



**STUDYING ON EXCHANGE @ THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES, CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

Unlike some exchange programs which are university-wide, our partnership with your home institution is specifically with one of Cornell’s seven undergraduate colleges, the College of Agriculture of Life Sciences or “CALS.” From our undergraduate business school to programs in communication, development sociology, landscape architecture, and other fields, CALS goes beyond the traditional definition of an agricultural school. And yet, with initiatives in food, animal, plant, and biological sciences, CALS clearly illustrates the relevance of agricultural research in creating a world that can support its inhabitants. Because of this diverse portfolio, CALS is regarded as the best college of its kind in the nation.

As a visiting exchange student you can:

- Study in CALS for one or two semesters
- Start your studies in August or January
- Take a wide range of undergraduate and graduate-level courses
- Obtain credit for student toward your degree at your home university

To join the CALS Exchange Program as an Exchange student, 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 to determine your eligibility.

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

You must have completed at least two full-time semesters (one full year) of college/university level studies and must continue to assume this status throughout your intended duration of study at Cornell under the exchange program.

We consider student applicants who we deem are a good academic fit to the mission of the College. Before applying, it is important that you refer to our areas of study to ensure you are an appropriate candidate for the exchange:

<http://admissions.cals.cornell.edu/academics/majors>.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)**

Nominees must have a minimum cumulative GPA equivalent to a U.S. 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (above average grades). Refer to <http://www.foreigncredits.com/Resources/GPA-Calculator/> for help calculating your GPA.

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**

All courses are taught in English, unless otherwise indicated. You must be proficient in the English language in order to keep up with assignments and benefit from your studies at Cornell.

## OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXCHANGES

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Student Essentials: <https://studentessentials.cornell.edu/>  
Shortcuts to popular Cornell offices, information, and events: <http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/>  
Facts about Cornell: <http://admissions.cornell.edu/facts>  
Cornell map: <http://www.cornell.edu/maps/>  
About Ithaca: <http://www.visitithaca.com/>  
Ithaca Tompkins Country Airport: <http://flyithaca.com/>  
About New York State: <http://www.iloveny.com/>

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Fall 2015

Application Deadline	March 31, 2015
Earliest Arrival Date/Times:	Tuesday, August 18
<u>Mandatory</u> Orientation Begins:	August 19
Class Registration Begins:	August 11 (online)
Classes Begin:	August 25
Labor Day Holiday:	September 7
Fall Break Begins:	October 10, 1:10pm
Instruction Resumes:	October 14, 7:30am
Thanksgiving Break:	November 25 - 29
Last Day of Classes:	December 4
Final Exams:	December 9-17

**Academic Calendar:**

<http://www.cornell.edu/academics/calendar/?year=2015-16>

### Spring 2016

Application Deadline	October 1, 2015
Earliest on-campus move-in:	Wednesday, January 20
<i>(Tentative date, will confirm with acceptance letter)</i>	
<u>Mandatory</u> Orientation Begins:	Thursday, January 21
<i>(Tentative date, will confirm with acceptance letter)</i>	
Class Registration Begins:	January 20 (online)
Classes Begin:	January 27
February Break:	February 13, 1:10pm
Instruction Resumes:	February 17, 7:30am
Spring Break Begins:	March 26
Instruction Resumes:	April 4, 7:30am
Last Day of Classes:	May 11
Final Exams:	May 16-24
Move out of on-campus housing by:	May 25

## PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

You will need to submit several documents with your application (online):

- **Declaration of Finances Form (2R):** Must be correctly completed or application cannot be processed. (see below)
- **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 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Exchange Student. Include personal characteristics, contributions you can make, personal benefits you anticipate, and how studying at CALS 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. Unless explicitly waived by the CALS Exchange Coordinator, you are required to submit either the Test of English as a Foreign Language [TOEFL] or the International English Language Testing System [IELTS] results if:
  - you are from an institution where English is not the primary language of instruction; and/or
  - your first language is not English. The following requirements must be met:
    - Test of English as a Foreign Language [TOEFL] score of 96 or higher
    - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) average result of 6.5-7.0; and/or
    - any other qualifications as determined by the exchange program.*Candidates may also be subject to a telephone interview.*
- **Copy of Passport:** Include a scanned 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 too. Make sure that your Passport(s) will not expire while you are in the United States.

