January Orientation
January 18–23, 2018
FOR FAMILIES

Thursday, January 18 • 7:30pm

Parents’ Welcome Reception • Memorial Room, 4th floor (front entrance), Willard Straight Hall

Parents and family members are invited to join us for this informal welcome reception. Discover how students learn to build their new community at Cornell. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres, conversations with other Cornell parents, and a Q&A with university staff.
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Welcome to Cornell

Congratulations on your acceptance to Cornell University and welcome to campus!

Orientation is the beginning of what we hope will be a positive and fulfilling student experience for you. We are excited to welcome you and to begin introducing you to the staff, students, and faculty who are here to offer support and help you discover opportunities during your time at Cornell.

Orientation is a time to adjust to campus, meet peers, and learn about the community. The student-run Orientation Steering Committee plans events and brings together 30 Orientation Leaders. These student volunteers have returned to campus early to ease your transition, welcome you to our community, and show you many of Cornell’s extraordinary opportunities. Be adventurous, make new friends, and remember that our student volunteers are here to support you.

Cornell is an incredible community with tremendous possibilities, and Orientation is a great way to begin exploring.

Again, welcome—we are so glad you’re here!

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BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Sign in to newstudents.cornell.edu

The first thing all new students must do is visit newstudents.cornell.edu. This website provides everything you need to know and do before coming to Cornell. It contains a personalized To Do list to track all required (and optional) tasks to complete before your arrival.

Complete university registration

Sign in to studentessentials.cornell.edu on January 16, 2018, to verify your registration status. All students must register by February 16, 2018. To be considered registered, students must:

- Settle all financial accounts including current semester tuition (due January 7, 2018)
- Satisfy New York State and university health requirements
- Clear all holds

COURSE ENROLLMENT AND ADD/DROP

Course add/drop begins on January 17, 18, or 19, depending on student class and term. This is the time that new students build (or modify) their course schedule. You will receive information and advising pertaining to course enrollment during your college orientation sessions beginning on January 19, and you can create or change your course schedule after those meetings.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Students and family members who require disability accommodation during Orientation should contact the Orientation staff at cu_orientation@cornell.edu or 607.254.2255 by January 12. Advance notice is needed to arrange some disability services. Information regarding campus accessibility can be found at cornell.edu/disability.
Your orientation to Cornell 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 all that the university has to offer. This Orientation guide includes all university, college, and social events happening during this six-day period.

Note that some events are for specific student groups only: FYSA, transfer, or exchange. See the guide to symbols in the box below.

Your Orientation schedule will consist of:

- All required university events (marked with the icon)
- College events
- Other events that fit your interests

Orientation programming will continue throughout the year at the Tatkon Center for First-Year Students to introduce you to Cornell’s many resources and services. (See page 12.) Additional events that are not listed in the guide are also planned in your college and the residence halls.

Cornell offers diverse opportunities for you to engage intellectually, culturally, and socially. The challenge during your time here can be identifying how you want to spend your time and taking the initiative to engage. Cornell encourages you to approach Orientation in the same way.

If you need help creating your schedule or finding your way during Orientation—or anytime at Cornell—your January Orientation Leader, Resident Advisor, or faculty advisor, along with peer advisors and Tatkon Center staff members, are happy to assist you. Ask them questions. They want to help you.
Schedule of Events
Thursday, January 18

9:00am–12:00pm • Move-In
Move into your residence hall between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Thursday, January 18. Orientation volunteers will help you move your belongings and answer any of your questions. Pick up the key to your room at your service center before heading over to your residence hall. If you are living off campus, we also recommend moving in on Thursday morning.

1:00pm–3:00pm • New Student Check-In and Welcome • 4th floor (front entrance), Willard Straight Hall
You are required to attend New Student Check-In in the Memorial Room to verify your matriculation requirements are complete. Arrive anytime between 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Department representatives will answer questions and share information about university services. Meet student service professionals while enjoying refreshments in the Browsing Library, also on the 4th floor of Willard Straight Hall. Families are welcome.

