 - Bachelor of Fine Arts from the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning
 - Bachelor of Science from the College of Engineering
 - Bachelor of Science from the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning
 - Average student graduates in 5 years when doing this

Opportunities

- ILR Summer Research Fellowships
 - Internship and research opportunities in fields like:
 - Social Justice
 - Labor and Employment Law
 - Speech and Debate

- Exchange student opportunities!
 - Cornell-Dyson Exchange in:
 - Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
 - ESADE in La Floresta, Spain
 - Bocconi University in Milan, Italy
 - Cornell Global Program in:
 - Paris, France
 - Bologna, Italy
 - Berlin, Germany
 - Seville, Spain
 - Kyoto, Japan
 - CALS Exchange in:
 - Wageningen University in the Netherlands
 - Cornell Human Ecology Exchange in:
 - The National University of Singapore
 - Bocconi University in Milan, Italy
 - View all currently offered opportunities here - <https://bit.ly/3gBg5uW>

Unique Features

- School of Industrial and Labor Relations
 - Studies people in the workplace
 - Combo of law & policy, gov, history, business, econ

Average Undergraduate Cost of Attendance

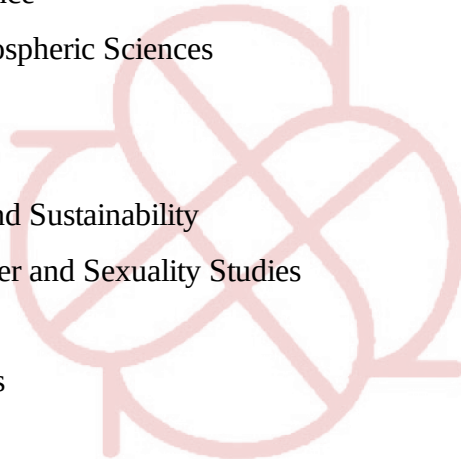
This is all pre-financial aid

- New York Resident: \$80,287
- Out-of-State: \$60,383

Academics/List of Majors Offered

- College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)
 - Africana Studies

- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Asian Studies
- Astronomy
- Biological Sciences
- Biology & Society
- Chemistry
- China and Asia-Pacific Studies
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science
- Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
- Economics
- English
- Environment and Sustainability
- Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- French
- German Studies
- Government
- History
- History of Art
- Information Science
- Italian
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Music
- Near Eastern Studies
- Performing and Media Arts
- Philosophy
- Physics



- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Science and Technology Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistical Science
- **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS)**
 - Agricultural Sciences
 - Animal Science
 - Applied Economics and Management
 - Atmospheric Science
 - Biological Engineering
 - Biological Sciences
 - Biometry and Statistics
 - Communication
 - Developmental Sociology
 - Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
 - Entomology
 - Environment and Sustainability
 - Environmental Engineering
 - Food Science
 - Global and Public Health Sciences
 - Information Science
 - Interdisciplinary Studies
 - International Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Landscape Architecture
 - Nutritional Sciences
 - Plant Sciences
 - Viticulture and Enology
- **College of Architecture, Art and Planning (AAP)**
 - Architecture

- Fine Arts
- Urban and Regional Studies
- **Cornell SC Johnson School of Business**
 - Hotel Administration
 - Applied Economics and Management
- **College of Engineering**
 - Biological Engineering
 - Biomedical Engineering
 - Chemical Engineering
 - Civil Engineering
 - Computer Science
 - Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - Engineering Physics
 - Environmental Engineering
 - Information Science, Systems, and Technology
 - Materials Science and Engineering
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Operations Research and Engineering
- **College of Human Ecology**
 - Design and Environmental Analysis
 - Fiber Science and Apparel Design
 - Global and Public Health Sciences
 - Human Biology, Health, and Society
 - Human Development
 - Nutritional Sciences
 - Policy Analysis and Management
- **School of Industrial and Labor Relations (see unique features)**
 - Industrial and Labor Relations

General Education at Cornell

- 120 credits to graduate
 - Max 15 AP/IB credits that count towards this
 - Natural Sciences
 - Humanities
 - Social Sciences
 - Math and Statistics
 - First-year Seminar
 - Heavy emphasis on Human Ecology

College of Arts and Sciences Core

- 100/120 total credits must be from CAS courses
- First-year writing seminar
- Foreign Language
- Arts, Literature, and Culture
- Biological Sciences
- Ethics and the Mind
- Global Citizenship
- Historical Analysis
- Physical Sciences
- Social Difference
- Social Sciences
- Statistics and Data Science
- Symbolic and Mathematical Reasoning
- Physical Education
 - must take *and* pass swim test unless you're a transfer

