Welcome to Cornell!

Welcome and congratulations on your acceptance to Cornell University.

Orientation is the beginning of your Cornell journey, and we hope it will be the first of many great Cornell traditions for you. Whether you are a member of the Class of 2021 or a transfer student, your experience at Cornell is yours to create, with support and encouragement from your family and friends, faculty and staff members, and fellow students.

Begin your journey by exploring all that Cornell has to offer. Orientation includes events designed for you by your peers on the Orientation Steering Committee (OSC—look for the OSC symbol in the guide), as well as academic, social, and cultural events that will introduce you to the vibrant student life and countless clubs, programs, and resources here at Cornell. Try something new, form new friendships, explore the campus, and begin to discover Cornell.

Along with OSC members, many hundreds of orientation leaders (OLs) and other upper-level student volunteers have chosen to return early to ease your transition, welcome you to our community, and show you Cornell’s extraordinary opportunities. They are here to help you move in, answer your questions, and show you around our beautiful campus.

This is a wonderful community with tremendous opportunities for you. Take advantage of all Orientation has to offer as you embark on your Cornell experience.

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Your four-day orientation program begins with move-in day and runs through the start of classes. Your days will be filled with opportunities to learn about academic life at Cornell, meet new people, and explore the university. This orientation guide is your master book of all university, college, and social events happening during this four-day period, as well as orientation events extending into the first two weeks of school. Events are open to all new undergraduate students—both first year and transfer—unless they read specifically “first-year students” or are marked with the “transfer” icon.

Your four-day orientation schedule will consist of:

1. All required university and college events. These events are marked with the \[\text{RQ}\] icon.
2. All events that support your academic program of study, including advisor meetings and other college activities.
3. Other events that fit your personal and intellectual interests.

Cornell Orientation is your first taste of all that Cornell has to offer. Sneak preview the Learning Where You Live series, a program that gives you the opportunity to get to know faculty through a small-group setting taught close to home. The Engaged Cornell event on Sunday (see page 12) represents Cornell’s commitment to public service and will provide you with information about the many ways to get involved on and off campus. Note the “Cornell Essentials” entries in the guide—some of these are required, others are highly recommended as they express Cornell’s core values and are unique opportunities.

Cornell offers many more opportunities, programs to take advantage of, and resources to support you throughout your first year. Continue your exploration of Cornell via the many resources and services at the Tatkon Center for First-Year Students, an intellectual, support, and resource center on North Campus, and through other programming around campus of interest to all students, including transfer and nontraditional students. Orientation-week events not listed in the guide are also planned in your residence halls, and programming will continue throughout the year.

Cornell offers diverse opportunities for you to engage intellectually, culturally, and socially. The challenge during your time here is identifying how you want to spend your time and taking the initiative to find the resources you need. We encourage you to approach Orientation in the same way. If you need help creating your schedule or finding your way during Orientation—or any time at Cornell—your orientation leader, resident advisor, a Tatkon Center staff member, your faculty advisor, or a peer advisor in your college are just a few of the people here to help you on your journey. Ask them questions; they want to help you.

Remember to check the table of contents and pages 29 through 41 of this guide for information on your college events. Use the symbol guide below to help plan your personal Cornell Orientation.

For disability accommodation, contact the office of Residential and New Student Programs (cu_orientation@cornell.edu; 607.254.7233) by August 4. Visit disability.cornell.edu/visitors.cfm for information on campus accessibility.
Day One
Friday, August 18

Schedule of Events

Throughout the Day: Getting Around
Free shuttle buses will take you between North and West Campuses and New Student Check-In (Friday only). We encourage you to park your car as directed by Transportation Services and use these shuttles.

Move-In: Designated Time
First-year and transfer students should plan to move into their residences on Friday, August 18, 2017. Due to the large number of students checking in to North Campus, Collegetown (Cascadilla and Sheldon Court), and West Campus (including 122 McGraw Place and 625 University Avenue) on that day, students assigned to those communities are given a move-in time based on the first letter of their last name.

Last name begins with:  Arrive between the hours of:
A–G  2:00pm–5:00pm
H–O  8:00am–11:00am
P–Z  11:00am–2:00pm

Remember to print your move-in day unloading permit from the newsstudents.cornell.edu to-do list before your arrival. To facilitate a smooth move-in experience for everyone, you won’t be able to move in if you arrive before your assigned move-in time. If you cannot check in during your move-in time, contact the Housing Office before Orientation at housing@cornell.edu.

If you are a transfer student assigned to 112 Edgemoor and Schuyler House, you may move in any time between 8:00am and 5:00pm on Friday, August 18.

8:00am–4:00pm: New Student Check-In • Barton Hall
You are required to attend New Student Check-In to pick up your Cornell ID card. If your move-in time is 2:00pm–5:00pm, plan to attend New Student Check-In before moving in. Staff members from across the university will be available to answer questions and share information about the wealth of programs and services available to Cornellians. Families are welcome.

To make sure you are ready for check-in, follow these easy steps before arriving on campus:

1. Activate your Cornell NetID and email address.
2. Complete your matriculation. Log in to your to do list at newstudents.cornell.edu and make sure all required items are complete.
3. Check to make sure you have no holds preventing your university registration. To register you must settle all financial accounts including current semester tuition, satisfy New York State and university health requirements, and have no additional holds. Beginning Tuesday, August 15, log in to Student Essentials at studentessentials.cornell.edu to check that you are registered for the fall semester.

Throughout Orientation and the First Week of Classes: The Cornell Store Back-to-School Events • The Cornell Store, Ho Plaza
The Cornell Store is an authorized dealer for Apple, Dell, and Microsoft. Purchase computer hardware at exclusive academic discounts. Textbooks, school supplies, Cornell gifts, and clothing for family and friends are also available. Extended hours: Friday, August 18, through Friday, August 25, from 8:00am to 7:00pm; Sunday, August 20, from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Room essentials can be found under the tent outside the Cornell Store—everything for your residence hall room, including bedding and storage containers, hangers, hooks, and more.
Friday, August 18

3:00pm–4:00pm: **Student Disability Services (SDS) Information Meeting and Reception • 105 Robert Purcell Community Center**

Students and families are invited to learn about disability services at Cornell and to meet the SDS staff. The SDS mission, services provided for various disabilities, and the accommodation process at Cornell will be presented. Staff members will provide information on campus resources that support a student’s transition to college, student health and well-being, and academic achievement.

4:00pm–5:00pm: **President’s Reception • Tent on Rawlings Green**

You and your family are welcome to meet university administrators under the tent on Rawlings Green, which is located near Court Hall and Helen Newman Hall on North Campus. Enjoy light refreshments at this casual reception with the university president, administrators, and staff members.

5:00pm–6:00pm: **Nontraditional Student Meet and Greet • Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI), 200 Computing and Communications Center**

Join fellow nontraditional students in getting an insider’s view of Cornell at this relaxed meet-and-greet, where current nontraditional students will be on hand to share their experiences about student life, campus, and the Ithaca community. Learn more about the student organization focused on nontraditional students on campus (NSOCU) and OADI’s Trailblazers Program, which supports students who are adult learners, veterans/military-affiliated, parents, commuters, part-time or full-time employed, or financially independent. Nontraditional students can elect to attend this meeting instead of, or in addition to, their required orientation leader group meetings throughout Orientation.

5:00pm–7:00pm: **The Cornell Shabbat Experience • 303 Appel Commons**

Enjoy a taste of the Cornell Shabbat experience with a delicious meal and a cappella performance, and hear from upper-level students about their Cornell experiences. Dinner will be catered by 104West!, Cornell’s kosher dining hall. Parents and families are welcome. RSVP preferred, walk-ins accommodated. A fee is charged for this program; visit hillel.cornell.edu to reserve your spot. Cornell Hillel is an affiliate of Cornell United Religious Work.

7:30pm–9:00pm: **Residence Hall Community Meetings • North Campus Residence Halls and Program Houses**

It’s your first night with your new roommates, suite mates, hall mates, and floor mates. In this first meeting, your RA will highlight campus and residential expectations, as well as available resources and support. You will also meet and get to know the people you will be living with this year. Information will be available in your hall.