2:00pm–4:30pm • International Student Orientation • B25 Warren Hall (auditorium)
This orientation is for all incoming international undergraduate, graduate, and professional students and will provide essential immigration and legal information, guidelines on health and safety, and tips for academic success. Come and meet other new international students and receive a warm welcome from student volunteers who are prepared to share their experiences at Cornell. Undergraduates: make sure you go to New Student Check-In first.

6:30pm–7:00pm • FYSA Students Meet Your RA • your room
Your Resident Advisor (RA) is looking forward to welcoming you to your residence hall and will stop by to pick you up for this meeting. Your RA is an upper-level student who lives on your floor and will be an excellent resource for you as the semester progresses. Get a tour of your building and learn about important contacts and other critical information. After this meeting, your RA will walk you to Balch Arch where Orientation Leaders will take you to your first Orientation Leader meeting and First Night.

7:00pm • Meet to Walk to First Night • Collegetown, Balch Arch, West Campus
Walking groups gather at Baker Flagpole on West Campus and in front of the Schwartz Center in Collegetown to walk up to Physical Sciences Building for First Night. RAs will accompany North Campus residents to Balch Arch after required meetings.

7:15pm • January Orientation Leader Meeting #1 • Physical Sciences Building
Your January Orientation Leader (JOL) is your guide to Cornell, here to tell you about life on campus, answer your questions, and help you get to know other new students in a small group. Your JOL group will meet two more times over the weekend—this is a great chance to share experiences, check in with each other, and connect with a current Cornell student who knows what it’s like to be new on campus. Make sure you check in with your JOL about your second meeting location.

8:00pm • First Night • Physical Sciences Building
Don’t miss First Night! Mingle with your new classmates, enjoy food and drinks, and try your hand at games and activities. Light up the winter night as you begin to make Cornell your own!
Friday, January 19

10:00am–1:30pm • Required Academic Events • locations vary
Each college has its own required events during Orientation:

AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES (see page 14)
ARCHITECTURE, ART, AND PLANNING (see page 15)
ARTS AND SCIENCES (see pages 16–17)
HOTEL ADMINISTRATION (see page 18)
HUMAN ECOLOGY (see page 19)
ILR (see page 20)

2:00pm • January Orientation Leader Meeting #2 • location TBD in meeting #1
This is a chance to get together after a morning of academic orientation, debrief a bit, and learn more from your JOL. Find out about upcoming Orientation events and bring up anything on your mind as you continue to settle in to Cornell.

3:00pm–4:00pm • Belonging at Cornell • Klarman Hall Auditorium
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 the university’s campus-wide commitment to promoting a spirit of inclusiveness and respect for all members of the community, creating a sense of belonging for everyone.

4:30pm–5:30pm • Fireside Chats with Cornell Alumni • Browsing Library, Willard Straight Hall
Come and meet Cornell alumni who have traveled the paths you’re about to embark on. They’ll share their favorite campus spots with you, tell you about their challenges and what helped them, give you insights on their undergraduate colleges, and, most importantly, give a warm welcome to our newest members of the Cornell community. Enjoy refreshments in an informal setting.

7:30pm • Movie Night • Klarman Hall Auditorium
It wouldn’t be Orientation without movie night. Come and have some laughs with fellow new students. Refreshments provided.
Saturday, January 20

9:30am–11:00am • FYSA RA Breakfast and Community Meeting • 101 Robert Purcell Community Center
Join Resident Advisors for brunch and a meeting where they’ll share essential information about being part of the North Campus residential community. After the meeting, RAs will walk new students to the Physical Sciences Building for the class photo.

10:30am–11:30am • Coffee Hour: Transfer and Exchange Students • Café Jennie, Campus Store
Get to know a central campus hot spot in the Campus Store, Café Jennie, named for Jennie McGraw, who donated our campus chimes. Orientation volunteers will get you a hot drink and be on hand to chat and answer questions.

11:15am–12:15pm • FYSA Class Photo • Physical Sciences Building Atrium
Join members of the class of 2021 for your class photo. RAs will walk new students over after the community meeting.

1:00pm–4:30pm • Laser Tag and Shopping Excursion • meet at Ithaca Mall TCAT bus stops
Join your fellow Cornellians in a trip to the mall. Get to know the local bus system, pick up a few last-minute things for your room, and challenge each other in a battle of endurance and skill playing laser tag, with pizza and drinks provided. Shops at the mall will offer specials for new students. Use your TCAT pass (on your Cornell ID card) to take the Route 30 or the Route 70; see schedule at www.tcatbus.com. Check with your JOL or other volunteers for more information on riding the bus.

