

Intro & Major

Greetings and welcome to Cornell! Responding to the New Student Survey won't take much time (about 10 minutes). Your answers are essential to better understand how new undergraduates think about the college experience at Cornell.

We take your privacy very seriously. Results from this survey will never be reported in any form that would identify you as an individual. If you find a question that you don't want to answer, just skip it and go on. We still want to hear what you have to say about the other topics.

Thank you, in advance, for completing the Cornell New Student Survey.

At this very early stage, please share any of the majors you are considering at this point. We know that this may change and can be different than what you indicated on your application.

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| ☐ Unsure | ☐ French |
| ☐ Africana Studies | ☐ German Studies |
| ☐ American Studies | ☐ Government |
| ☐ Anthropology | ☐ History |
| ☐ Archaeology | ☐ History of Art |
| ☐ Asian Studies | ☐ Information Science |
| ☐ Astronomy | ☐ Italian |
| ☐ Biological Sciences | ☐ Linguistics |
| ☐ Biology & Society | ☐ Mathematics |
| ☐ Chemistry | ☐ Music |
| ☐ China & Asia-Pacific Studies | ☐ Near Eastern Studies |
| ☐ Classics | ☐ Performing and Media Arts |
| ☐ Cognitive Science | ☐ Philosophy |

- ☐ College Scholar
- ☐ Comparative Literature
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
- ☐ Economics
- ☐ English
- ☐ Environment & Sustainability
- ☐ Feminist, Gender & Sexuality Studies

- ☐ Physics
- ☐ Psychology
- ☐ Religious Studies
- ☐ Science & Technology Studies
- ☐ Sociology
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Statistical Science
- ☐ Other

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- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Agricultural Studies
- ☐ Animal Science
- ☐ Applied Economics & Management
- ☐ Atmospheric Science
- ☐ Biological Engineering
- ☐ Biological Sciences
- ☐ Biology & Society
- ☐ Biometry & Statistics
- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
- ☐ Entomology

- ☐ Environment & Sustainability
- ☐ Environmental Engineering
- ☐ Food Science
- ☐ Global Development
- ☐ Global & Public Health Sciences
- ☐ Information Science
- ☐ Interdisciplinary Studies
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Nutritional Sciences
- ☐ Plant Sciences
- ☐ Viticulture and Enology
- ☐ Other

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- ☐ Unsure

- ☐ Engineering Physics

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| ☐ Biological Engineering | ☐ Environmental Engineering |
| ☐ Biomedical Engineering | ☐ Information Science, Systems, and Technology |
| ☐ Chemical Engineering | ☐ Materials Science and Engineering |
| ☐ Civil Engineering | ☐ Mechanical Engineering |
| ☐ Computer Science | ☐ Operations Research and Engineering |
| ☐ Earth & Atmospheric Sciences | ☐ Other |
| | <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Electrical and Computer Engineering | |

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| ☐ Unsure | ☐ Human Biology, Health, and Society |
| ☐ Design & Environmental Analysis | ☐ Human Development |
| ☐ Fashion Design and Management | ☐ Nutritional Sciences |
| ☐ Fiber Science | ☐ Policy Analysis & Management |
| ☐ Global and Public Health Science | ☐ Other |
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| ☐ Health Care Policy | |

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| ☐ Unsure |
| ☐ Architecture |
| ☐ Fine Arts |
| ☐ Urban & Regional Studies |
| ☐ Other <input type="text"/> |

College expectations

How interested are you in doing the following during your undergraduate years at Cornell?

	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not at all interested	Not sure
Volunteering or doing community service	☐	☐	☐	☐
Doing an internship or practicum	☐	☐	☐	☐
Studying abroad	☐	☐	☐	☐
Participating in athletics	☐	☐	☐	☐
Working with a professor on a research project	☐	☐	☐	☐
Joining a fraternity or sorority	☐	☐	☐	☐
Participating in social justice work	☐	☐	☐	☐

How important are each of the following goals for your Cornell experience?