## PROOF OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT – DECLARATION OF FINANCES FORM

The U.S. government requires that all international students prove that they will be financially supported while studying in the U.S. The law requires that students provide documentation of financial support. You will **not** be charged this amount of money; you need only show that you have access to it. Please complete the “Exchange Student Declaration of Finances Form” (or DCF) provided in the online application.

**Evidence of financial support, in the minimum amount of \$9,383 for one semester or \$18,766 for an academic year, must be provided.**

If you are receiving a scholarship, a separate letter must accompany the form. The letter must be written in English and must include:

- Your full name as it appears on your passport, and application.
- The amount of the scholarship in U.S. dollars.
- The dates the scholarship will be provided.
- Certification that the scholarship funds are guaranteed; a preliminary notice will not be accepted.

If you are showing proof of money in a bank account in the “Your savings or your family’s savings” section, a bank official must certify (sign) that, to the best of their knowledge, the funds are available for the required minimum amount. They may also state that the letter has been issued for educational purposes and implies no responsibility on the part of the bank. See sample letter below.

- The bank official must sign the Form 2R where indicated, or write and sign a separate letter.
- If a letter is written, it must be in English.
- The letter must specify the amount in US dollars.
- Only submitting a bank statement showing balance will not be accepted.

You must sign where indicated on the 2R form. If the funds are in your parents or guardian’s name(s), you must also have them sign the form.

You need to scan and upload the DCF to your online application (along with any supporting documents such as a bank letter, if bank will not sign your DCF).

### SAMPLE BANK LETTER

to certify that incoming exchange student

has sufficient funds to support her/himself while studying at Cornell University

[The letter must be IN ENGLISH on OFFICIAL BANK STATIONARY (official letterhead) with dollar amounts in US dollars.]

DATE

This is to certify that [\_\_\_\_\_] (name of the PERSON WITH THE BANK ACCOUNT) has the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD (amount should meet or exceed total amount listed on the appropriate “Declaration of Finances” form) in his/her account at this bank to cover expenses for [NAME OF STUDENT] while s/he is studying at Cornell University.

Sincerely,

[Signature], Name and Title

# COURSES AND LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

## FINDING COURSES (you may call them “subjects,” “papers,” or “modules!”)

- Visit <https://classes.cornell.edu/>
- Be sure to choose the correct semester you plan on being at Cornell. You may have to search the course listing from the year prior, but the courses listed are generally offered annually unless otherwise stated. Please note that all courses and availability are subject to change.

The screenshot shows the Cornell University course search interface. The 'Browse' section is active, displaying 'Academic Groups' with 13 options. The 'Agriculture and Life Sciences' group is expanded, showing a list of subjects with their respective prefixes. A search sidebar on the right is visible, with a dropdown menu set to 'Spring 2015'. A large black arrow points to this dropdown menu. The search sidebar also includes a search box, a 'go' button, and various filters like 'Subjects', 'Academic Career', 'Academic Group', 'Class Level', 'Credits', 'Day of the Week', 'Time Offered', 'Location', 'Breadth/Distribution', 'Session', 'Instructor', and 'Grade Option'.

## While on exchange, you must take the majority (minimum of two-thirds) of your credits\* in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs).

\*This requirement is not applicable to Applied Economics & Management or Biological/Environmental Engineering majors.

- Courses with the following prefixes count as CALS credits: AGSCI; AIS; AEM; ALS; ANSC; BEE; BIOG; BIOAP; BIOBM; BIOEE; BIOGD; BIOMI; BIONB; BIOPL; BIOSM; BTRY; COMM; CSS; DSOC; EAS; EDUC; ENTOM; FDSC; HORT; IARD; INFO; LA; NS; NTRES; PLBR; PLPA; SES; SNES; and TOX.
- The easiest way to search for CALS courses is to search “Agriculture and Life Sciences” in the “Academic Groups” tab at <https://classes.cornell.edu/>.