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Core

- 55 credits/120 total must be from CALS courses
- Introductory Life Sciences/Biology
- Physical and Life Sciences

- Chemistry/Physics
- Quantitative Literacy
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Written and Oral Expression
- Human Diversity

College of Engineering Core

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- 2 first-year writing seminars
- 1 intro to engineering course
 - 2 additional engineering courses
- Liberal Arts studies

College of Human Ecology Core

- 43 credits/120 total must be from courses in the Human Ecology college
 - Fulfill major requirements + 2 first-year writing seminars and 9 additional courses not required of your major

Cornell SC Johnson School of Business Core

- Hotel Administration:
 - Hospitality Development and Planning
 - Hospitality Facilities Management
 - Financial Accounting
 - Managerial Accounting
 - Finances
 - Food Service Management, Theory, and Practice
 - Restaurant Management
 - Business Computing
 - Human Resources Management

- Business and Hospitality Law
- Organizational Behavior and Leadership Skills
- Management Communication I and II
- Microeconomics for the Service Industry
- Marketing Management for Services
- Introduction to Hotel Operations
- Introduction to Foodservice Management
- Hospitality Quantitative Analysis
- Service Operations Management
- Principles of Hospitality Real Estate
- Strategic Management
- Applied Economics and Management:
 - Microeconomics
 - Macroeconomics
 - Accounting
 - Finance and Financial Accounting
 - Business Management and Organization
 - Strategy
 - Business Law
 - Ethics in Business and Organizations

College of Architecture, Art and Planning Core

- Bachelors of Science (B.S) focuses on:
 - American cities
 - Cities throughout the world
 - History and Government
 - Economics
 - Sociology
 - Urban Politics, Policy, and Planning
- Bachelors of Fine Arts (B.F.A.):
 - 6 introductory level Studio Art Practice classes

- 4 higher level studio art practice classes
- 1 Pre-Thesis studio art class
- 2 classes for Thesis
- 1 Auto Shop & Tech class
- Research and Seminar
- 3 Art History classes
- 2 writing classes
- Bachelors of Architecture (B.Arch) focuses on:
 - Design
 - Structures
 - Environmental Systems
 - Building Technology
 - Analysis
 - History
 - Professional Practice
 - Architectural Representation
 - <https://bit.ly/3v7aUad> - general course plan for B.Arch in 4 years

School of Industrial and Labor Relations Core

- Popular Culture in the United States, 1950 - Present
- American Foreign Policy
- The European Novel
- Ancient Philosophy
- Sociology of Law
- New Visions in African Cinema
- Politics and Social Change in the Caribbean
- Japanese Buddhism
- Introduction to Islamic Civilization
- Chinese Narrative Literature
- Nature of the Universe
- Green World/Blue Planet

- Law, Science, and Public Values
- Physics of Musical Sound
- Earthquake!

First-Year Housing Only

w/ communal bathrooms unless otherwise specified

- Residence Halls
 - Balch Hall
 - One of the only non-coed; female only
 - No AC
 - Singles, doubles, and triples
 - Each hallway has bathrooms
 - Study rooms
 - Kitchens
 - laundry
 - Free dessert night every Thursday
 - Clara Dickson Hall
 - Singles, doubles, triples
 - Each hallway has bathrooms
 - Study rooms
 - No AC
 - Laundry
 - Kitchens
 - Traditions
 - Niagara Falls trip
 - Ropes course challenges
 - Brownie nights
 - Court-Kay-Bauer Hall
 - Singles and doubles
 - Each hallway has bathrooms
 - Laundry