	Essential	Somewhat important	Not important at all
Expertise in a specific discipline or field of study	☐	☐	☐
Making friends and feeling a sense of belonging	☐	☐	☐
Taking part in teams, clubs, or other organizations	☐	☐	☐
Career related connections and experiences	☐	☐	☐
Developing a global perspective	☐	☐	☐
Learning about climate change and effective responses	☐	☐	☐
Understanding systemic discrimination and inequality	☐	☐	☐

How interested would you be in the following community service experiences?

	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not at all interested
Participate in a student organization that focuses on community service	☐	☐	☐

	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not at all interested
Volunteer off campus	☐	☐	☐
Take a course with a community service component	☐	☐	☐
Research with a community partner	☐	☐	☐
Study abroad with a community service component	☐	☐	☐
Spring break community service trip	☐	☐	☐

How well prepared do you feel to do the following during your first year at Cornell?

	Very well prepared	Somewhat prepared	Unprepared
Get along socially at Cornell	☐	☐	☐
Select the courses you will take	☐	☐	☐
Succeed academically	☐	☐	☐
Discuss social and political issues with peers who hold different views	☐	☐	☐
Take care of your mental health and well-being	☐	☐	☐

Test Scores

How many times did you take the SAT and ACT exams?

	Did not take	1 time	2 times	3 or more times
SAT	☐	☐	☐	☐
ACT	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please tell us your highest score.

SAT Mathematics	
SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing	

Please tell us your highest score.

ACT Composite

High School

What kind of high school did you attend?

- ☐ International - Private
- ☐ International - Public
- ☐ Public - Charter or Magnet school
- ☐ Public - All other public schools
- ☐ Private - Religious/parochial
- ☐ Private - Boarding school (non-religious)
- ☐ Private - All other private schools (non-religious)
- ☐ Home school
- ☐ Other (please describe)

We'd like to know if you did any of the following in your time before college.
These activities may or may not have been part of a class or other requirement.

Before Cornell, did you...

	Yes	No
Visit another country	☐	☐
Become fluent in a language other than English	☐	☐
Perform community service as part of a class or graduation requirement	☐	☐
Perform community service NOT as part of a class or graduation requirement	☐	☐
Have an internship (structured training or exposure to a professional occupation)	☐	☐
Work on a research project (outside of schoolwork)	☐	☐

Mark all of the math courses you have taken prior to enrolling at Cornell. For each of the courses you have taken, also mark your level of confidence with the materials.

	Courses taken prior to Cornell	Confidence with the materials		
	Yes, Taken	Not Confident	Somewhat Confident	Very Confident
Algebra	☐	☐	☐	☐
Geometry	☐	☐	☐	☐
Trigonometry	☐	☐	☐	☐
Statistics (non-AP)	☐	☐	☐	☐
AP Statistics	☐	☐	☐	☐
Data Science	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pre-Calculus	☐	☐	☐	☐
Calculus (non-AP)	☐	☐	☐	☐
AP Calculus AB	☐	☐	☐	☐
AP Calculus BC	☐	☐	☐	☐
IB AASL	☐	☐	☐	☐
IB AAHL	☐	☐	☐	☐
IB AISL	☐	☐	☐	☐
IB AIHL	☐	☐	☐	☐
Multi-variable Calculus	☐	☐	☐	☐
Linear Algebra	☐	☐	☐	☐
Differential Equations	☐	☐	☐	☐
Discrete Mathematics	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐	☐

Do you have experience doing any of the following during your high school community service activities?

- ☐ Finding a community organization to work with
- ☐ Doing research with a community partner
- ☐ Taking a leadership role in a community service organization

- ☐ Engaging in critical reflection - the process of analyzing, reconsidering, and questioning one's experiences within a broad context of issues and content knowledge
- ☐ Domestic service trip (in USA)
- ☐ International service trip (Please indicate the country(ies) the service trip took place in)
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Apply For and Financing College

As you planned for and prepared your applications for college, how helpful was advice and assistance from each of the following resources?