7:30pm • Night at the Johnson • Johnson Museum
Experience the magic of an after-hours event at Cornell’s wonderful Johnson Museum with art, music, food, desserts, and drinks. Dress up or dress down and get ready for a fun time!
10:30am • FYSA Brunch and JOL Meeting #3 • meet in RPCC lobby
Head to brunch with your OL group for your third JOL meeting.

10:30am • Transfer/Exchange JOL Meeting #3 • Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall
Grab a bagel, fruit, and hot drink, then join your OL group for your third meeting.

12:00pm–2:00pm • Bowling • Helen Newman Gym
Enjoy bowling at our own Helen Newman Lanes. Located right on North Campus, it’s a short walk from North Campus halls, or grab the TCAT to get to North (tcatbus.com/route70). Food, drinks, and desserts will be provided.

12:30pm–1:30pm • Central Campus Tour • meet in front of Willard Straight Hall
Join Orientation volunteers and fellow new students for a tour of the Cornell central campus. Tour leaders will show you some special Cornell places and resources you’ll want to know about and answer your questions about getting around.

12:30pm–3:00pm • Open Gym • Helen Newman Gym
Cornell has great gyms and fitness centers. Come and try exercise machines, play some games, learn about club and intramural sports, and hang out! Bring your Cornell ID and have appropriate gym attire including clean dry shoes to enter the facilities.

1:00pm–2:00pm • Collegetown to Beebe Lake Tour • meet in front of Anabel Taylor Hall
Check out Cornell’s campus in Collegetown and make your way through some popular campus areas on the way to Beebe Lake. The tour will end at Helen Newman Gym where you can join in open gym activities.

4:00pm–5:15pm • Speak About It • Klarman 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.

8:00pm • Game Night • Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall
Relax and have a good time during a night of fun and games, with poker, blackjack, roulette wheels, Catan, chess, and much more. Players of all skill levels welcome.
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1:00pm–2:30pm • Cuddles and Cookies • Tatkon Center
Play with puppies from Guiding Eyes for the Blind at Cornell during this afternoon of cuddles. Guiding Eyes for the Blind at Cornell strives to teach students to learn more about guide dog training and provide support for the Guiding Eyes for the Blind of the Finger Lakes region.

4:00pm–5:00pm • Study Smarter, Not Harder • 132 Goldwin Smith Hall
Are you ready to conquer procrastination and stress while maximizing your learning experience? Join the Learning Strategy Center’s Mike Chen and learn how to make the most of your study skills. Get ahead of the game!

5:00pm–6:00pm • FYSA Faculty Meet and Greet • Tatkon Center
Meet some of the friendly faculty living in first-year residential communities. They are a great resource and care deeply about your experience both inside and outside the classroom. Want to learn about how to get involved on North Campus? Want to take a small class right where you live and get to know faculty? Come join us for snacks and good conversation.

5:15pm–6:15pm • Nontraditional Student Meet and Greet • Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, 200 Campus Computing Center
Join fellow nontraditional students and gain an insider’s view of Cornell at this relaxed meet and greet. Current nontraditional students will be on hand to chat and share their experiences with student life, campus resources, and the local Ithaca community. Learn about OADI’s Trailblazers Program, which focuses on supporting nontraditional students who identify as adult learners, veteran/military-affiliated, parents, transfers, commuters, part-time/full-time employed, or financially independent. Light refreshments will be provided.
Tuesday, January 23

9:00am–2:30pm • Required Academic Events • locations vary
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HOTEL ADMINISTRATION (see page 18)
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3:00pm–4:00pm • Transfer Housing Session • 132 Goldwin Smith Hall
Curious about where to live next year? The housing process for the 2018–2019 academic year begins in late January. Whether you plan to stay on campus or make the move off campus, come learn about all available options.

4:00pm–5:00pm • Housing Beyond the First Year/FYSA • 132 Goldwin Smith Hall
Curious about where to live next year? The housing process for the 2018–2019 academic year begins in late January. Come learn about all available options for your sophomore year at Cornell. FYSA students are strongly encouraged to attend this session.

