



Cornell Law School

Cornell Law School Program Summary

For use in 2024-25 Academic Year by Students at Partner Schools

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Cornell Law School welcomes a select number of highly qualified law students from our partner institutions abroad to enroll at Cornell Law School for one or two semesters as non-matriculated students. We are pleased that you have chosen to participate in our exchange program and hope that you have a very rewarding experience here, both academically and socially.

This information is designed to provide you with information about Cornell, the Ithaca area, visa requirements, and health and safety issues. Also included is information regarding how to register for law classes, where to buy books, whom to contact in the event you require assistance and more. This information, along with the information included in the JD Exchange Admitted Student Portal and the materials you will receive from Cornell University and Law School, should provide most of the information you need prior to arrival.

We hope that you find the information useful as you as you prepare for your studies at Cornell. As you embark on this new experience, we encourage you to share your experience with us and seek assistance if you have any questions or concerns.

Name of University	Cornell Law School
Year Founded	1877
Student Population	Postgraduate: <u> X </u> International: <u> X </u>
Law School Website	http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/
Location City	Ithaca, New York (approximately four hours by car from New York City and Toronto, five-six hours from Boston, Montreal and Washington, D.C.) Nearby Airports: Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport Elmira Corning Regional Airport Syracuse Hancock International Airport Greater Rochester International Airport Greater Binghamton Airport
Campus	Ithaca, New York
Diversity & Inclusion at Cornell University	<p>A diverse community includes everyone and is the foundation for the meaningful exploration and exchange of ideas. Since its founding, Cornell University has encouraged a culture that provides for the full participation of all members of our campus community—this keeps us at the leading edge in education and in our fields and practices. Cornell University is a place where intercultural skills are developed and enacted among diverse campus constituencies, with community partners, and within the classroom and workplace.</p> <p>For More Information: http://diversity.cornell.edu/</p> <p>Cornell LGBT Resource Center: https://scl.cornell.edu/identity-resources/lgbt-resource-centerr</p>

<p>Students with Mobility and other Disabilities or Impairments</p>	<p>Cornell University provides services for students with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations and services are provided for exchange students with documented disabilities to provide equal access to educational programs and services in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990 as amended in 2008) and Cornell policy. Student Disability Services (SDS) facilitates the provision of services and accommodations for students.</p> <p>We value a collaborative process as we work with students to establish services. Student Disability Services (SDS) staff will work with you on an individual basis to determine reasonable accommodations that facilitate access to learning, living, and other experiences. The information you provide is an essential component in the determination of reasonable accommodations and services. SDS staff determine approved accommodations after reviewing your request for support services, your past use of accommodations, and the likely impact of your disability on your educational experiences at Cornell.</p> <p>Please review information about the use of individual accommodations and contact us if you have questions about the use of accommodations.</p> <p>The admissions process and criteria are the same for all students applying to Cornell. Disability status will not be a consideration in admissions decisions.</p> <p>Some accommodations may take significant time to facilitate. Therefore, you should submit your request as early as possible, upon being accepted into the exchange program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible, you should initiate the process in the early summer or as soon as the disability arises. • The form and guidelines for disability documentation are available at the Student Disability Services website, http://sds.cornell.edu. All documentation must be current and comprehensive in order to determine eligibility for accommodations in a law school environment. This documentation should be in writing and should be from a physician who is familiar with your diagnosis and treatment. In cases of learning disabilities, a full psycho-educational report including aptitude and achievement tests reflecting all the test and subtest scores and a description of test procedures is required. (The Student Disability Services may give you additional instructions.) <p>*The report should be prepared by a professional qualified to diagnose a learning disability. The report should make written recommendations based upon your needs for accommodation in a <u>law school environment</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You should also arrange for an appointment with the Director of Student Disability Services at Cornell University, upon your arrival in Ithaca. The Director can offer you advice and guidance on the services available to students at the University. In the alternative, you may wish to schedule a phone appointment before your arrival. To schedule an appointment with Student Disability Services Office, call 607-254-4545 or write to sds_cu@cornell.edu. <p>For more information please visit: https://sds.cornell.edu/</p>
<p>Language of instruction</p>	<p>English</p> <p>Students from non-English-language schools must provide information demonstrating English language competence equivalent to a TOEFL total score of at least 100, a minimum score of 26 on the reading and listening subsections, and a minimum score of 22 on the writing and speaking subsections are required. For applicants who take the IELTS, the requirements are a minimum overall band score of at least 7.5, a minimum score of 7.5 on</p>

