



Cornell University

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Incoming Exchange/Visiting Students



ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

Life. Changing.

[The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences \(CALs\)](#) at Cornell University is considered one of the very best of its kind in the United States, if not the world. [Our mission](#) is to discover, integrate, disseminate, and apply knowledge about agriculture and food sciences, applied social sciences, environmental sciences, and the life sciences as a basis for sustainable improvement in the lives of people throughout New York, the nation, and the world. We will only consider students who we deem are a good academic fit to the mission of the CALS.

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Undergraduate Majors	Of the college's 22 majors , all are open to exchange.
Credit Requirements	Students must take 50% or more of their credits in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs). AEM does not count toward the 50% CALs credit requirement. The maximum number of credits a student can enroll in is 18; but we recommend that exchange/visiting students enroll in 14-16 credits per semester.
Course Enrollment Period	CALs students will pre-enroll for courses at the same time as junior students. Please note that this could change at any time due to unexpected circumstances. Students will be notified of any changes to this timeline. A pre-enrollment notification email with more details will be sent approximately one week prior to the start of pre-enroll.
Course Enrollment	Please note that we cannot guarantee enrollment in any course including independent research. <i>Enrollment permission is subject to class size limitations, the consent of instructors, and demonstrated academic qualifications in the form of prerequisites.</i> When pre-enrollment begins, students may find that certain courses are closed or already full. It is important to be flexible with course selection and schedules. Please choose one or two backup courses in the case you are not able to secure your first choices during the pre-enrollment period. There will be an opportunity at the start of the term to rearrange class enrollment.

	<p>Students may enroll in courses that are offered through other colleges at Cornell if they are meeting the minimum required course load for CALS (see above). CALS exchange/visiting students should also be aware many courses in AEM, HADM, and NBA are difficult or impossible to enroll in as they are in high demand.</p>
Course Restrictions	<p>CALS exchange/visiting students may not enroll in the following courses (even if they have a relevant background):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Year Writing Seminar (FWS) courses • Studio courses (this does not apply to students admitted to Landscape Architecture) • Senior Capstone courses • Classes offered through professional degree programs <p>CALS exchange/visiting students may not pre-enroll in the following courses but may check for spaces in the classes during the add period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science (CS) courses
Course Information	<p>Course descriptions can be accessed through the class roster. The roster for the appropriate semester may not be available at the time you are completing your application, so consult the most recent roster for the semester you plan to study at Cornell. The class roster for the term you will be attending Cornell will be available before your pre-enrollment time slot.</p>
Graduate Level Classes	<p>CALS students may enroll in 5000-6000 level classes only if they have met the prerequisites. These are traditionally graduate level classes. Often instructor permission may be needed, and it is solely the student's responsibility to inquire with the professor if they can join the course.</p>
Independent Study	<p>Incoming exchange/visiting students can participate in independent research during their time at Cornell. Cornell is not only a world-class academic institution but also a world-class research institute. There are tremendous opportunities here to get hands-on research experience. The easiest way to participate in research while at Cornell is to reach out to a faculty member directly and see if they are looking for support in their labs/etc. Independent study is not guaranteed.</p>
General Advising (<i>questions before and after arrival</i>)	<p>The primary contact for exchange students is the Office of Global Learning</p> <p>Jess Hawkey Email: incoming-mobility@globallearning.cornell.edu</p>

Academic Advising (<i>after arrival</i>)	For academic matters, exchange students will be assigned a major advisor within their major department in CALS. An introduction will be made during the orientation period.
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IMPORTANT WEBSITES	
Cornell University	cornell.edu
Office of Global Learning	abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/incoming-exchange-students
Office of Global Learning – International Services	international.globallearning.cornell.edu
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	cals.cornell.edu/
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Majors and Minors	cals.cornell.edu/education/degrees-programs

FOR INFORMATION on Cost/Billing, Health Insurance, Post-Acceptance Steps, and Campus Resources, see the Cornell University Exchange Fact Sheet.