9:00pm–10:30pm: **First-Year Students Meet Your Orientation Leader • Wait in your residence hall for your OL to pick you up**

Your OL will gather you from your residence hall after your RA meeting. Keep an eye out for communications from your OL about where to meet, and your RA can help you connect. Pick-ups start at 9:00pm but don’t worry if you have to wait; it may take them as long as half an hour to get to your door.

Right after you get to know the people on your floor, you’ll meet new students from your college in your orientation group. Come ready to ask questions and to hear from an experienced Cornell student about all the great opportunities coming up during Orientation and beyond. After the meeting, your OL will take you to First Night!
9:00pm–10:30pm: Transfer Students Meet Your Orientation Leader #1 • various locations
Meet fellow transfer students in your college and get to know one another in your first meeting with your OL. Bring this orientation guide and a pen to the meeting to make notes and plan for your orientation week. After the meeting, your OL will take you to a great first night event. Meet your OL at one of the following locations:

- **Architecture, Art, and Planning:** 160 Goldwin Smith Hall
- **Arts and Sciences:** 165 McGraw Hall
- **Agriculture and Life Sciences and SC Johnson College of Business—Dyson School:**
  - Uris Auditorium, G01 Uris Hall
- **Engineering:** 142 Goldwin Smith Hall
- **SC Johnson College of Business—School of Hotel Administration:** G64 Goldwin Smith Hall
- **Human Ecology:** G76 Goldwin Smith Hall
- **ILR:** 132 Goldwin Smith Hall

10:30pm: First-Year First Night • Court-Kay-Bauer Quad, North Campus
Celebrate your first night at Cornell with a concert by a popular local band and food from Ithaca food trucks. Play carnival games with new friends and get to know the Class of 2021!

10:30pm: Transfer First Night • Willard Straight Hall, Memorial Room and Terrace
Come and meet other transfer and nontraditional students, sample food from local restaurants, and listen to a great band. Celebrate your first night at Cornell!

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**SWIM TESTS**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**
12:30pm–5:30pm: Swim Tests • Teagle Pool (men only) and Helen Newman Pool (women only)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**
2:00pm–6:00pm: Swim Tests • Helen Newman Pool (co-ed)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**
2:00pm–6:00pm: Swim Tests • Helen Newman Pool (co-ed)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**
2:00pm–6:00pm: Swim Tests • Helen Newman Pool (co-ed)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**
2:00pm–6:00pm: Swim Tests • Helen Newman Pool (co-ed)
Day Two
Saturday, August 19

**CORNELL ESSENTIALS**

8:45am–10:00am: New Student Convocation • Schoellkopf Field
This is your official welcome from university administrators, as well as from your student body president and other key student leaders. Note that it takes 30 minutes to walk to the stadium from North Campus and 20 minutes from West Campus; plan accordingly. If you are notified after you arrive that convocation has moved indoors because of inclement weather, report to the following locations based on your college affiliation:
- **Bailey Hall**: Agriculture and Life Sciences and SC Johnson College of Business—Dyson School
- **Barton Hall**: Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and ILR
- **Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall**: Human Ecology
- **Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall**: Architecture, Art, and Planning and SC Johnson College of Business—School of Hotel Administration

Check your college events on pages 29–41.

8:30am–5:00pm: Dump and Run Sale • Helen Newman Hall Gymnasium and East Parking Lot
This annual sale is a green way to stock up on items for your new room. Consider shopping here first and see what you can reuse to reduce harm to the environment. All proceeds go to charity.

12:00pm–4:00pm: Big Red Marching Band Auditions • Fischell Band Center, behind Schoellkopf Stadium, 141 Kite Hill Road
Join the Big Red Marching Band. Auditions will be held for all skill levels. Everyone is welcome, so don’t stress out about auditions. This is just a way for us to get to know you before the start of the season.

1:00pm: Hike with Friends of the Gorge • Meet outside the Tatkon Center, Beebe Lake side
Cornell’s campus is known for its natural beauty, but many students never explore fully its spectacular gorges. Join Friends of the Gorge, Cornell Outdoor Education, and Cornell Botanic Gardens on a scenic walk into Fall Creek Gorge. Come relax, meet new people, explore your campus, and enjoy the beautiful weather.

1:00pm–2:00pm: The First American University—Cornell’s History • G76 Goldwin Smith Hall
Ever wonder how Cornell chose its school colors? How Ezra Cornell made the fortune he used to found Cornell? Or which Cornell alum was responsible for the creation of the chicken nugget? Join Cornell alumnus and Cornell history expert Corey Ryan Earle ‘07 as he shares surprising history and fun facts about Cornell. All are welcome.

2:00pm–4:00pm: Welcome to Cornell Dining • Robert Purcell Community Center, 1st floor Lounge and Room 103
Meet chefs, managers, and students from one of the best campus dining operations in the country. Learn about the variety of foods Cornell Dining offers while snacking on cupcakes, vegan desserts, Cornell Dairy milk, and other delicious treats. Information about sustainability, food allergies, student employment, and involvement with the Student Assembly Dining Committee will also be available.

2:00pm–5:00pm: Lemonade, Lanyards, and Ask Us Anything—Discover the Tatkon Center • Tatkon Center, South Balch Hall and Courtyard
Visit the Tatkon Center for lemonade, lanyards, and a chat with experienced Cornell students. Discover how the Tat can support you during your first year. Staffed by 24 students, the center is your go-to place on North Campus. Tatkon staff members speak 15 languages, represent six colleges and 16 majors, and are involved in over 74 different organizations on campus—ask them anything. If raining, meet inside the center.

3:00pm: Hike with Friends of the Gorge • Meet outside the Tatkon Center, Beebe Lake side
See 1:00pm entry for description.
Saturday, August 19

3:00pm–4:00pm: Meeting with Lee Laoshi • Wendy Purcell Lounge, 203 Robert Purcell Community Center
Frances Yufen Lee Mehta will host this meeting for Asian students and parents. Find out about the dynamic activities of the Asian community at Cornell. Frances Yufen Lee Mehta is a faculty member in the Department of Asian Studies and a faculty fellow in the High Rises.

3:00pm–5:00pm: The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and Intercultural Center Student Orientation and Parents’ Panel • Robert Purcell Community Center Auditorium
The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and the Intercultural Center at 626 Thurston welcome you and your family to the Cornell University community. You are invited to participate in this special panel discussion to learn about the many resources the office provides to build community and support academic success. Join OADI’s network of diverse students, faculty, and staff and come together to honor your momentous new beginning.

CORNELL ESSENTIALS
4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm: The Identity and Belonging Project at Cornell • Bailey Hall (first years), Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, 1st floor (transfer students)
Come and listen to real student stories about experiences of identity and belonging at Cornell. Find out how other students have handled challenges, found a home at Cornell, and helped create a sense of belonging for others. This required program will introduce you to Cornell’s values and expectations related to identities and bias, and to our campus-wide commitment to promoting a spirit of inclusiveness and respect for all members of our community, creating a sense of belonging for everyone. All new students are required to attend this event at the following times:
4:00pm: Residents of Balch, Jameson, Risley, Just About Music, Ecology House, and Latino Living Center; on-campus transfer students in Call Alumni Auditorium
7:00pm: Residents of Dickson, McLLU, Donlon, High Rise 5, and Ujamaa; off-campus transfers in Call Alumni Auditorium
9:00pm: Residents of Townhouses, Low Rises, Court-Kay-Bauer, Mews, Holland International Living Center, and Akwe:kon

4:00pm–5:00pm: Choral Showcase, Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club • Sage Chapel
Two of Cornell’s nationally renowned choirs join together for a brief concert in beautiful Sage Chapel, right in the center of campus. Come hear repertoire from around the world, plus their favorite Cornell songs. Immerse yourself in Cornell’s musical tradition. Aspiring singers are welcome to stay afterward to hear about auditions. Audition information is listed at sage.music.cornell.edu.