## COURSE LOAD

Exchange students must take at least 12 academic credits per semester to maintain their visa status. The maximum number of credits is 18, although most students enroll in 14-16 per semester. Exceeding 16 credits is not recommended for first-semester exchange students.

## COURSE REGISTRATION

Exchange students register for courses after degree-seeking Cornell students. Students may find that certain courses are closed or already full upon arrival. It's important to be flexible with course selection and schedules as students will not officially register for classes until just before classes begin. While students are asked to provide initial course requests at the time of application, course changes are still possible during the first week of classes, as this is the time when students “shop” around to solidify their schedule. (“Shopping” for classes is the practice of attending a number of classes during the first week of classes before finalizing your schedule.)

## PLEASE NOTE

- We regret that we cannot guarantee enrollment in any course, even if they are required by your home university. If you absolutely MUST take a specific course while on exchange, we regret that there is no possible way we can provide you that guarantee. (Just because a previous exchange student was able to enroll does not mean that you will be able to access the same course.)

- Enrollment permission is often subject to class size limitations, the consent of instructors, and demonstrated academic qualifications in the form of prerequisites.
- If required by your home university, our office will help you obtain syllabi or other course details prior to your arrival. However, success in obtaining syllabi prior to arrival is not guaranteed. Keep in mind that many faculty members are not prepared to answer questions during the summer and breaks as they are involved in professional or personal activities away from campus.
- Some courses require one or many prerequisites. If you have not already taken the equivalent prerequisites in your home institution, you will not be able to register in these courses.
- Credits obtained during your exchange must be considered toward degree completion at your home university.
- Timetable clashes are common, so it's important to be flexible in scheduling. It is your responsibility to verify that the courses chosen do not create conflicts in your schedule. You must attend all of your lectures, seminars, and laboratories.
- You may not take foreign language courses at Cornell.
- You are not required to take the swim test and are not held to any Cornell graduation requirements.
- You cannot pre-enroll for Physical Education courses; enroll once you arrive on campus.
- Cornell University's School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, Cornell in Washington, Cornell in New York City, Urban Semester, or any other special programs are not included in the exchange program.

## COURSE AND PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

Many departments in CALS are available to visiting exchange students, however admission into some programs and enrollment in some courses are limited.

<p><b>Applied Economics and Management (AEM) - Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management</b></p>	<p><b>We regret that registration in courses offered by the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management (AEM) is very limited.</b> Full-time, degree-seeking Cornell students are ALWAYS given priority to course enrollment.</p> <p>Only those students from universities where CALS has explicit arrangements to accept students into the AEM major will be considered. These partner universities include:</p> <p>Bocconi; University of Copenhagen; ESADE; IESEG France; IE University; HKUST School of Business &amp; Management; LUISS; Manchester Business School; National University of Singapore Business School; Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Business School; and University of Sydney-Commerce.</p> <p>Students studying Agricultural Business or Food Industry Management at their home university will be placed in the most appropriate CALS major, which may or may not be AEM.</p> <p>The following courses have been <u>very difficult (or impossible)</u> for Exchange Students to enroll in: <b>AEM 2000</b> Contemporary Controversies in the Global Economy; <b>AEM 2010</b> Spreadsheet Modeling; <b>AEM 2600</b> Managerial Economics I; <b>AEM 2601 Managerial Economics II</b>; <b>AEM 2240</b> Finance; <b>AEM 3340</b> Women, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship; <b>AEM 3360</b> Intermediate Accounting I; <b>AEM 3440</b> Consumer Behavior (or HADM 3347); <b>AEM 4020/4021</b> Food and Brand Lab Workshop (full year sequence); <b>AEM 4130</b> Business Strategy Research; <b>AEM 4140</b> Behavioral Economics and Managerial Decisions; <b>AEM 4190</b> Strategic Thinking; and <b>AEM 4420</b> Emerging Markets.</p> <p>The following courses <u>are not available</u> to Exchange Students: <b>AEM 2200</b> Business Management and Organization; <b>AEM 2225</b> Financial Accounting for Dyson students; <b>AEM 2410</b> Marketing Plan Development; <b>AEM 2420</b> Marketing; <b>AEM 2700</b> Management Communication <b>AEM 4000</b> Practitioner's Overview of Securities Markets and Investment Banking; <b>AEM 4010</b> Commercial Bank Management; <b>AEM 4060</b> Risk Simulation and Optimization; <b>AEM 4200</b> Investment Management in the Global Economy; <b>AEM 4210</b> Derivatives and Risk Management; <b>AEM 4230</b> Contemporary Topics in Applied Finance; <b>AEM 4260</b> Fixed Income Securities; <b>AEM 4280</b> Valuation of Capital Investment; <b>AEM 4290</b> International Finance; <b>AEM 4570</b> Advanced Corporate Finance; and <b>AEM 4620</b> Technology and Financial Markets.</p> <p><i>As an alternative, we encourage students to explore business-related courses offered by departments in other colleges/schools at Cornell. Some other departments at Cornell to explore: Department of Economics (ECON), Policy Analysis &amp; Management (PAM), Hotel Administration (HADM), and Johnson School of Management undergraduate courses (NBA). We waive the requirement of taking two-thirds of coursework in CALS for AEM majors.</i></p>
<p>Landscape Architecture</p>	<p>Prior approval and portfolio is required. Please email portfolio in PDF format to Exchange Coordinator.</p>
<p>Development Sociology</p>	<p>Many courses are only open to major, degree-seeking students only. Please check with Exchange Coordinator before applying.</p>

## ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES

Incoming students on formal exchanges are exempt from general tuition charges at Cornell. You are, however, required to pay for and enroll in Cornell's Student Health Insurance Plan and pay for any additional course charges that are compulsory upon registration (see table below). Such additional course charges may represent program fees, special activity charges, course materials or fees for non-credit courses. Students may also incur campus printing charges, which are charged to your student account on a monthly basis.

The following is a list of approximate living costs, listed in US Dollars. Please note that fees may increase. They do not include the cost of international travel, or travel within the United States as those amounts vary considerably for each student. You will be responsible for any and all expenses (excluding Cornell tuition) that are incurred during your stay at Cornell.

<b>U.S. Visa Stamp (required)</b>	<b>\$200 SEVIS Registration Fee for F-1 Students</b> <a href="http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/sevis_fee_f-1.pdf">http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/sevis_fee_f-1.pdf</a>  ~\$105-\$140 Visa Issuance Fee (unless your country has a reciprocity agreement with the US, see <a href="http://travel.state.gov/visa/fees/fees_3272.html">http://travel.state.gov/visa/fees/fees_3272.html</a> )		
<b>Mandatory Cornell Student Activity Fee</b>	<b>\$118/per semester</b> <a href="http://assembly.cornell.edu/SA/ActivityFee">http://assembly.cornell.edu/SA/ActivityFee</a>		
<b>Housing and Food</b>		<b>Rent</b>	<b>Food</b>
	<b>Off-campus</b> (costs vary greatly, depending on proximity to campus, age of building, access to amenities, and more)	\$2,250-\$4,500/semester (\$500-\$1000/month)	\$200-\$400/month, depending on individual eating habits
	<b>Cooperative Residential Houses</b> (when available)	\$2,600-\$3,500/semester	~\$500 for general kitchen supplies/semester; plus personal food expenses of \$200-\$400/month, depending on individual eating habits
<b>Books and Supplies</b>	<b>\$435/per semester</b>		
<b>Cornell University Student Health Insurance (required)</b>	<b>\$1,000/per semester</b>  All international students enrolled at Cornell are required to purchase the Cornell University Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). Cornell's SHIP is considered a high-value, comprehensive health plan that meets or exceeds all state, federal and college health standards.  <b>Please note: If you are already covered by or purchase a separate health insurance plan in your home country, you must still pay and be covered under Cornell's health insurance.</b>		
<b>Local transportation</b>	<b>Free.</b> With Cornell Student ID card, all CALS Exchange Students ride Cornell and Ithaca buses at no cost.		
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>\$885/per semester</b>		

## SEARCHING FOR HOUSING

In recent years Cornell has experienced an increased demand for on-campus housing, and as a result, we regret that we are not able to offer on-campus housing for visiting exchange students. Occasionally, cooperative houses (smaller university-owned shared student houses) or private property owners notify us when they have spots available. As soon as we learn of them, we immediately forward the listing to all incoming exchange students. It's important that you respond to the emails quickly if you're interested in living there!