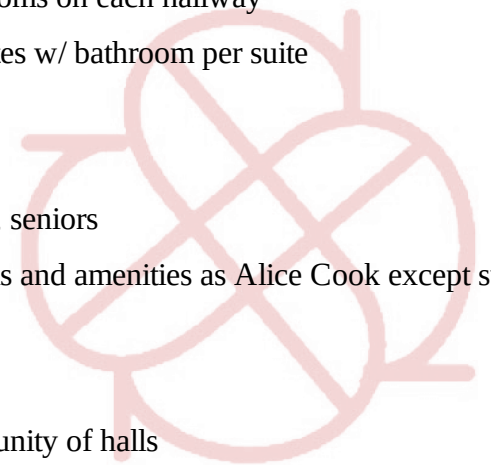
- Study rooms
- kitchens
- Ganędagō: Hall
 - Named after the language of the Cayuga Nation tribe (was built on their land)
 - Singles and doubles; suite style
 - Each hallway has bathrooms
 - Music room
 - Laundry
 - Kitchens
 - Study rooms
- High Rise #5
 - Like an apartment building
 - Convenient location next to Robert Purcell Community Center
 - Singles, doubles, and triples; suite style
 - Kitchen on each floor
 - Study rooms
 - Laundry
 - No AC
- Jameson Hall
 - Identical to High Rise #5
- Low Rise #6
 - Singles, doubles, triples; suite style
 - laundry
 - Main lounge w/ flat-screen TV
 - Each building has 4 units with
 - Kitchen w/ fridge, stove, oven, microwave
 - Study room
- Low Rise #7
 - Identical to Low Rise #6
- Mary Donlon Hall

- Singles, doubles, quads
- Flat-screen tv - theater-style common room
- Traditions-
 - mini world series poker night
 - volleyball hall tournaments
- Mews Hall
 - Singles and doubles
 - Study rooms
 - Laundry
 - kitchens
 - Traditions- a trip to the UN, ice skating night, talent show

Undergrad Housing

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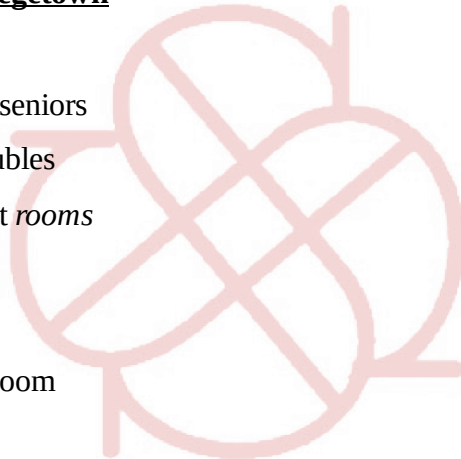
- Toni Morrison Hall
 - Singles and doubles
 - Each hallway has bathrooms
 - Sophomores
 - Music room
 - Study rooms
 - Laundry
- Townhouse Community
 - First-year and sophomore section
 - 4 or 6 person apartments
 - 2-3 double bedrooms
 - Living room
 - Kitchen
 - Bathroom
 - Mostly 2 stories
 - Community center
 - TV lounge

- Study rooms
 - Piano
 - Shared kitchen
 - Laundry
 - Alice Cook House
 - Sophs, juniors, and seniors
 - Library
 - Dining room
 - Laundry
 - TV lounge
 - Singles, doubles, triples, and quads
 - Bathrooms on each hallway
 - 5-7 person suites w/ bathroom per suite
 - No AC
 - Carl Becker House
 - Sophs, juniors, seniors
 - All same rooms and amenities as Alice Cook except suites are 5-6 people and there is AC
 - Flora Rose House
 - A large community of halls
 - Founders Hall
 - Lyon Hall - women's only
 - Mennen Hall
 - South Baker Hall
 - Amenities and rooms are the same as Carl Becker except for no AC
 - Hans Bethe House
 - Singles, doubles, quads
 - 5-7 person suites; 1 bathroom per suite
 - Dining room
 - Laundry
 - TV lounge
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- No AC
- William Keeton House
 - Singles and doubles
 - Shared bathrooms
 - 4-10 person suites; 1 bathroom per suite
 - Library
 - Dining room
 - Laundry
 - TV lounge
 - No AC

Off-Campus Housing in Collegetown

- Cascadia Hall
 - Sophs, juniors, seniors
 - Singles and doubles
 - Coed *floors*, not *rooms*
 - Study rooms
 - Shared kitchen
 - Piano practice room
 - Laundry
 - No AC
- 112 Edgemoor
 - Smallest housing community
 - All singles
 - Laundry and kitchen
 - No AC
- Schuyler House
 - Singles, doubles, triples
 - Study room
 - Kitchens on each floor
 - Laundry



- Free bus passes bc of commute to campus
- Sheldon Court
 - Singles and doubles
 - Coed *floors*, not *rooms*
 - Lounge w/ TV and pool table
 - Study rooms
 - Laundry
 - Kitchens
 - No AC