10:00pm–11:00pm: Orientation Leader Meeting #2 • various locations
Touch base in this second meeting, ask questions, and go over some important information before heading to late-night festivities. You will find out where to meet at your first OL meeting.

11:00pm: Movie on the Slope • Libe Slope
Enjoy an outdoor movie on Libe Slope under the stars. Popcorn and candy will be available all night.

11:00pm: Silent Disco • Arts Quad Tent
Meet new people, show off your best 80’s garb, and have fun at Silent Disco. Listen to your favorite music on the headphones and dance like nobody’s watching. Headphones and music provided. DJs will help you dance the night away!

11:00pm: Murder Mystery • Duffield Hall Atrium
Channel your inner Sherlock Holmes and Nancy Drew and join fellow transfers in solving mysteries with different themes: put your heads together, analyze the evidence, and be the first to find the solution. We’ll distract you with food, music, and dazzling company—pit yourselves against other groups and see how you do.
Various times: Orientation Leader Meeting #3 • various locations
By now you know your orientation leader. Plan together with your group for a third meeting time to ask questions, reconnect, make a plan to head to the class photo together on Monday afternoon, and check in about Orientation events during the coming week.

Ongoing, starting tonight: Get to Know Cornell Cinema • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre
Cornell Cinema invites you to sample their programs for free, Sunday, August 20, through Friday, August 25; listings can be found on the following pages. Cornell Cinema offers a classic movie-going experience in the vintage Willard Straight Theatre and is considered one of the best campus film exhibition programs in the country, showing a wide variety of films every month, including recent hits, cult favorites, classics, world cinema, and more. Cornell Cinema also hosts visiting filmmakers and live music/film events. Visit cinema.cornell.edu for a complete fall ’17 schedule. Schedule is subject to change.

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11:00am–12:00pm: Meet the Greeks for Transfer Students • G01 Uris Hall
This session is an opportunity for transfer students to learn more about joining a sorority or fraternity at Cornell. Meet current student leaders in the Greek community and staff members from the Office of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living.

11:00am–1:00pm: Diversity Programs in Engineering Student Organizations Welcome BBQ • Balch Lawn
Enjoy great food and network with the different student organizations under the Diversity Programs in Engineering umbrella. Our organizations are open to all Cornell students.

12:00pm–1:30pm: Learning Where You Live • 3330 Tatkon Center
Want to take a small class where you get to know the professor and the other students? Curious to learn a subject that has nothing to do with your intended major? Want to explore an interesting subject without the pressure of grades? Learn about the one- and two-credit courses being taught on North Campus this year. Lunch provided.

12:00pm–4:00pm: Big Red Marching Band Auditions • Fischell Band Center, behind Schoellkopf Stadium, 141 Kite Hill Road
Come and join the Big Red Marching Band. Auditions will be held for all skill levels. Everyone is welcome, so don’t stress out about auditions. This is just a way for us to get to know you before the start of the season.

1:00pm: Hike with Friends of the Gorge • Meet outside the Tatkon Center, Beebe Lake side
See 11:00am entry for description.

1:00pm–3:00pm: Trail Running in Ithaca • Meet at Bartels Hall
Students can run around Cornell for years not knowing about the fantastic scenic trails just a stone’s throw from campus. Instructors will guide you on a gentle four-mile run past cliffs, over streams, and along winding paths. Space is limited. First come, first served.
Sunday, August 20

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See 11:00am entry for details.

2:00pm–5:00pm: **Lemonade, Lanyards, and Ask Us Anything—Discover the Tatkon Center** • Tatkon Center, South Balch Hall and Courtyard
See description under Saturday, August 19.

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2:00pm–5:00pm: **The Engaged Student Experience—Community Engagement, Volunteer Opportunities, and More—Ice Cream Social, Tours, and Q&A** • Kennedy Hall
Looking to get involved with the local community and beyond? Interested in community-based work study positions, volunteering, or working with faculty on and off campus? Drop in, enjoy a cool treat, and connect with student leaders and staff passionate about making a difference in local and global communities through student-led programs, credit-bearing courses, and the Certificate in Engaged Leadership—all in support of the university’s mission of public engagement.

2:00pm–5:00pm: **Student Welcome to Engagement at Cornell** • Kennedy Hall, outside and at entrances
Student orientation volunteers and puppies from Cornell’s chapter of Guiding Eyes for the Blind are here to welcome you to engagement at Cornell. Come and learn about our involvement on campus and the community, ask questions, and enjoy refreshments!

2:00pm–2:15pm and 4:00pm–4:15pm: **Overview of Community Engagement at Cornell** • Engaged Cornell Hub, Kennedy Hall, 3rd floor
Get the big picture of community engagement at Cornell today and how it advances our legacy of public engagement.

2:15pm–2:45pm: **Engage with Local and Global Communities** • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, 1st floor
The Cornell Public Service Center and Office of Engagement Initiatives help students connect with local and global communities. Student leaders and program staff will help link your interests to social justice, volunteer work, and paid opportunities such as alternative spring break trips, student-led funding opportunities, community work study employment, and over 20 co-curricular student-led projects and programs. Come and meet a diverse and passionate group of students and begin to build new relationships. Learn how the Certificate in Engaged Leadership can serve as your guide for service and leadership experiences throughout your college career.

2:45pm–3:15pm: **Engaging with Community Through Teaching** • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, 1st floor
Cornell provides many ways for students to connect with the community through teaching, tutoring, and related activities with children, youth, and adults. This session will highlight opportunities that integrate with Cornell’s curriculum: the Education minor’s community-engaged courses, Cornell Prison Education Program, Community Learning and Service Partnership, as well as Cornell Public Service Center programs that link students with youth in grades preK–12.

2:00pm–5:00pm: **eHub Open House** • Kennedy Hall, 1st floor
Entrepreneurship at Cornell is a university-wide program that provides and fosters entrepreneurship and startup opportunities for the entire Cornell community. eHub is Entrepreneurship at Cornell’s co-working and 24/7 collaboration space with locations in Kennedy Hall and Collegetown. Come visit eHub at Kennedy Hall, meet student founders from startup companies, and learn about eHub’s clubs and programs, including Life Changing Labs, eLab (a premier student business accelerator program), Blackstone LaunchPad (a dedicated entrepreneurship mentor program), and the Cornell Venture Capital Club.
3:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm: **Speak About It • Bailey Hall (first years); Call Alumni Auditorium**

This performance-based presentation includes thought-provoking and sometimes humorous skits and monologues, all based on true stories dealing with sexual consent, assault and misconduct, and bystander intervention. The program will also introduce you to many Cornell resources. All new students are required to attend this program at the following times:

**3:30pm:** Residents of Balch, Jameson, Risley, Just About Music, Ecology House, and Latino Living Center; on-campus transfers in Call Alumni Auditorium

**5:30pm:** Residents of Dickson, McLLU, Donlon, High Rise 5, and Ujamaa; off-campus transfers in Call Alumni Auditorium

**8:00pm:** Residents of Townhouses, Low Rises, Court-Kay-Bauer, Mews, Holland International Living Center, and Akwe:kon

A mandatory follow-up meeting will be held in your residence hall. Talk to your RA for time and location.

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**5:00pm–8:00pm: Annual Cornell University Block Party • North Campus**

Enjoy music, new friends, games, and Cornell Dining’s best offerings. Join us in Robert Purcell Community Center and Appel Commons.

**7:30pm:** **Free Screening of Casablanca (1942) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre**

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of this classic American title that put “Here’s looking at you, kid” on the lips of millions of would-be Bogarts. The film was based on Cornell alum Murray Burnett’s ’31 play, “Everybody Comes to Rick’s.”

**10:30pm:** **Game Night • Robert Purcell Community Center**

Whether you’re a fan of card games, board games, or video games, Game Night has it all—DDR, Rock Band, and Smash Bros., Catan, Coup, chess, pool, Twister, and much more. If you can play it, it’s here. Gamers of all abilities and experiences are encouraged to come and meet other new students.