### Fall semester arrivals:

We strongly recommend that students coming for the fall semester or full academic year begin searching for off-campus housing as soon as possible (do not wait until May or later!). The market for off-campus housing in close proximity to the university is very limited, PARTICULARLY for the fall. Allow ample time to find a home that best suits your needs; this process can take several weeks!

### Spring semester arrivals:

Because a large number of Cornell students study abroad in the spring semester, there are many room vacancies off-campus. It is definitely easier to find housing if you arrive in the spring!

### Finding off campus housing – a guide to neighborhoods/areas around campus

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If you're staying for a full academic year, you may want to sign a lease with a landlord. Be sure to read the fine print and double check the dates of the lease. Some landlords require an 11- or 12-month lease. While you look for housing, also consider transportation to and from campus. Public transportation is available to many areas around campus (and you will receive a free bus pass when you register on campus).

In general, the Ithaca housing market thrives from renting private homes (many of which are rented to groups of students as a unit, or rented to individuals by floor or by room). Their prices tend to be much cheaper than those found in many of the apartment complexes, but usually price is reflective to distance to campus. There are also several newer apartment complexes. Older apartment complexes tend to be comparable in price to apartments in houses, and full houses. Many exchange students rent a room in a shared house or apartment.

- **Collegetown:** This is a very convenient location within walking distance of campus. The main street through Collegetown is College Ave. with the central district bordered by Eddy Street and East State Street. This central district has a large number of restaurants and bars, as well as shopping and services. As a result, rents tend to be higher and noise can be a problem. However, as you move out from this central point to "upper" or "lower" Collegetown things quiet down a bit. (Note that the designations of "upper" and "lower" Collegetown correspond to the hill on which Collegetown, and Cornell, are located, so a lower Collegetown location will likely mean an uphill walk to businesses and campus.)
- **Downtown Ithaca, the Commons, and Fall Creek:** Literally down the hill from Cornell, these neighborhoods are close to shopping, the local business district and other services. Most units are subdivided houses, single unit houses, and apartments over shops or offices. Bus service runs frequently through downtown. On a nice day, it is a 25-minute uphill walk to campus from downtown. There is a small whole foods market, Oasis, in the Dewitt Mall.
- **North & West Campus:** Home to many fraternities and sororities, but also university-owned cooperative houses and residential halls
- **Gun Hill Residences:** Residential style apartments in a quiet area between West Campus and Fall Creek. There is a free shuttle that runs to/from campus regularly. Free Saturday shuttle to Wegmans for grocery shopping. Subletting from another student is recommended; otherwise students must sign lease and pay rent for 11 months (August-June).
- **South Hill:** This area is home to Ithaca College and less convenient for Cornell students, although there is bus service to Cornell via downtown.
- **West Hill & Cayuga Lake:** These are not convenient residential areas for Cornell students.
- **Northeast & Lansing:** This area of Ithaca and neighboring town contain large shopping malls and apartment complexes. Bus service is less frequent through this area, so it's not recommended.

### Housing Websites:

- Ithaca Craigslist: <http://ithaca.craigslist.org/> (Look at apts/housing; rooms/shared; and sublets/temporary).
- Cornell Off-Campus Living Website: <http://dos.cornell.edu/ocho/>
- Cornell Off-Campus Housing Search: [https://sf-sas-app-002.serverfarm.cornell.edu:7793/och/faces/task-flow-definition6/och\\_welcome](https://sf-sas-app-002.serverfarm.cornell.edu:7793/och/faces/task-flow-definition6/och_welcome)