	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not helpful	Resource not available	Did not use
High school counselors who specialized in college admissions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other high school counselors or teachers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your classmates and friends	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your parents or guardians	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Family or relatives	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Counselors working/volunteering at a community-based organization (e.g., YMCA or Upward Bound)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Private admissions advisors or counselors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Congratulations on receiving an offer to a Cornell Commitment program (Cornell Tradition, Meinig Family National Scholars, or Hunter R. Rawlings III Cornell Presidential Research Scholars)! We are curious which benefits of the Cornell Commitment program were the most important to you. **Please rank the following benefits, with the most important benefit on the top and the least important on the bottom.**

The ability to participate in a funded summer activity

Networking opportunities with staff/faculty/community members

Access to money to support your research/leadership/work and service during the semester

Connections with likeminded students

The annual scholarship that lowers tuition costs

Will you personally take out any student loans to help finance your first year in college (i.e., please only count loans taken in your name)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

As of right now, how concerned are you about you or your family's ability to pay for your college education?

- ☐ Not at all concerned
- ☐ A little concerned
- ☐ Very concerned

Working

Did you work for pay during your senior year of high school?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How many hours were you typically working during the school year?

Do you plan to have a job for pay during your first year at Cornell?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

☐ Unsure

Drug & alcohol use

As a reminder, your answers are confidential. The following questions are to improve our understanding of broader trends and patterns in our community.

During the last year, about how often did you...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Drink alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, or liquor)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use tobacco products (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, hookah)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use nicotine products (e.g., e-cigs, vape pens, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Which of the following statements most accurately reflects your use of cannabis/marijuana or cannabis products (edibles, tinctures, beverages, etc.)?

- ☐ I have never used cannabis/marijuana
- ☐ I have used cannabis/marijuana, but not within the past year
- ☐ I have used cannabis/marijuana within the past year, but not within the past month
- ☐ I have used cannabis/marijuana in the past month, but not every day
- ☐ I have used cannabis/marijuana daily for the past month

Health

In general, how would you rate your physical health?

0 = Poor, 10 = Excellent

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Physical health

How would you rate your overall mental health?

0 = Poor, 10 = Excellent

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Mental health

I am content with my friendships and relationships.

0 = Strongly disagree, 10 = Strongly agree

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Content with
friendships and
relationships

How often do you worry about being able to meet normal monthly living expenses?

0 = Do not ever worry, 10 = Worry all the time

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Worry about meeting
monthly living
expenses

During the last year, about how often did you...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Feel overwhelmed by all you had to do	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Feel so depressed it was difficult to function	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Which of the following applies to your experience of receiving care or support from a mental health professional?

- ☐ I am currently meeting with a mental health professional
- ☐ I have met with a mental health professional in the past, but I am not currently seeing a mental health professional

- ☐ I have never met with a mental health professional before, but I would go to a mental health professional if I felt the need
- ☐ I have never met with a mental health professional before, and I would not go to one even if I was struggling

If the preceding questions have raised thoughts regarding your own or another's health and well-being, you and they deserve support. We encourage you to take advantage of physical and mental health care services available to you at Cornell Health. You can call 607-255-5155 to request an appointment and/or schedule an appointment online using your myCornellHealth portal at www.health.cornell.edu. For financial well-being and food insecurity resources, you can visit this link about [Support for Students in Ithaca](#).

Demographic Core

What advanced degree(s), if any, do you plan to pursue in the future? (Mark all that you expect to pursue.)

- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No plans for an advanced degree at this time
- ☐ Master's degree in an academic field (e.g. MA, MS, MFA)
- ☐ Master's degree in business (MBA)
- ☐ Law degree (e.g. JD, LL.M)
- ☐ Medical degree (e.g. MD, DDS, DVM, DO)
- ☐ Ph.D.
- ☐ Other professional Master's (E.g. M.Eng, MSW, MPH, Architecture)
- ☐ Some other degree - please specify:

Do you have any of the following disabilities or conditions? Select all that apply.