**10:30pm:** **Live Band • Court-Kay-Bauer Quad, North Campus**

Hang out with new friends, meet more people, and listen to a great local band not far from Game Night—you’ll have plenty of time to enjoy both.

**10:30pm:** **Transfer Night at Johnson • Johnson Museum of Art**

Dress to impress (or opt for casual) for a night at the Johnson Museum, open especially for this event. Meet other new transfer students and current Cornell transfers over hors d’oeuvres and music, and tour the exhibits, including the scintillating “Cosmos,” a 12,000 LED light display that never stops.
Throughout the Week: Cornell Department of Music Auditions • Lincoln Hall
Starting during Orientation, you can explore the vast range of opportunities in the Department of Music, from vocal ensembles and orchestras to individual lessons and diverse musical ensembles. Auditions take place during orientation week and vary by organization. Visit music.cornell.edu for current information and to sign up for an audition time.

11:00am–1:00pm: Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Welcome BBQ • Balch Lawn
Join the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) in front of the Balch arch for free food, games, and networking with familia. Our organization is open to all Cornell students.

12:00pm: Sing at Cornell • Balch Arch
Come join singers from the Cornell University Glee Club and Chorus to learn traditional Cornell songs. From the university’s alma mater to the crew song, there’s plenty of fun music to learn. Interested in singing with the groups on campus? This is an opportunity to learn more about the singing ensembles, meet the singers in those ensembles, and find out about auditions.

1:00pm–1:30pm: Free IT Services that Offer a Competitive Edge • 3330 Tatkon Center
Join CIT for a short presentation on services (free to Cornell students) that can help you with course work, homework prep, research, collaborating on presentations, and more. Also learn how to spot a “phish” and keep your Cornell information safe. Don’t miss this important program on how to create, share, and submit your work during your time at Cornell.

1:30pm–3:00pm: Net-Print 101—Set Up Your Laptop and Print Your First Assignment or Syllabus • 3330 Tatkon Center
Excited to print your first college assignment? Need a copy of your syllabus? Drop by the Tatkon Center for First-Year Students to learn how to set up Net-Print on your laptop or computer.

2:00pm–3:00pm: Time Management and Study Strategies • Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium, 132 Goldwin Smith Hall
What’s the best way to structure your time? How can you anticipate the busiest times in the semester? What’s the best way to study for prelims and deal with your hardest classes? Mike Chen from the Learning Strategies Center will present techniques and strategies to address these and other questions about time management and student success.

2:00pm–3:00pm: Gap Year Meet and Greet • Balch Hall, Unit 1 lounge (enter at Balch Arch)
Have you taken time off before coming to Cornell? Mix and mingle with fellow students who have taken gap years at home or abroad, while enjoying refreshments. Come to the Balch Arch, where orientation volunteers will meet you and take you to the lounge.

2:00pm–5:00pm: Lemonade, Lanyards, and Ask Us Anything—Discover the Tatkon Center • Tatkon Center, South Balch Hall and Courtyard
Visit the Tatkon Center for lemonade, lanyards, and a chat with experienced Cornell students. Discover how the Tat can support you during your first year. Staffed by 24 students, the center is your go-to place on North Campus. Tatkon staff members speak 15 languages, represent 6 colleges and 16 majors, and are involved in over 74 different organizations on campus—ask them anything. If raining, meet inside the center.

3:00pm–4:00pm: Pre-Veterinary Orientation for First-Year and Transfer Students—Preparing for Careers in Animal Medicine (Veterinarians, General and Specialized) • 251 Malott Hall
Plan your academic program to include requirements for veterinary school. Pre-vets are expected to attend, but attendance does not constitute a commitment to this career. Audio will be available at media.career.cornell.edu after the event.
Monday, August 21

4:00pm–6:00pm: Community College Transfers Meet and Greet • Bethe House Common Room, West Campus
Come and meet other transfer students who’ve joined Cornell from community colleges around the country. Enjoy refreshments and meet past transfers and faculty and staff members who will share their experiences and answer questions.

5:00pm: 2021 Class Photo • Schoelkopf Stadium
Become an official part of the Class of 2021! Don’t miss out on the chance to make a lasting impression on Cornell’s history. Capture this picture-perfect moment of you and your fellow classmates. Come with your OL group, roommates, or others, and get ready to smile.

5:45pm–7:45pm: Cornell Hillel Balch BBQ • Balch Lawn
Cornell Hillel invites you to a free, delicious BBQ on Balch lawn, open to all. Enjoy burgers (meat and veggie), watermelon, and snacks. Kick back on the lawn, listen to music, and learn about the vibrancy of Jewish campus life. Cornell Hillel is an affiliate of Cornell United Religious Work.

7:00pm: Free Fun-Filled Orientation to Cornell Cinema and Movie Poster Sale • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre
Munch on free popcorn, watch a slew of coming attractions trailers and cool short films, find out how you can become involved, and win door prizes (including movie passes and T-shirts). After the presentation, head backstage for a movie poster sale. A wide selection of recent film posters will be available for great prices.

7:30pm: Camp Out for the Environment Meet and Greet Campfire • Ecology House
The Ecology House invites new students to join us in the backyard for our annual welcome-back campfire and s’mores. Around the campfire, current Ecology House members will share stories and talk about ways you can get involved in the many projects and leadership opportunities available at Ecology House and on campus through environment-themed student organizations.

9:00pm–10:00pm: Resident Advisor (RA) Meeting #2 • various locations
It’s the night before classes start. Use this hall meeting to ask your RA any questions you have as you head into the first week of classes. Reconnect with your floor mates, talk about past and upcoming orientation events, and find out what you need to know as you begin your student life at Cornell.
August 22–27 Events

Tuesday, August 22

1:00pm–4:00pm: Zero Waste Picnic • Balch Front Lawn
Did you know that Cornell is the #1 greenest Ivy? And that we are committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2035? Come celebrate your first day of classes by enjoying a zero waste picnic hosted by the Campus Sustainability Office. Snack on local food while playing our waste diversion game, then test your knowledge with our “Family Feud: Climate Change Edition” game and learn about Cornell’s cutting-edge utilities and energy conservation initiatives (like our on-campus hydroelectric power plant, five solar farms, lake source cooling via Cayuga Lake, and Earth source heat).

2:30pm–4:30pm: Time-Management Skills, Peer-Led Workshops • Learning Strategies Center, 420 Computing and Communications Center
Now that classes have started, come learn simple and effective time management techniques used by many successful Cornell students. This 15-minute workshop will be led by Learning Strategies Center (LSC) student staff. Information will also be available about the LSC’s supplemental instruction, free tutoring, and study skills support. Drop in any time during the session to participate.

3:00pm–5:00pm: Discover the Tatkon Center • Balch Courtyard and inside the Tatkon Center in South Balch Hall
The Tatkon Center is a hub for support and programming that aims to acclimate first-year students to life at Cornell from Orientation to finals week. Chat with the helpful and enthusiastic upper-level students who will be tabling in Balch courtyard (weather permitting). If raining, go inside to the Tat desk. This event will also take place Wednesday, August 23, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

5:00pm–7:00pm: Trail Running in Ithaca • meet at Bartels Hall
Some students run around Cornell for years not knowing about the fantastic scenic trails just a stone’s throw from campus. Instructors will guide you on a gentle four-mile run past cliffs, over streams, and along winding paths. Space is limited. First come, first served.

6:00pm–7:00pm: First-Generation Student Meet-and-Greet • Tatkon Center
First-generation students are invited to connect with fellow first-generation new students, upper-level students, and faculty and staff members from similar backgrounds. The Office of Academic Diversity Initiative’s (OADI) First in Class—a program by first-gens for first-gens—will welcome you by introducing the program, resources, support systems, and networks available to first-generation students through OADI and other diversity and inclusion services on campus. Although we are first, we are not alone.

7:00pm: Free screening of Casablanca (1942) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre
See description on Sunday, August 20.