5:30pm–7:30pm • Cornell’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Commemoration Event • Sage Chapel
This annual commemoration event brings the Cornell campus and Ithaca communities together through a series of events centered on the service, activism, and legacy of Dr. King. This year’s keynote speaker is Mitchell S. Jackson, the award-winning author and filmmaker of The Residue Years and a prominent advocate for criminal justice reform. He is a faculty member at New York University, in addition to being a fellow with TED, the Lannan Foundation, and the Bread Loaf Conference. His talk is titled “From Prison to Pen: Continuing the Dream.” Dinner is provided.
Post-Orientaion

Friday, January 26
3:00pm–5:00pm • Network with the Tatkon Center Staff over Cookies and Coffee • Tatkon Center

The Tatkon Center is home base for first years. The center’s staff speak over fifteen languages, represent nearly twenty majors and seventy-five student organizations, and are eager to share their wealth of experience. Discover Tatkon with its cool study spaces, free weekly drop-in peer tutoring, and dozens of programs from January through May to help you transition into campus and explore Cornell’s endless opportunities.

Sunday, February 4
1:00pm–4:00pm • ClubFest • Barton Hall

ClubFest, a celebration of Cornell’s amazing student groups, provides registered student organizations with an incredible opportunity to showcase their activities and recruit new members. The ClubFest experience is laid-back, providing interested students with greater interaction with each organization. There will also be performances by student groups.
Required

College Events
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
10:30am–1:30pm • College Welcome and Lunch • Transfer Students in G01 Biotech, FYSA Students in G10
Join us for a warm welcome to CALS and a chance to meet other entering CALS students and staff members. Enjoy a buffet lunch after specialized activities designed to help your transition to Cornell and CALS.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
8:00am–9:00am  • Pre-Health Orientation for First-Year and Transfer Students • 151 Warren Hall
Meet CALS pre-health advisors and begin planning your first year at Cornell with an overview of academic and co-curricular activities to prepare you for medical, dental, or vet school. CALS students interested in health careers should attend, regardless of their level of commitment.

9:00am–4:00pm • Major Department Advising Meetings • various times and locations
During this time, you will have the opportunity to meet with department faculty and advising staff members to work on course scheduling and learn about major requirements. Meeting times and locations will vary by department and will be posted on Chatter in January.

9:00am– 12:00pm and 1:00pm–4:00pm • Optional Transfer Credit Evaluations with the Registrar • 140 Roberts Hall
Do you have questions about transfer credit, AP scores, degree progress, or anything else? Call CALS Student Services at 607.255.2257 to schedule a 15-minute appointment with the registrar and get some answers. Do not miss your required department meeting. The registrar is available to meet throughout Orientation and the academic year.

10:00am–12:00pm • Mandatory Biological Sciences Advising Meeting • 206 Stimson Hall
Faculty, staff members, and student advisors will introduce new CALS and A&S students to the biological sciences major and help with schedule planning.
Individual Meetings
AAP Academic Services will contact each incoming transfer student to arrange a meeting to discuss transfer credit, course enrollment, and scheduling.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00am–10:30am • Welcome to A&S! • Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium, KG70 Klarman Hall
New students and their parents will be officially welcomed to Cornell and the College of Arts and Sciences. Light refreshments will be served outside of the auditorium.

10:30am–11:30am • Mandatory FYSA Student Briefing • KG42 Klarman Hall
Mandatory for all new FYSA students. During this academic briefing, Arts and Sciences advising deans will review important academic information for your first semester.

10:30am–11:30am • Mandatory Transfer Student Briefing • English Lounge, 258 Goldwin Smith Hall
Mandatory for all new transfer students. During this academic briefing, Arts and Sciences advising deans will review important academic information for your first semester.

10:30am–11:30am • Parents’ Briefing • Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium, KG70 Klarman Hall
Faculty, staff, and students will provide an overview of the first-year A&S experience and describe how parents can best support their students.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00am–12:00pm • Mandatory Biological Sciences Advising Meeting • 206 Stimson Hall
Faculty, staff members, and student advisors will introduce new A&S and CALS students to the biological sciences major and help with schedule planning.