Program Houses

w/ communal bathrooms unless otherwise specified

- housing/communities themed based off on identity or interest
 - Akwe:kon
 - “All of us” in the Mohawk tribe language
 - Native American culture and identity themed
 - ½ of the residents are indigenous but you don’t have to be Native American to live here
 - \$70 a year to be part of the program
 - Singles and doubles
 - 2 study rooms
 - Lounge and TV room
 - Library
 - Kitchen
 - Computer lab
 - No AC
 - Ecology House
 - Sustainability and environmentalism themed
 - \$60 a year to be part of the program
 - Doubles & each room has a private bathroom
 - Big lounge for social activities like pool and ping pong, also 2 study areas

- Laundry
- Kitchen and pantry
- Greenhouse onsite
- AC and heating!
- Equity & Engagement Living-Learning Community (EEC)
 - Social Justice themed
 - Singles and doubles
 - Social lounges and study rooms
 - One shared kitchen
 - Laundry
 - No AC
- Holland International Living Center (HILC)
 - Cross-culture living! A bunch of internationals and students domestic to the US live here
 - \$40 a year to be a part of the program
 - Suite style rooms
 - Study rooms & kitchen
 - The social lounge has a fireplace, TV, library
 - No AC
- Just About Music (JAM)
 - Music themed
 - Stage, recording studios, practice rooms, and instruments
 - Monthly open mic events!
 - \$70 a year to be part of the program
 - Suite style rooms
 - Study lounges
 - Kitchen
 - laundry
 - No AC
- Language House
 - Immerse yourself and improve your foreign language skills

- \$65 a year to be part of the program
- Singles and doubles
- Big lounge for social activities like pool and ping pong, also 2 study areas
- Laundry
- Kitchen and pantry
- No AC
- Latino Living Center (LLC)
 - Latino/a culture themed
 - Dinners, dances, Dia de Los Muertos celebrations, and more
 - Singles and doubles suite style
 - TV and study lounge
 - Computer lab
 - Laundry
 - Kitchen
 - No AC
- Loving House
 - LGBTQIA+ and allies!
 - Singles and doubles
 - All-inclusive bathrooms
 - TV lounge
 - Study room
 - Laundry
 - kitchen
- Multicultural Living Learning Unit (McLLU)
 - All-inclusive and diverse!
 - \$40 to be part of the program
 - Singles and triples
 - TV and study lounge
 - 2 kitchens
 - No AC
- Risley Residential College

- Visual and performing arts themed
- Student-run theater
- Music practice rooms
- Art studio, pottery studio, video editing studio
- Printshop and wood/metals shop
- Singles and doubles
- Has some gender-neutral bathrooms!
- Dining hall and kitchen
- No AC
- Ujamaa Residential College
 - Black heritage and identity
 - \$50 a year to be part of the community
 - Suite style rooms
 - 3 social lounges
 - Study rooms
 - Library
 - No AC

Food On-Campus

- Dining Halls located in Rinsley, Alice Cook, Carl Becker, Hans Bethe, William Keeton, Flora Rose
 - breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Okenshields
 - Asian food station
 - Fresh, healthy, and whole grains station
- Robert Purcell Marketplace Eatery
 - Serves lunch and dinner
 - Salad bars
 - Traditional American cuisine station
 - Pizza, pasta, and dessert stations
- 104West!

- One of the best spots if you have dietary needs
 - Serves kosher, vegetarian, and vegan, halal options
- Bear Necessities
 - Convenience store and grill
 - “Comfort foods”
 - Burgers and fries, subs, pizza, chicken sandwiches, etc.
- Bus Stop Bagels
 - Fresh bagels
 - Serves Starbucks
- Café Jennie
 - Serves Peet's Coffee and baked goods from the Cheesecake Factory
- Ivy Room
 - Burgers, burritos, pizza
 - Omelets in the morning
- Bamboo
 - Pan-Asian food
- Rusty's
 - Convenient to grab a-la-carte when you're in a hurry
 - Serves Starbucks
- Jansen's Market
 - Convenience store
 - Also serves Starbucks, boba, smoothies, and frozen yogurt
 - Unique feature - a peanut butter sandwich bar

Food Off-Campus

- Insomnia Cookies!!
- Burger King
- Subway
- Arby's
- Wendy's
- Panera

- Taco Bell
- Five Guys

<https://www.ilr.cornell.edu/programs/undergraduate-degree-program/undergraduate-admissions>

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