8:30pm: Movie in the Courtyard • Balch Courtyard
More than 450 Balch residents, faculty, RAs, the Tatkon Center, and your North Campus community formally invite you into Balch courtyard after your first day of classes. Journey through the famous Balch arch to enjoy Cornell Dairy ice cream, meet more first-year students, and watch an outdoor movie on a gigantic inflatable movie screen under string lights. Bring blankets, pillows, or camping chairs. Sponsored by Balch Hall, Tatkon Center, North Campus Residence Halls and Program Houses, and Residential and New Student Programs. Ice cream served at 8:30pm; movie begins at 9:00pm.

9:20pm: Free Screening of Beauty and the Beast (2017) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre
Disney’s live-action musical re-creation of the timeless tale is truly enchanting.
Wednesday, August 23

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3:00pm–5:00pm: Discover the Tatkon Center • Balch Courtyard and inside the Tatkon Center in South Balch Hall
See description on Tuesday, August 22.

4:00pm–7:00pm: The Spirit of Cornell • Anabel Taylor Hall
Curious or questioning your own beliefs? Looking for community? Wanting to learn more about yourself or other people of this world? Come learn about more than 25 different religious organizations that range from African American Worship to Zen Buddhism. Getting involved means you can participate in worship, spiritual practice, community, learning, individual support and counseling, community service, engagement, and fun. Make sure to visit Anabel’s Grocery, the Durland Alternatives Library, and CUSLAR.

4:30pm: Town Hall • Schwartz Center, Flex Theatre
Learn about opportunities in the Department of Performing and Media Arts. Talk with professors, production staff members, and current students while enjoying pizza and soda. Learn about upcoming productions, auditions, classes, tech opportunities, student-leadership opportunities, or anything else you’re interested in. The Department of Performing and Media Arts is a place where actors, filmmakers, dancers, designers, multimedia artists, and scholars come to study, create, perform, and produce work.

5:00pm: Muslim Educational and Cultural Association (MECA) Meet and Greet • Tatkon Center
Come learn about Muslim life on campus, meet other Muslim students, and be introduced to the other different Islam-affiliated organizations. MECA is an affiliate of Cornell United Religious Work.

7:00pm: Free Screening of Environmental Documentary Tomorrow (2017) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre
An award-winning and optimistic French documentary that showcases alternative and creative ways of viewing agriculture, economics, energy, and education in the age of climate change. Student representatives from the Cornell Environmental Collaborative (ECO) will be on hand to talk about what they do and how you can get involved.

8:00pm–10:00pm: Cornell Dancers’ Alliance Orientation Workshop—Shadows • Multipurpose Room, Robert Purcell Community Center
Want to get involved in the dance community at Cornell? Come take a dance workshop with one of Cornell’s 30+ dance teams. Check the Cornell Dancers’ Alliance on Facebook for more workshops.

Jordan Peele’s critically acclaimed social horror thriller is well worth a second or third look.
Thursday, August 24

2:30pm–4:30pm: Time-Management Skills, Peer-Led Workshops • Learning Strategies Center, 420 Computing and Communications Center
See August 23 for description.

INAUGURATION OF MARTHA E. POLLACK
4:30pm–6:00pm: Festival of Scholarship • Physical Sciences Building Atrium
Experience the breadth of Cornell’s student scholarship. Guests will have the opportunity to interact with undergraduate, graduate, and professional students as they share their academic projects in an informal setting.

6:30pm–8:00pm: Academic Symposium, “Universities and the Search for Truth” • Bailey Hall
This faculty panel discussion will explore the ways in which people assess and communicate information, as well as the role of universities in those activities.

7:00pm: Free Screening of Jean-Pierre Melville’s Le Samourai (1967) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre
The noir grandfather of almost every contract killer flick since, Melville’s masterpiece outshines its progeny with its time-bomb pacing and precise styling. Director John Woo called it “the closest thing to a perfect movie I have ever seen.” Shown in a 35mm film print with faculty introduction.

7:00pm–8:00pm: Cornell Dancers’ Alliance Orientation Workshop—Impact • Multipurpose Room, Robert Purcell Community Center
Want to get involved in the dance community at Cornell? Come take a dance workshop with one of Cornell’s 30+ dance teams. Check out the Cornell Dancers’ Alliance on Facebook for more workshops.

7:30pm: Stage Crew Meeting • Schwartz Center
Come and participate in the making of theatre with the Department of Performing and Media Arts. Learn carpentry, electrics, and costume construction, or work behind the scenes on the stage or dresser crew or as a light or sound board operator.

8:00pm–9:00pm: Cornell Dancers’ Alliance Orientation Workshop—Loko • Multipurpose Room, Robert Purcell Community Center
See description at 7:00pm.

9:30pm: Free Screening of Your Name (2016) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre
Makoto Shinkai’s anime film is one of the highest-grossing films in the history of Japan. You’ll know why after seeing this tale of two teenagers whose lives are mysteriously switched.
**Friday, August 25**

**INAUGURATION OF MARTHA E. POLLACK**

2:00pm–4:00pm: **Installation Ceremony for President Pollack • Arts Quad**
The procession will start at Ho Plaza and make its way to the Arts Quad. University leadership, faculty and staff members, students, and delegates representing other universities will process.

4:00pm–5:30pm: **Street Fair • Arts Quad**
The inauguration of Martha E. Pollack concludes with this event featuring food and entertainment from across campus and the Ithaca community.

4:30pm–5:30pm: **Get Involved in Student Leadership: Class Council, Student Assembly, and Residence Halls • Multipurpose Room, Appel Commons**
Join representatives from the Student Assembly (SA), Cornell’s undergraduate student government, Class Councils, and the Residential Student Congress (RSC) to learn about ways to get involved with these organizations. The Student Assembly advocates on behalf of the student body, addressing issues that impact students’ daily lives. Cornell Class Councils plans and facilitates events that promote class pride and identity around campus. The Residential Student Congress supports the interests of individual residential communities and the residential student population as a whole. All first-year and transfer students are welcome. Light refreshments served.

6:30pm–8:30pm: **Bienvenidos BBQ • Latino Living Center Courtyard**
The annual Bienvenidos BBQ is hosted by the Latino Living Center as a way for residents and new students to gather and celebrate the beginning of the academic year. Faculty and staff members connected to the Latino Living Center will be in attendance. Student organizations will be present to showcase ways to get involved in this vibrant community at Cornell.

7:00pm: **Free Screening of Beauty and the Beast (2017) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre**
See description on August 22.

7:00pm–8:30pm: **Cornell Dancers’ Alliance Orientation Workshop—Anjali • Multipurpose Room, Appel Commons**
Want to get involved in the dance community at Cornell? Come take a dance workshop with one of Cornell’s 30+ dance teams. Check out the Cornell Dancers’ Alliance on Facebook for more workshops.

Set to the backdrop of Awesome Mixtape #2, Marvel’s GGV2 continues the team’s adventures as they traverse the outer reaches of the cosmos.

7:00pm–10:00pm: **Friday Night Lights at Noyes • Noyes Recreation Center**
It’s Friday Fun Night at Noyes. Participate in activities with other new students and enjoy free refreshments.

9:00pm–11:00pm: **Bowling • Helen Newman Gym Bowling Alley**
Did you know Cornell has a bowling alley? Looking for something fun to do at the end of your first week of classes? Come hang out with fellow new students and go bowling. Refreshments and snacks will be served. No fee.
Saturday, August 26

9:30am–11:30am: Asian Pacific American (APA) New Student Welcome • 302, 303 Appel Commons
Join us for a welcome orientation morning for first-year Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander students. Small group discussions and breakout workshops will be held for you to meet upper-level students and learn about the resources available at Cornell. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Asian and Asian American Center (A3C).

10:00am: Yoga • Court-Kay-Bauer Courtyard • Rain location: Helen Newman Hall Classroom
Start your morning with yoga and meet new friends who share your interest. This beginner-level session will be led by a professional instructor from Cornell Fitness Centers and Recreational Services. Bring your own mat or blanket; a limited number will be available. No fee.

