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 help us better understand your prior experiences and expectations as you begin your time 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.

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

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.

- [ ] 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

- [ ] Biological Engineering
- [ ] Biomedical Engineering
- [ ] Chemical Engineering
- [ ] Civil Engineering
- [ ] Computer Science
- [ ] Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
- [ ] Electrical and Computer Engineering
- [ ] Environmental Engineering
- [ ] Information Science, Systems, and Technology
- [ ] Materials Science and Engineering
- [ ] Mechanical Engineering
- [ ] Operations Research and Engineering
- [ ] Other

College expectations

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

	Essential	Somewhat important	Not important at all
Developing a sense of direction for my life	○	○	○
Developing a career path that matches with my true interests and values	○	○	○
Knowing my life is guided by a set of clear commitments	○	○	○
Developing a global perspective	○	○	○

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 community service	○	○	○	○
Doing an internship or practicum	○	○	○	○
Studying abroad	○	○	○	○
Working with a professor on a research project	○	○	○	○
Participating in athletics	○	○	○	○
Joining a campus club or organization	○	○	○	○

	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not at all interested	Not sure
Joining a fraternity or sorority	○	○	○	○

What do you hope to experience through taking part in extracurricular organizations? (check all that apply)

- [ ] skill development
- [ ] friendship
- [ ] career advancement
- [ ] balance and well-being
- [ ] leadership development
- [ ] like-minded community
- [ ] identity-based community

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	○	○	○
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	○	○	○

	Very well prepared	Somewhat prepared	Unprepared
Discuss social and political issues with peers who hold different views	○	○	○
Take care of your mental health and well-being	○	○	○
Use technology for college coursework	○	○	○

How often do you think you will want to meet with an academic advisor during your first year at Cornell?

- ○ Every week
- ○ Every other week
- ○ Every month
- ○ Once a semester
- ○ Only if needed

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.

	Taken	Not Taken
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	☐	☐

	Taken	Not Taken
Other	☐	☐

For each of the courses you have taken, please mark your level of confidence with the material.

	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not 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
- ☐ Engaging in critical reflection - the process of analyzing, reconsidering, and questioning one's experiences within a broad context of issues and content knowledge

- [ ] Doing research with a community partner
- [ ] Taking a leadership role in a community service organization
- [ ] Domestic service trip (in USA)
- [ ] International service trip (Please indicate the country(ies) the service trip took place in)

What types of devices would you feel comfortable using for academic work?

- [ ] Apple ipad
- [ ] Apple laptop
- [ ] Chromebook
- [ ] Other tablets (Surface, Remarkable)
- [ ] PC (Microsoft based laptop/desktop)
- [ ] Cell phone
- [ ] Other

Please indicate your level of experience with and comfort using each technology application.

	Never Used	Have Used, Not Comfortable	Have Used, Somewhat Comfortable	Have Used, Very Comfortable
Microsoft Word	○	○	○	○
Microsoft Excel	○	○	○	○
Microsoft Powerpoint	○	○	○	○
Microsoft Outlook	○	○	○	○
Google Docs	○	○	○	○
Google Sheets	○	○	○	○
Google Slides	○	○	○	○
Gmail	○	○	○	○

GenAI & Phone Use

Thinking about your academic work in high school, which of the following best describes how you used AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot)?

- ◯ I did not use AI tools for my academic work
- ◯ I tried them a few times, but did not use them regularly for academic work
- ◯ I used them occasionally for my academic work
- ◯ I used them regularly for my academic work
- ◯ I used them heavily for academic work

How do you feel about the use of AI tools for academic work in college?

- ◯ Very positive - I think AI will be a valuable part of how students learn and do assignments
- ◯ Somewhat positive - I see benefits, but I also have some reservations
- ◯ Neutral - I don't feel strongly one way or the other
- ◯ Somewhat negative - I am concerned about students using AI in academic work
- ◯ Very negative - AI should mostly NOT be used in academic work

I can use AI tools effectively to support my learning.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Strong disagree

I can judge when AI-generated responses are inaccurate, biased, or misleading.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Strongly disagree

How often do you use your cell phone (or other device) in the following ways?

	Almost always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
First thing in the morning	○	○	○	○	○
Right before bed	○	○	○	○	○
Listening to music/podcast while you're in transit	○	○	○	○	○
Inbetween activities	○	○	○	○	○
During class	○	○	○	○	○
While you eat a meal	○	○	○	○	○
While studying	○	○	○	○	○
When you want to zone out	○	○	○	○	○

How much do you agree with the following statements:

	Almost always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
I am unable to resist checking my phone even when I intend not to.	○	○	○	○	○
I use my phone to avoid uncomfortable social situations.	○	○	○	○	○

Test Scores

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

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

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	○	○	○	○	○
Artificial Intelligence (ChatGPT, etc.)	○	○	○	○	○

Will you take out any student loans in your own name to help finance your first year in college?

- ○ 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	On a rare occasion	About Monthly	About Weekly	Daily
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.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Use a prescription stimulant without a prescription (e.g., Ritalin, Adderall, Concerta, Vyvanse)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Use canabis/marijuana products (e.g., edibles, tinctures, beverages, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Bet money in a prediction market	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

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	○	○	○	○	○

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
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, LLM)
- ☐ 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, IBS, 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:
- [ ] Prefer not to say

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:
- [ ] Prefer not to say

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

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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 South Asian)
- [ ] 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
- [ ] Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- [ ] 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)?

- ☐ No other languages
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Chinese - Mandarin
- ☐ Chinese - Cantonese
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ Hebrew
- ☐ Hindi
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean

- [ ] Portugese
- [ ] Russian
- [ ] Spanish
- [ ] Telugu
- [ ] Urdu
- [ ] Other (Please list)

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.

- [ ] No
- [ ] Yes, for undergraduate studies
- [ ] Yes, for graduate or professional studies

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 Cornell Chimes In? 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!
You can read more about it here: https://irp.cornell.edu/cornell-chimes-in

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

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