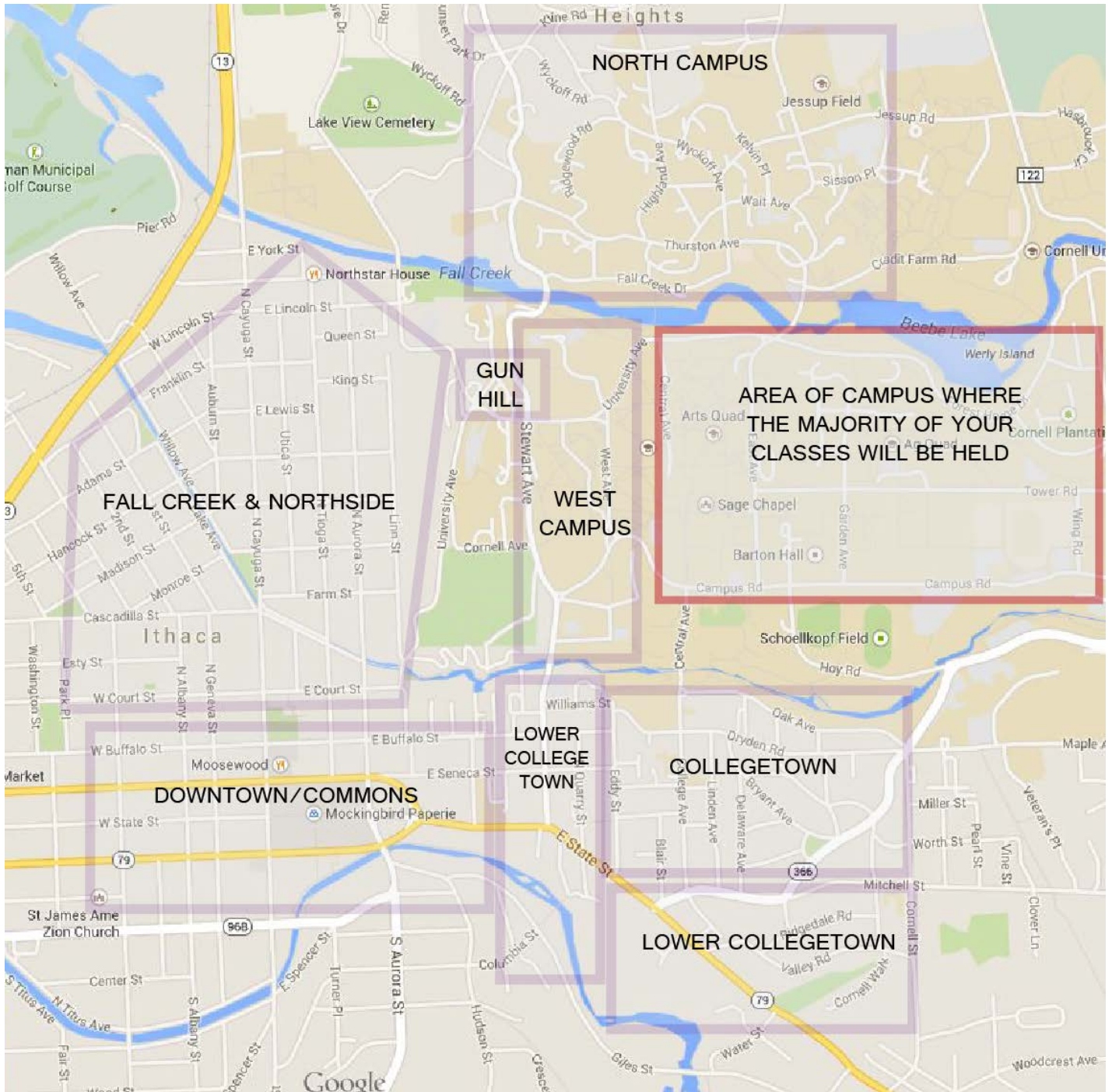
*To stay close to campus, look for keywords such as: Cornell, Fall Creek, Commons, Collegetown, and several street names such as: Dryden, Seneca, Aurora, Quarry, Stewart, Buffalo, and Eddy.*

Cornell does not take responsibility for the condition or location of the advertised housing. While most property listings are posted legitimately on the Internet, be aware that some are posted by individuals with motives other than renting an apartment. Take precautions when responding to a listing as to the information you share, or wiring money to individuals not known to you.