11:30am–2:00pm: Asian and Asian American Welcome Reception • Balch Front Lawn
Join us for an introductory glance into Cornell’s vibrant Asian and Asian American communities. The reception, hosted by CAPSU, the umbrella organization for Asian-interest organizations at Cornell University, will feature booths representing some of the 75+ Asian and Asian American organizations on campus, as well as performances by student groups and dance teams. Explore our programs while enjoying ice cream. This event is sponsored by the Asian and Asian American Center (A3C). All are welcome.

12:00pm–2:00pm: Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Welcome Picnic • Olin Lawn
Join the Society of Women Engineers for free food, games, and networking. Our organization is open to all Cornell students.

1:00pm–4:00pm: New Student Field Day • meet at Court-Kay-Bauer Arch
Were you a high school athlete? Are you an avid sports fan? Want to try something totally new? Come to New Student Field Day. Take your pick from soccer, ultimate frisbee, flag football, capture the flag, and much more. Grab a snack and meet representatives from club and intramural sports teams. If you don’t feel like running around, join us for corn hole, horseshoe, and tug of war. Of course, you will also have plenty of space to soak up some sun. Sign up in advance at recreation.athletics.cornell.edu/intramurals or drop by the CKB arch from 12:30pm to 3:00pm to sign up either as a team or as a free agent. You do not need to be on a team to participate. Note: In case of bad weather, New Student Field Day will be held on Sunday, August 29, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

3:00pm–5:00pm: New Student Open House at The Cornell Store
You’re invited to this special event featuring free tastings, prizes, specials, and savings coupons. Free Class of 2021 cap to the first 1,000 students! Come meet new friends, relax at Café Jennie, and learn about the many products and services the Cornell Store offers to help you succeed.

4:00pm–6:30pm: ECO Fest • Robert Purcell Community Center, 1st floor
Did you know that Cornell has reduced its carbon footprint by 33% since 2008 (50% total since 1990)? Come discover more than 40 student organizations at Cornell dedicated to creating meaningful, sustainable solutions to complex problems, ranging from reducing Cornell’s carbon footprint to building design, bee keeping to pursuing renewable energy, providing clean water worldwide where it’s needed most to making valuable clothes and food more easily accessible to students on campus—and we need your help! This event is hosted by ECO (Cornell’s Environmental Collaborative) and the Campus Sustainability Office and features student organizations, student leaders, and faculty and staff members.
**7:15pm: Makoto Shinkai’s Your Name (2016) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre**
See description on August 24.

**8:00pm: Comedy Showcase • Klarman Auditorium, Klarman Hall KG70**
Have a laugh watching some of Cornell’s great comedy groups perform. Check out groups that may interest you—are you Cornell’s next big comic?

**9:30pm: Jordan Peele’s Get Out (2017) • Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre**
See August 23 for description.

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**Sunday, August 27**

**3:00pm–5:00pm: Ujamaa Residential College BBQ • Ujamaa Courtyard**
Ujamaa Residential College invites you to its annual welcome back BBQ. Come and enjoy food, fun, and friends.
# Cornell Library Tours

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Any person can find instruction in any study.
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10:30am–11:30am: Dean’s Welcome and Information Session for Transfer Students and Their Families • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, 1st floor
Be sure to arrive early to secure a seat and enjoy a pre-session conversation with special guests beginning at 10:15am.

11:00am–12:00pm: Dean’s Welcome and Information Session for All First-Year Students and Their Families • Bailey Hall
Be sure to arrive early to secure a seat and enjoy a pre-session conversation with special guests beginning at 10:45am.

1:45pm and 2:30pm: Tour the Tatkon Center—Cornell’s Support and Resource Center Dedicated to the First-Year Experience • Tatkon Center
Discover the Tatkon Center and its supportive student staff, drop-in services, and programming. Use the center throughout your first year to maximize your Cornell experience. A Tatkon student staff member from your college will lead the tour. Ask questions, meet others from your college, and enjoy cookies.

Sunday, August 20

10:15am–12:15pm: Engineering Mathematics Advanced Standing Exam for Biological Engineering and Environmental Engineering Students • 155 Olin Hall
This is a voluntary exam for all first-year Biological Engineering and Environmental Engineering (BEE) majors and transfer students seeking credit for MATH 1910 and/or MATH 1920. For information, email the BEE department at bls19@cornell.edu.

1:00pm–3:00pm: Biological Sciences—Mandatory Transfer Student Advising Meeting • G10 Biotechnology Building
Mandatory for students planning to major in the biological sciences. Meet faculty, staff members, and student advisors who will introduce you to the major and give course selection advice.
Monday, August 21

8:00am–9:00am: Pre-Health Orientation for First-Year and Transfer Students • 233 Plant Sciences Building
Meet the CALS pre-health advisors along with current pre-health students. CALS staff and upper-level students will guide you through your start at Cornell including an overview of the academic and co-curricular opportunities and resources for students interested in human health professions.

9:00am–12:00pm and 1:00pm–3:00pm: Optional Transfer Student Credit Evaluation • 140 Roberts Hall
Offered as an optional additional resource after you meet with your department and/or faculty advisors. Come to 140 Roberts Hall for a walk-in meeting with college staff members to review transfer credit, college graduation requirements, course enrollment, and more.

9:00am–3:00pm: Department Meetings for New Students
Meeting locations and times vary by department. A complete schedule will be posted on Chatter in early August. These are important mandatory meetings where first-year and transfer students can get acquainted with their major departments, meet other students and staff members, and schedule meetings with faculty advisors.

9:30am–12:30pm: Mandatory First-Year Biology Advising Meeting • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, 1st floor
Faculty, staff, and student advisors will introduce you to the biology major and help with schedule planning. (Transfer students should attend the 1:00pm meeting on Sunday, August 20.)
Saturday, August 19

10:30am–11:15am: Dean’s Convocation • Abby and Howard Milstein Auditorium, Milstein Hall
Join the college for this AAP welcome event for new undergraduate students and their families. Meet the dean, college faculty, and staff, as well as other new AAP students. Reception will follow.

Sunday, August 20

11:30am: Tour the Tatkon Center—Cornell’s Support and Resource Center Dedicated to the First-Year Experience • Tatkon Center
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Monday, August 21

9:00am–11:00am: AAP New Student Orientation • Abby and Howard Milstein Auditorium, Milstein Hall
This mandatory new student orientation will introduce you to campus and college resources that will help you make a successful transition into AAP.

11:00am–1:00pm: Department Meetings and Lunch
Meet with your department faculty and staff members to find out about first-year courses, equipment lists for studios, and other important information. You’ll also meet your classmates. Lunch will follow. Attendance is required for all first-year AAP students.

Architecture Department Meeting • 157 E. Sibley Hall
Art Department Meeting • 324 Tjaden Hall
Urban and Regional Studies Meeting • 101 W. Sibley Hall

1:30pm–3:00pm: Tour of AAP Facilities/Resources for All New AAP Undergraduates • 235 Sibley Dome (Office of Admissions and Academic Services)
Get to know AAP staff members, ambassadors, and other new students during this interactive tour of AAP spaces and resources.
Saturday, August 19

10:30am–11:15am: Dean’s Convocation • Tent on the Arts Quad

1:00pm–2:30pm: First-Year Student Briefing • Bailey Hall
Mandatory for all first-year students in Arts and Sciences.

Sunday, August 20

10:00am–3:30pm: Special Topics Sessions • various locations
Throughout the day, information sessions will be devoted to specialized topics that affect your academic planning. Attend any that are relevant to your interests and needs.

10:00am–11:00am: Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Orientation for First-Year Arts and Sciences Students: Preparing for Human Health Professions • Klarman Auditorium, KG70 Klarman Hall
Meet the Arts and Sciences health careers advisors and plan your first year to include academic and extracurricular opportunities that will prepare you for medical or dental school. If you are interested in a health career, you are expected to attend, regardless of your level of commitment.

