



# Cornell University

College of Arts & Sciences  
Incoming Exchange/Visiting Students



## ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

*Let curiosity be your guide.*

The [College of Arts & Sciences \(A&S\)](#) is the largest undergraduate college at Cornell, with rich and wide-ranging course offerings in the liberal arts and sciences. It offers [42 different majors and nearly 70 minors](#), including internationally renowned programs in the physical and biological sciences, math and statistical science, the social sciences, and the humanities. Arts & Sciences offers approximately half of the 4,000 courses offered at Cornell, so A&S students have an extraordinary variety of courses to choose from—and the freedom to select the combination of courses that suit their own unique academic goals. The A&S student community is remarkably diverse: its 4,700 undergraduates come from all over the U.S. and around the world.

## COLLEGE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Undergraduate Majors	Of the college's <a href="#">42 majors</a> , all are open to exchange and visiting students <u>except</u> for Computer Science and Information Science.
College Eligibility Recommendation	Students must meet Cornell's requirements for <a href="#">academic preparation and English proficiency</a> (scroll to ELP). A&S recommends students interested in American Studies, Anthropology, Comparative Literature, English, Government, History, or Sociology exceed the minimum requirement of English proficiency due to the amount of reading and writing required for this coursework.
Credit Requirements	Students must take 50% or more of their credits in the College of Arts & Sciences (A&S). 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	A&S students will pre-enroll for courses at the same time as first-year 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	<b>Please note that we cannot guarantee enrollment in any course including independent research.</b> <i>Enrollment permission is subject to</i>

	<p><i>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> <p>Students may enroll in courses that are offered through other colleges at Cornell if they are meeting the minimum required course load for Arts &amp; Sciences (see above). A&amp;S 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>A&amp;S exchange/visiting students <b>may not enroll</b> in the following courses (even if they have a relevant background):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Year Writing Seminar (FWS) courses</li> <li>• Studio courses (typically offered in Architecture and Landscape Architecture)</li> <li>• Senior Capstone courses</li> <li>• Classes offered through professional degree programs</li> <li>• Law classes</li> </ul> <p>A&amp;S exchange/visiting students <b>may not pre-enroll</b> in the following courses but may check for spaces in the classes during the add period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Science (INFO) courses</li> <li>• Computer Science (CS) courses</li> </ul>
Course Information	<p>Course descriptions can be accessed through the <a href="#">class roster</a>. 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 by changing the term on the upper right (above the grey “search” box). 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>A&amp;S students may enroll in some 5000-6000 level classes, but 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 <b>can participate in independent research</b> 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</p>

	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.
General Advising ( <i>questions before and after arrival</i> )	The primary contact for exchange students is the Office of Global Learning  Jess Hawkey Email: <a href="mailto:jh2652@cornell.edu">jh2652@cornell.edu</a>
Academic Advising ( <i>after arrival</i> )	For academic matters, exchange students will be assigned an Advising Dean in Arts & Sciences. An introduction will be made during the orientation period.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES	
Cornell University	<a href="http://cornell.edu">cornell.edu</a>
Office of Global Learning	<a href="https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/incoming-students">https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/incoming-students</a>
Office of Global Learning – International Services	<a href="https://international.globallearning.cornell.edu/">https://international.globallearning.cornell.edu/</a>
College of Arts & Sciences	<a href="http://as.cornell.edu">as.cornell.edu</a>
College of Arts & Sciences Majors and Minors ( <i>all available except Computer Science, Information Science</i> )	<a href="https://as.cornell.edu/majors-and-minors">https://as.cornell.edu/majors-and-minors</a>

FOR INFORMATION on Cost/Billing, Health Insurance, Post-Acceptance Steps, and Campus Resources, review the [International Exchange webpage](#) (exchange students), the [Visiting International Student Program \(VIS\) webpage](#), and the [Exchange and Visiting Facts webpage](#).