Please write to us at [cals-ex-incoming@cornell.edu](mailto:cals-ex-incoming@cornell.edu) if you'd like us to give you our thoughts about a particular location of a rental. It's important to us that you are in a location that has convenient access to campus!

Finally, we are not able to recommend specific landlords nor do we host a blog or landlord rating system. However, there are many websites and blogs on the internet where you can view and post comments about your potential landlord. Here are just a few:

- <http://www.apartmentratings.com/rate/NY-Ithaca.html>
- <http://www.tenantlandlordratings.com/>
- <http://www.reviewmylandlord.com/>





## DINING

Cornell Dining has earned its reputation as one of the best college dining services in the country. In addition to numerous on-campus cash à la carte facilities, Cornell Dining offers a wide variety of meal plans, ranging from five meals a week to a full-board plan. Students can choose a meal plan that suits their lifestyles and budgets. The Cornell Dining website lists all Cornell Dining facilities, along with other non-affiliated dining outlets on campus. You don't have to be on a meal plan to dine on campus since cash or credit cards are also accepted. <http://living.sas.cornell.edu/dine/>

Ithaca has more restaurants per capita than New York City and is known among foodies for its emphasis on locally and organically grown foods. Home of the Moosewood Restaurant, Ithaca has everything from Thai restaurants to steakhouses.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

### YOUR ACCEPTANCE PACKET & IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

An information packet will be mailed to the address you indicated on your application once your I-20 has been processed (takes 4-6 weeks after application deadline). The packet will include a letter of acceptance to the exchange program and a "certificate of eligibility" called an "I-20." You will need the acceptance letter and the I-20 to apply for an "F-1" visa stamp at a U.S. Consulate (unless you are a Canadian citizen, as Canadians are not required to obtain visa stamps to enter the U.S.). Please read <http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/visas/newstudentvisa.php> for complete details about the visa process.

### ARRIVING TO ITHACA

Students **must attend the Mandatory International Student Orientation** and should make their travel plans accordingly. The orientation session is scheduled prior to the first day of classes to assist students with their acclimation process. All students are expected to be present for the first day of classes.

### READ, READ, READ!

Cornell University is a large institution, with many departments in which you will interact. Please carefully read information sent to you by email, mail, and on our website as they all contain important information.

### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All exchange students are responsible for the Cornell Student Activity Fee (approximately \$118/semester), SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee (approximately \$200), Cornell Student Health Insurance, meals, books, housing, printing fees, physical education (PE) course fees (if you choose to take a PE course), travel costs, and all personal expenses. You will be billed for university-related expenses online through Cornell's Office of the Bursar. Throughout the semester, you will receive a monthly bursar bill by email for any other expenses you may incur. You are responsible for all fees billed by the Bursar.

### YOUR NETID

Your Cornell network identity (NetID) is your key to secure online services at Cornell. Your NetID and activation code will be mailed to you about two weeks **AFTER** you receive your acceptance packet (if you provide a valid mobile phone number we will also text you your NetID). You are expected to activate your NetID immediately.

### YOUR CALS BUDDY

If you wish, you will be matched with a CALS Buddy to assist you with your transition to Cornell. Before you arrive, you will be contacted by your Cornell Buddy so you may learn more about Cornell and each other. Buddies have already studied abroad and have an idea of what you're going through!

### YOUR ORIENTATION LEADER

At the beginning of the university-wide orientation you will be assigned an Orientation Leader or "OL." This upper-level Cornell student will organize fun group meetings and activities to help you learn about Cornell and meet other new students. This is a great opportunity to meet US American students and get out and about!

### YOUR EXCHANGE ADVISOR

In order to provide accurate answers to your questions (answers perhaps only applicable to our exchange students), please contact the CALS Exchange Office directly for inquiries of any sort. We may refer you to another department, if appropriate, but our office should be your first line of contact.