10:00am–11:00am: Study Abroad • HEC Auditorium, 132 Goldwin Smith Hall
Attend this session if you are thinking about including a semester or year of study abroad in your Cornell education. Explore the worldwide options offered through Cornell Abroad, learn how study abroad can fit in with any major, and learn about Arts and Sciences GPA, language, and area studies requirements. Many destinations require at least two years of language study in advance, so make sure you have the information you need to plan successfully. This session also takes place at noon.

10:00am–11:30am: Meeting for Entering Transfer Students • Kaufmann Auditorium, G64 Goldwin Smith Hall

11:00am–12:00pm: Getting Involved in Music, Theatre, Film, and Dance at Cornell • HEC Auditorium, 132 Goldwin Smith Hall
Many opportunities are available for you to participate in the arts at Cornell. In this session, faculty representatives and current students from the Departments of Music and Performing and Media Arts, as well as campus arts groups, will discuss ways you can become involved in music, theatre, film, and dance. They will review the important first steps you need to take to get connected with these departments’ academic and creative activities, and discuss the options to major, minor, take classes, or join student clubs in these disciplines while at Cornell.
11:00am–12:00pm: Balancing Academics and Athletics • Lewis Auditorium, G76 Goldwin Smith Hall
Whether you are on a varsity athletic team or play sports at a recreational level, students in Arts and Sciences can face some special challenges in balancing those efforts with academics. This session offers practical tips on how to make that balance work.

12:00pm–1:00pm: Study Abroad • Klarman Auditorium, KG70 Klarman Hall
See description on page 32. Note the different location of this session.

12:00pm–1:00pm: Career Development for New Students: The Essentials • Lewis Auditorium, G76 Goldwin Smith Hall
Join Jennifer Maclaughlin, director of Arts and Sciences’ Career Development Center, to learn what you can do with your liberal arts degree and the essential steps you should take for your personal career development. This discussion will include information on exploring career options, connecting with alumni to learn more about your career interests, and identifying summer job and internship opportunities. Discover all the ways Arts and Sciences Career Development can assist you.

12:30pm–1:30pm: Everything Econ • 120 Physical Sciences Building
What Econ courses should you take? How much calculus do you need? How do you apply your AP credit? Want to dabble in Econ? Want to make Econ your life? Come to this session for advice and information about the Economics program at Cornell. You demand answers; we supply them.

1:00pm–3:00pm: Biological Sciences: Mandatory Transfer Student Advising Meeting • G10 Biotechnology Building
This meeting is mandatory for transfer students planning to major in biological sciences. Meet with faculty, staff, and student advisors who will introduce you to the major and give course selection advice.

1:00pm–3:00pm: Academic Open House • Physical Sciences Building
At this special event, faculty members representing every major and minor offered in the college will be present to talk with you—not only about your fall schedule, but also about subjects and particular courses or opportunities you might wish to explore during your time at Cornell. The Academic Open House is a unique opportunity to get information and to have meaningful discussions with faculty members from every discipline.

Peer Advisors: Student peer advisors will welcome you at the door, hand out maps, and guide you to the departments and programs represented.

Languages: For information about instruction in specific languages, contact the appropriate department: Africana Studies and Research Center (Swahili, Yoruba, and Zulu), Asian Studies (Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Nepali, Sanskrit, Sinhala, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese), Classics (Latin and Greek), Comparative Literature (Russian), German Studies (German), Near Eastern Studies (Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish), Romance Studies (French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, and Ukrainian).

1:45pm–2:15pm: Choosing Your First Course in Computer Science • 120 Physical Sciences Building
Attend this session conducted by the Department of Computer Science if you are interested in the major and minor.

2:00pm–4:00pm: Information Session on Majoring in Physics • 700 Clark Hall
A physics degree provides the ideal platform from which to pursue a career requiring quantitative reasoning and physical insight. Professor Kyle Shen will provide information about the physics program at Cornell, highlighting the breadth of career paths and logistics related to the major. Upper-level students will share their perspectives.
2:30pm–3:30pm: **Getting Involved in Research • 120 Physical Sciences Building**
This session conducted by the Office of Undergraduate Research will provide insights on how to get involved in undergraduate research. You will learn about first steps, types of positions, academic credit, and research funding. Whether you’re interested in the sciences, social sciences, or humanities, attend this session to receive expert advice on how to get started.

**Monday, August 21**

**Meet Your Advisor**
See your faculty advisor to discuss your academic plans. For details on your appointment time and location, visit as.cornell.edu/your-advisors. This is an important meeting for first-year and transfer students to get acquainted with their advisor and to finalize course schedules for the fall semester.

**9:30am–12:30pm: Mandatory First-Year Biology Advising Meeting • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, 1st floor**
Faculty, staff, and student advisors will introduce you to the biology major and help with schedule planning. (Transfer students should attend the 1:00pm meeting on Sunday, August 20.)

**12:00pm–1:00pm: Meet with Peer Advisors**
Your peer advisor will help you get settled and answer your questions about student life on campus. Peer advisor names and meeting locations will be mailed to you during the summer. If you do not receive your assignment, a list will be available at the Arts and Sciences Academic Open House on Sunday, August 20.

**2:00pm and 3:00pm: Tour the Tatkon Center—Cornell’s Support and Resource Center Dedicated to the First-Year Experience • Tatkon Center**
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**Tuesday, August 22**

**4:45pm–5:45pm: Getting Involved in Research • Klarman Auditorium, KG70 Klarman Hall**
See description on page 32. Note the different location of this session.

**Wednesday, August 23**

**4:30pm–5:30pm: Multicultural Students Welcome Reception • Klarman Hall Atrium**
Meet with advising deans, faculty members, and peer advisors from the College of Arts and Sciences.
Saturday, August 19

**10:30am–11:45am: First-Year Students’ Academic Briefing • See Engineering schedule of orientation events (also emailed to you in August) for assigned location**

This required information session emphasizes important orientation events and provides an overview for the first semester at Cornell. Strategies for success, curriculum requirements, academic advising, and college resources will be discussed. An open question-and-answer period will be available at the end.

**10:30am–11:45am: Transfer and Exchange Students’ Welcome, Academic Briefing, and Major Meeting • 245 Olin Hall**

At this *required* information session, transfer students will receive an overview of their first semester at Cornell, including curriculum requirements, college resources, course enrollment, and advising. Representatives from students’ respective majors will be on hand for breakout group discussions following the general overview.

**1:30pm–3:00pm: Engineering Dessert Reception and Major Information Fair for New Students, Families, Administrators, Faculty, and Staff • Duffield Hall Atrium**

Enjoy dessert and conversation with college administrators, faculty, staff, and students. Gather information about the undergraduate majors, co-curricular opportunities, and college resources available to undergraduate Engineering students.

Sunday, August 20

**10:15am–12:15pm: Engineering Mathematics Advanced Standing Exam • 155 Olin Hall**

This is an optional exam for all Engineering first-year and transfer students who are seeking to earn credit for MATH 1910 and/or MATH 1920.

**1:00pm: Tour the Tatkon Center—Cornell’s Support and Resource Center Dedicated to the First-Year Experience • Tatkon Center**

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Monday, August 21

**9:30am–10:15am: First-Year Student Group Meetings with Faculty Advisors • location TBA at the First-Year Academic Briefings**
This is a required session where you can schedule a one-on-one appointment and meet with your faculty advisor to discuss course enrollment and advising issues.

**10:30am–11:15am: First-Year Student Group Meetings with Peer Advisors • location TBA at the First-Year Academic Briefings**
Meet your peer advisors to discuss add/drop procedures and receive words of wisdom from upper-level students.

**11:30am–3:30pm: Students Meet with Faculty Advisors (by appointment, arranged during 9:30am meeting)**
Offered as an additional resource if you still have questions following your group and individual faculty advisor meetings.

Tuesday, August 22

**9:00am–3:00pm: Walk-In Advising Hours • Engineering Advising Office, 167 Olin Hall**
Offered as an additional resource if you still have questions following a meeting with your faculty advisor. You are encouraged to come in as early as possible to avoid heavy traffic in the afternoon.