- ☐ I do not have a disability or chronic condition
- ☐ ADHD or ADD
- ☐ Learning disability (dyslexia, dyscalculia, auditory or language processing disorder)
- ☐ Autism spectrum disorder

- ☐ Mobility-related disability (e.g., spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, etc.)
- ☐ Sensory disability (e.g., hard of hearing, low vision, etc.)
- ☐ Chronic mental health condition (e.g., anxiety disorder, depression, PTSD, etc.)
- ☐ Chronic medical condition (e.g., cystic fibrosis, diabetes, chronic pain, etc.)
- ☐ Other disability or chronic medical condition (please specify)

Which of the following describe your gender identity? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Trans feminine
- ☐ Trans masculine
- ☐ Genderqueer
- ☐ Gender non-conforming
- ☐ Genderfluid
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Agender
- ☐ Two spirit
- ☐ Questioning or unsure
- ☐ My gender identity is not listed. I identify as:

Which of the following describes your sexual orientation? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Straight or heterosexual
- ☐ Lesbian
- ☐ Gay
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Pansexual
- ☐ Asexual spectrum
- ☐ Queer
- ☐ Questioning or unsure

☐ My sexual orientation is not listed. I identify as:

The LGBT Resource Center welcomes new LGBTQ+ community members and allies to campus! Below are a few resources you may wish to check out as you begin your journey at Cornell:

[LGBT Resource Center](#)

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cornell.lgbtrc/>

[Join Our Campus Groups List-serv](#)

[Our Programs and Events](#)

[Student Organizations and Involvement](#)

[Trans Resources and Transitioning at Cornell](#)



Which of the following best describes your ethnic or racial identity (regardless of citizenship)? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Native American (including native Alaskan)
- ☐ Asian (*including Indian)
- ☐ Black
- ☐ Hispanic or Latina/o/x
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Another ethnic or racial identity (please describe)

Which religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition do you practice or identify with? Select all that apply.

- ☐ No religious affiliation, and spirituality is not important to me
- ☐ No religious affiliation, but spirituality is important to me
- ☐ Agnostic
- ☐ Atheist

- ☐ Baha'i
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Unitarian/Universalist
- ☐ Baptist
- ☐ Orthodox
- ☐ Mormon
- ☐ Presbyterian
- ☐ Protestant
- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Other Christian Tradition (e.g., non-denominational, Episcopalian) (please describe)

- ☐ Some other religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition (please describe)

How would you describe your political views?

- ☐ Very liberal
- ☐ Liberal
- ☐ Moderate/Middle of the road
- ☐ Conservative
- ☐ Very conservative
- ☐ Haven't thought that much about it

- ☐ Something else (please describe)

Are you a parent?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Demographic Extra

Is English your first language?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I learned both English and another language as a child

What languages, other than English, do you speak fluently (if any)?

What language did your high school teachers use in class?

- ☐ Entirely English
- ☐ Mostly English
- ☐ A mix of English and other languages
- ☐ Most/entirely in language(s) other than English

In high school, what language did students use to speak to one another outside of class?

- ☐ Entirely English
- ☐ Mostly English
- ☐ A mix of English and other languages
- ☐ Mostly/entirely in language(s) other than English

What is the highest level of education completed by any of your parents or guardians?

- ☐ No high school diploma
- ☐ High school diploma or equivalent
- ☐ Attended college but did not complete a degree

- ☐ Associate's degree
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's degree
- ☐ Doctoral or professional degree (e.g., PhD, JD, MD, etc.)
- ☐ Unsure/Don't know

Did any of your parents or guardians attend Cornell? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Yes, for undergraduate studies
- ☐ Yes, for graduate or professional studies
- ☐ No

Which of the following best describes your socioeconomic status when you were growing up?

- ☐ Low income
- ☐ Working class
- ☐ Middle class
- ☐ Upper-middle class
- ☐ Upper class/Wealthy

Ending

Final question!

Do you want to join The Cornell Compass? It's a group of students who agree to answer 1 - 2 questions per week via a brief text. If you're interested, put your cell phone number below and we'll be in touch Week 1 of classes!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Have a great fall semester!

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