12:00pm–1:00pm • Mandatory Peer Advisor Meetings • Goldwin Smith Hall (various rooms)
Your peer advisor will help you get settled and answer your questions about student life on campus. You will be notified of the exact location of your meeting in early January. If you arrive on campus unsure of the location of your meeting with your peer advisor, stop by the Arts and Sciences Advising Office in KG17 Klarman Hall.

2:30pm–3:30pm • Pre-Health Info Session • 158 Goldwin Smith Hall
Meet Arts and Sciences Health Careers Advisors and plan your first year at Cornell to include academic and extracurricular opportunities that will prepare you for medical or dental school. Arts and Sciences students interested in health careers are expected to attend, regardless of their level of commitment.

3:45pm–4:30pm • Exploring Internships and Career Options • 160 Goldwin Smith Hall
Join the Arts and Sciences Career Development Office to learn what you can do with your liberal arts degree. This open discussion will include information on exploring career options, connecting with alumni to learn more about the world of work, and identifying summer job and internship opportunities.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

9:30am–12:00pm • Mandatory Faculty Advisor Meetings • Kaufmann Auditorium, G64 Goldwin Smith Hall
Required for all new students. Meet your faculty advisor to discuss your academic plans. This is an important meeting for you to get acquainted with your faculty advisor and ask any remaining questions regarding your course schedule for the spring semester.

12:00pm–1:00pm • Lunch with Your Advising Deans • Becker House Common Room, Carl Becker House
Join the A&S first-year/sophomore advising deans for an informal lunch to talk about your first semester in the college. This is an opportunity for you to get to know your advising dean and for your advising dean to learn about you.

1:30pm–2:30pm • Everything Econ • 142 Goldwin Smith Hall
What Econ courses should you take? How much calculus do you need? How do you apply your AP/IB/A-level 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; Cornell supplies them.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
10:00am–1:00pm • Getting to Know the School of Hotel Administration • 291 Statler Hall
Students are welcomed by administration of the Hotel School and introduced to the Office of Student Services staff and advisors. The Hotel School registrar and advising staff will meet with new students to review spring schedules and discuss the add/drop process. Lunch will be provided. This is a mandatory event.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
1:00pm–3:30pm • SHA Orientation Programming • 165 Statler Hall
Faculty, staff, and previous transfer students will present sessions on how to be successful and how to connect with Hotel School resources. There will be advising meetings in the afternoon in 180 Statler Hall. This is a mandatory event.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
10:00am–1:30pm • SHA Orientation Programming • Silver Birch Suite, 5th Floor, Statler Hall
Participate in a fun and interactive Inclusion & Engagement Workshop followed by lunch at the Statler Hotel with faculty and staff. There will be advising meetings in the afternoon in 180 Statler Hall. This is a mandatory event.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
10:30am • College Briefing for All New Students • 280 MVR
This mandatory briefing will prepare you for adding courses, academic planning, and advising by major. Questions about transfer credit, academic policy, and advising will be addressed. This session will be followed by small group meetings for transfer students and exchange students.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
11:00am • Advising Meetings for All New Students
This is a mandatory event.
Design and Environmental Analysis • 153 MVR
Fiber Science and Apparel Design • 101 HEB
Human Biology, Health, and Society • 151 MVR
Human Development • 142 MVR
Nutritional Sciences • 151 MVR
Policy Analysis and Management • G-422 MVR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
9:00am–10:00am • Multicultural/EOP Orientation • 172 MVR
10:30am • Pre-Med/Pre-Health Information Session • 142 MVR
1:00pm–2:00pm • MVR/HEB Building Tours • Human Ecology Commons

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
10:00am–4:00pm • Career Exploration Center Open House • 162 MVR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

10:00am–12:00pm • Curriculum Review • 111 Ives Hall
Transfer credit summaries and spring 2018 schedules will be discussed.

12:00pm–1:00pm • Lunch with Peer Mentors • 116 Ives Hall
Enjoy lunch and meet current ILR students who will act as your peer mentors.

1:30pm–2:30pm • Martin P. Catherwood Library Orientation • Martin P. Catherwood Library, Ives Hall
Reference librarians will introduce you to the resources available in the ILR library.