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Exchange Durations & Periods	FALL: Mid-August - Late-December SPRING: Mid-January - Late-May																																				
2024-2025 Semester Dates & Application Deadlines	<p>2024 - 2025 Academic Calendar:</p> <p>https://community.lawschool.cornell.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-2025-Academic-Calendar.pdf</p> <p>J.D. Exchange Orientation: Monday, August 19 (mandatory for Exchange students)</p> <table> <tr> <td>Monday, August 19</td><td>JD/ JD Exchange Orientation Begins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Monday, August 26</td><td>Instruction Begins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Monday, September 2</td><td>No Classes – Labor Day</td></tr> <tr> <td>Saturday – Sunday, October 12-20</td><td>Fall Break</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday–Friday, November 27–29</td><td>Thanksgiving Break</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday, December 3</td><td>Cornell Law School will follow a Friday Schedule</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, December 5</td><td>Fall Instruction Ends</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friday–Monday, December 6-9</td><td>Reading Period</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday–Friday, December 10-20</td><td>Final Examinations</td></tr> </table> <p>Spring Term 2025</p> <table> <tr> <td>Thursday, January 16</td><td>JD-Exchange Orientation (Mandatory)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Monday, January 20</td><td>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No classes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday, January 21</td><td>Spring Term Begins For All Other Courses</td></tr> <tr> <td>Monday-Friday, March 31–April 4</td><td>Spring Break</td></tr> <tr> <td>Monday, April 28</td><td>Spring Instruction Ends</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday-Wednesday, April 29 – 30</td><td>Reading Period</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thursday–Friday, May 1-9</td><td>Final Exam Period</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sunday, May 11</td><td>Law School Convocation</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friday–Sunday, May 24-26</td><td>University Commencement Weekend</td></tr> </table>	Monday, August 19	JD/ JD Exchange Orientation Begins	Monday, August 26	Instruction Begins	Monday, September 2	No Classes – Labor Day	Saturday – Sunday, October 12-20	Fall Break	Wednesday–Friday, November 27–29	Thanksgiving Break	Tuesday, December 3	Cornell Law School will follow a Friday Schedule	Thursday, December 5	Fall Instruction Ends	Friday–Monday, December 6-9	Reading Period	Tuesday–Friday, December 10-20	Final Examinations	Thursday, January 16	JD-Exchange Orientation (Mandatory)	Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No classes	Tuesday, January 21	Spring Term Begins For All Other Courses	Monday-Friday, March 31–April 4	Spring Break	Monday, April 28	Spring Instruction Ends	Tuesday-Wednesday, April 29 – 30	Reading Period	Thursday–Friday, May 1-9	Final Exam Period	Sunday, May 11	Law School Convocation	Friday–Sunday, May 24-26	University Commencement Weekend
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Minimum Academic requirements for Admission to the Exchange Program	<p>Fall 2024: Nominations must be received by March 1 Deadline for Application Materials: April 30</p> <p>Spring 2025: Nominations must be received by September 1 Deadline for Application Materials: October 1 (**Extensions may be granted upon request) Nominations should be emailed to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu</p>																																				
New Application Process	<p>Application Process for JD Exchange Nominees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Link: https://support.law.cornell.edu/International/JD-Exchange/Applications/ 																																				

	<p>At the application site, you will upload your supporting application documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A current transcript 2. Letter of nomination 3. TOEFL or IELTS scores 4. A current CV and 5. a one-page personal statement 6. Copy of your passport information page <p>The deadline for submitting your application and supporting documentation is April 1, 2024. Please also let me know if you need additional time. Please contact me if you have any question. We look forward to welcoming you in the fall/spring.</p>
2024-25 Course Catalogue	<p><i>2024-25 Course Offerings and Descriptions</i></p> <p>https://support.law.cornell.edu/CourseCatalog/</p>
Course Enrollment/ Registration	<p>Exchange students will have direct access to the online course registration system. You will be notified by email, sent to your Cornell NetID email address, when pre-registration is available. You must activate your NetID to receive the email and to use the Law School registration system.</p> <p>Please note that pre-registration is <u>not</u> first-come, first-served, so please take your time before starting to pre-register to read the information available on the Registrar's site about courses and meeting times.</p> <p>Some courses will fill quickly and some courses have prerequisites, which may limit accessibility to exchange students. Do not get discouraged if you are on a waitlist. Typically, there is a lot of movement during the add/drop period. If you are on a waitlist, you should attend the class.</p> <p>Students will be permitted to make adjustments to their course schedule during the add/drop period for that term. You are eligible to take most upper year courses listed except those with specific pre-requisites. Prerequisites are listed in the course descriptions on the registrar's website.</p> <p>If registration deadline nears and you have not yet received NetID, work with Dawne Peacock to email course selections to the Registrar.</p>
Courses/ Programs Excluded from the Exchange	<p>First-year classes are strictly limited; limited enrolment classes are available if not filled by upper-class Cornell students under the school preference system.</p>