**11:30am–2:00pm: Diversity Programs in Engineering (DPE) Welcome and Open House • Duffield Hall**
Come meet the DPE staff along with affiliated student organizations and returning students to get familiar with our programs. DPE offers a comprehensive portfolio of programs supporting the success of all members of the engineering community at Cornell, with a concentration on those from backgrounds historically underserved and under-represented in engineering, including but not limited to ethnic/racial minorities, women, first-generation college students, LGBTQ, and other identities. We are eager to extend our student-centered services and computer lounge to incoming undergraduate and graduate students. Learn about resources of support, professional development, inclusive communities, and how to get involved. Enjoy food and raffle prizes.

Wednesday, August 23

**9:00am–3:00pm: Walk-In Advising Hours • Engineering Advising Office, 167 Olin Hall**
Attend this session if you still have questions following your meeting with your faculty advisor. You are encouraged to come in as early as possible to avoid heavy traffic in the afternoon.

**4:45pm–5:45pm: Study Abroad Opportunities for Engineering Students • 255 Olin Hall**
A chance to learn about opportunities to study abroad.
Saturday, August 19

10:30am: Multicultural/EOP Orientation for Students and Parents • 280 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall
Meet college advisors and learn about resources and opportunities to enrich your transition and experience.

1:00pm: Dean’s Welcome • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, 1st floor
Join the college for this welcome event for new students and families hosted by Alan Mathios, dean of the College of Human Ecology.

2:00pm: College Briefing • Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, 1st floor
This is a mandatory meeting for all new students in the College of Human Ecology. Talk with Student and Career Development staff members about using Orientation to get ready for Cornell’s challenges. Learn about college resources. Come with your questions.

Sunday, August 20

11:00am–12:00pm: Meeting for Human Ecology Athletes • 142 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall
College of Human Ecology Student and Career Development staff members will meet with student athletes to discuss the orientation process and other information relevant to balancing athletics and academics. This meeting is required for new student athletes.

1:00pm: Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Orientation for First-Year and Transfer Students: Preparing for Careers in Human Medicine (Physicians, Dentists, and Related Human Health Professions) • G71/G73 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall
Plan your first year to include academic and extracurricular requirements for professions in human medicine. Students preparing for careers in medicine and dentistry are expected to attend, but attendance does not constitute a commitment to this career. Audio will be available at career.cornell.edu.HCEC/audio.html after September 4, 2017.

1:45pm: Tour the Tatkon Center—Cornell’s Support and Resource Center Dedicated to the First-Year Experience • Tatkon Center
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### Monday, August 21

**Academic Meetings for All New Students**

You should plan to spend the day in the college, participating in academic orientation meetings with Human Ecology student development staff and faculty members in your chosen academic department. For specifics about time and place, see the detailed Human Ecology orientation schedule posted on the Human Ecology website at www.human.cornell.edu.

### Thursday, August 24

**10:00am–4:00pm: Career Exploration Center Open House • 162 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall**

Meet Career Exploration Center staff members and check out their resources.
Saturday, August 19

**10:30am: Dean’s Welcome • G01 Auditorium, Uris Hall**
All new ILR students and their families will be welcomed by Dean Kevin F. Hallock. An overview of what parents and families can expect as their students transition to ILR and Cornell University will also be presented.

**4:00pm: Tour the Tatkon Center—Cornell’s Support and Resource Center Dedicated to the First-Year Experience • Tatkon Center**
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Monday, August 21

**9:00am: New Student Orientation Meeting • 305 Ives Hall**
All first-year and transfer students must attend. Staff members from the ILR Student Experience Team will present information on the school’s curriculum, various academic support services, and course scheduling.

**11:00am–1:00pm: ILR Catherwood Library Orientation • Catherwood Library, Ives Hall**
You will receive your session schedule at the new student orientation meeting.

**1:30pm: New Students Meet with Their ILR Peer Mentor • 305 Ives Hall**
You will be introduced to your peer mentor and will have an opportunity to meet in smaller groups for discussions. These peer mentors will serve as an ongoing support system throughout your first semester in the ILR School.
Saturday, August 19

10:30am: Dean’s Welcome • Friedman Wrestling Center
All new Dyson School students and family members will be welcomed by the school’s administration. An overview of what parents and families can expect as their students transition to the Dyson School and Cornell University will be presented.

3:15pm: Tour the Tatkon Center—Cornell’s Support and Resource Center Dedicated to the First-Year Experience • Tatkon Center
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Sunday, August 20

1:00pm–3:00pm: SC Johnson College of Business Welcome Reception • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall
Join other SC Johnson College of Business students, faculty, and staff for our first social event of the year. Use this time to expand your network and make lasting connections within the college. Don’t miss out on the music, food, and swag—while we mean business, come ready for photos and fun.

Monday, August 21

9:00am–3:00pm: Dyson Success! Orientation for New Students • B25 Warren Hall
All new Dyson students will spend the day engaged in group sessions, advising, and gaining the necessary tools for success. You will learn about the curriculum, course scheduling, Dyson expectations, and academic strategies for success.
Saturday, August 19

10:30am: Dean’s Welcome • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall
New Hotel School students and families will be welcomed by the school’s executive leadership, faculty, and administrators. This event is an overview of Hotel School curriculum, academic expectations, and co-curricular programs at the Hotel School and Cornell University.

11:30am–12:30pm: For Students: Advising Meet and Greet • various locations, Statler Hall
Meet with your faculty advisor to discuss your academic interests and how to develop an appropriate advising relationship. Light refreshments will follow in the Park Atrium where you will join your family after their information session.

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Monday, August 21

9:00am–3:00pm: Essentials for Hotel School Success • Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall
With group sessions and one-on-one advising, engage and prepare yourself for the first day of classes with discussions on course scheduling, academic expectations, and overall strategies for success.
Post-Orientation Events

International Fair

**Wednesday, August 30**

**11:30am–2:00pm: International Fair • Uris Hall Terrace, Uris Hall, 1st floor**

Discover different options to internationalize your Cornell experience and explore international and global study on campus and abroad.

Meet faculty and staff to discuss study abroad, exchanges, language study, international majors/minors, fellowships, internships, courses with and without international travel components, and service learning.

CU Downtown

**Saturday, September 2**

**1:00pm–5:00pm: CU Downtown • Downtown Ithaca**

Explore the city you will call home for the next four years and watch many of Cornell’s vibrant and exceptional performing arts groups on stage on the Ithaca Commons, downtown’s outdoor pedestrian mall.

Enjoy music, dancing, juggling, and more. You’ll be welcomed with special student discounts and activities at retail stores and restaurants. Join groups departing from residence halls (learn how to take the local bus service from campus) or take a beautiful walk downtown through Cascadilla Gorge. Learn more from your RA or check with the Tatkon Center—drop in or call 607.253.4282.
DanceFest

Friday, September 8

1:00pm–4:00pm: DanceFest • Arts Quad
DanceFest, the one-stop spot for dance at Cornell. Come watch performances by Cornell’s 30+ dance teams, meet the dancers, and find your place in the dance community.

If you like to dance, want to learn, or are searching for a group to join then this is the event for you. See you there.

ClubFest

Sunday, September 10

1:00pm–4:00pm: ClubFest • Bartels Hall and Tatkon Center
Join us on Welcome Weekend to learn more about the variety of student groups on campus. Representatives from more than 300 student organizations will be in attendance to showcase what their club has to offer.

Don’t miss some of the featured performances. Free entertainment and refreshments will be provided.
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- Cornell Police, in G2 Barton Hall (see map, D5): open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Blue light telephones (direct line to Cornell Police for emergencies or other assistance)
- Cornell metered parking
  - Short Term parking available—please stop at an info booth (see map: C5, D6, E4) for details and any required permit, or visit http://www.transportation.cornell.edu/
  - Night/weekend restricted parking

For information on Cornell’s disability-access resources (including an accessibility campus map) see www.cornell.edu/disability/