Courses/ Programs with restricted access	Seminars and problem courses may be restricted by prerequisites. Enrollment in clinical courses is based on instructor selection. Students are encouraged to inquire about the likelihood of getting into a clinic course by contacting the professor directly. Course Offerings and Descriptions are available at the website, above.
A Note Regarding Clinical Courses A Note Regarding Clinical Courses	<p>Clinics are courses in which students have the opportunity to assume the role of an advocate on behalf of real clients, working under the supervision of law school clinical faculty. See: http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/clinical-programs/</p> <p>Clinical courses are open to all upper-class Cornell students, including exchange students, but enrolment is limited. If you wish to apply for a clinic, you need to follow the process outlined by that the Registrar's Office. Most clinics require applicants to submit supplementary materials such as a resume and statement of interest. You may read the descriptions of the clinical courses and application requirements through the "Clinic Pre-Registration" link on the registrar's website mentioned below.</p> <p>When general pre-registration opens, students will be notified of the clinic(s) they were accepted into and will have the opportunity to register for other courses up to the credit limits. At that time, students have the ability to drop a clinic course to which they were accepted (if they wish to do so) in order to add a different course.</p> <p>We encourage you to think about applying for one or more clinics if this is something that interests you. Although they tend to be more work than other courses, they offer a unique and rewarding lawyering experience. If you are not interested in clinics, just keep your eyes open for an email from the Registrar's Office which will provide more information about general pre-registration.</p>
Level of Study	Postgraduate/ Graduate
Credits per study period	<p>Exchange students must have their course courses pre-approved by their home institution.</p> <p>Exchange students must take a minimum of 12 credits to maintain their visa status.</p> <p>For Cornell students, a normal load would be 12-14 credits per semester. Cornell students may take up to 17 credits per semester, but this would be a very difficult course load for an international student. Even 13-15 credits would be difficult for some exchange students. Please work with your home school to determine the appropriate level for you.</p>
Average credit per course	Varies: 1-4
Number of courses offered per study period	70—80
Number of hours per week for each course	1-4
Total number of hours for each course	The Student Handbook describes how Cornell calculates credits - one credit hour consists of 55 minutes of classroom or direct faculty supervision and 2 hours of out-of-class student work per week for 13 weeks (or the equivalent mix of classroom and out-of-class work for courses like clinics). Usually, a professor's syllabus clearly illustrates the content of a course.
Class Attendance	Attendance is required on a regular basis beginning on the first day of the semester. Irregular attendance or neglect of work may result in removal from the course with a grade of F (fail) or other sanctions.

Grading System Information	<p>Exchange student may choose either the J.D. or LL.M. grading scale. See the Student Handbook for more information.</p> <p>Students must confirm with their home institutions which grading scale is preferred, prior to the start of classes. Some courses are offered for S/U (pass/fail) grading only. Before registering for S/U (pass/fail) only courses, <u>students will need to confirm with their home institution that S/U grades are acceptable. Requests to have the S/U grade changed to a different grading scale will not be granted.</u></p>
Available Language Courses	<p>English language courses are offered both prior to and during the semester at Cornell. The cost to the student is approximately \$1,500; fees are not waived for exchange students. Please visit the following website for more information:</p> <p>http://www.sce.cornell.edu/exec/aegs/index.php</p>
Finding on-campus housing	<p>Cornell Law School Housing Guide</p> <p>Campus housing is in extremely high demand and receive many more applications than they can accommodate. On-campus housing is possible, but not guaranteed. Exchange students are responsible for securing housing prior to arriving at Cornell.</p> <p>https://living.cornell.edu/live/wheretolive/gradhousing/</p>
Finding off-campus housing	<p>The Cornell University Campus and Community Engagement Office can provide off-campus housing assistance:</p> <p>https://ccengagement.cornell.edu/off-campus-living/housing-search-processsearch/search</p> <p>Other Resources:</p> <p>https://perchn.com/search-for-housing/cornell-university/Ithaca-Renting</p> <p>Travis Hyde Properties</p> <p>Casa Roma Apartments</p> <p>Northwood Apartments: https://www.northwoodithaca.com/</p> <p>CPS Management: https://www.ithaca-apartments.com/</p> <p>https://ithaca.craigslist.org/search/apa</p> <p>https://www.rentable.co/ithaca-ny/furnished-apartments-for-rent</p> <p>https://www.travishyde.com/ithaca/apartments</p> <p>https://www.apartmentfinder.com/New-York/Ithaca-Apartments/City-Centre-Ithaca-Apartments-hs38yk0</p> <p>https://www.apartmenthomeliving.com/ithaca-ny/cornell-heights</p> <p>Cornell Law School Housing Guide:</p> <p>https://www.veryapt.com/guides/housing/14-cornell-law/</p> <p>https://ithaca.craigslist.org/search/apa</p> <p>Furnished apartments in Ithaca. Here are a few links:</p> <p>https://www.rentable.co/ithaca-ny/furnished-apartments-for-rent</p> <p>https://www.travishyde.com/ithaca/apartments</p> <p>https://www.apartmentfinder.com/New-York/Ithaca-Apartments/City-Centre-Ithaca-Apartments-hs38yk0</p> <p>https://www.apartmenthomeliving.com/ithaca-ny/cornell-heights</p> <p>Ivy Ridge: https://www.apartments.com/ivy-ridge-townhomes-ithaca-ny/wf9ptfl/</p> <p>Warren Wood: https://www.apartments.com/warren-wood-apartments-ithaca-ny/vh5410d/</p> <p>https://www.apartments.com/northeast-ithaca-ithaca-ny/</p>

	<p>https://www.ithaca-apartments.com/ https://cspmgmt.managebuilding.com/Resident/public/rentals</p> <p>The following Leasing Agents would be happy to help the visitor locate housing in the properties they oversee: Ms. Erin Kola ecola@solomonorg.com Mr. Bob Abele rabele@travishyde.com Mr. Emory McLeod emcleod@travishyde.com</p>
<p>2023-24 Fees-- not yet determined</p> <p>Mandatory Student Health Insurance and Student Activity Fees Costs</p>	<p>Exchange students must purchase Cornell health insurance (S.H.P): https://studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu/requirements/international-students</p> <p>2023-24 Fees: The Student Health Insurance and Student Activity fees are University charges that all students must pay. The mandatory costs that are imposed by Cornell University is an activity fee of \$86.00 and student health insurance fee of approximately \$3,135 for a full academic year. The cost to JD exchanges visiting for one-semester is approximately \$1710.00 for health insurance and \$43.00 for the student activity fee.</p> <p>Additionally, for international students, the health fee cannot be waived unless they are a U.S. citizen and have proof of comparable health insurance.</p> <p>Eligible students who have alternate health insurance that meets Cornell's requirements may apply to waive their SHP coverage. The waiver application will be available in mid-June; the deadline to apply is TBD.</p> <p>For more information about the waiver process visit: https://studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu/health-plans/shp/waive-your-enrollment</p> <p><i>**The fees fall under the category of non-waivable fees and costs permitted under our exchange agreement.</i></p>
Visa Information	<p>Information about applying for your Visa will be sent to students from the Law School admissions office. As soon as you know that you intend to enrol at Cornell, complete the online Declaration of Finances and submit the requested documents.</p> <p>You should begin the process of applying for a visa as soon as you receive your I-20 to allow sufficient time for approval. However, your visa cannot be issued more than 120 days before the expected arrival date noted on the I-20, and you cannot enter the country more than 30 days before the expected arrival date.</p> <p>As things are fluid due to COVID-19, this can affect travel restrictions and visa issuance procedures, students should also check the CDC website for inbound travel restrictions https://www.cdc.gov/ and check with their airlines too.</p>
Immunization/ Health issues	https://health.cornell.edu/getcare/healthrequirements/undergrad-grad-prof
Orientation & Support Services	Before the Fall semester, Orientation and support programs are offered. The main orientation for exchange students takes place in August. The Orientation Schedule will be e-mailed to students several weeks prior to their arrival.
	Room, meals, local travel, miscellaneous personal expenses (laundry, clothing, recreation, and incidentals) –Approximately

Estimated Cost of Living per semester	<p>\$8,500 per semester</p> <p>Books and supplies -- \$650</p> <p>Student Activity Fee -- \$43.00</p>
	Exchange Program Manager and Academic Advisor
Contact Details	<p>Name: Ms. Dawne Peacock</p> <p>Position: Director for International Programs</p> <p>Mailing Address: Cornell Law School L55 Hughes Hall Ithaca, NY 14853-4901 USA</p> <p>Email: JDExchange@cornell.edu</p>
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