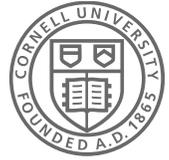




College of Agriculture  
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Office of Admissions



Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in attending Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) under the "2+2" Transfer Agreement with your home institution.

Please review the following information carefully, which we hope will help you determine if Cornell CALs and the "2+2" Transfer Agreement will be the right fit for you, based on your academic/personal interests, background and goals. If you decide to apply, please use the Admissions Information provided here as a guide to the process. Specific questions can be directed to Erin Treat, CALs Associate Director of Admissions ([et335@cornell.edu](mailto:et335@cornell.edu)).

All the best,  
Erin Treat & the CALs Admissions office

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## Determining if Cornell CALs and the "2+2" Transfer Agreement will be the right fit for you

**Cornell University** is a world-renowned, comprehensive, Ivy League research university that is home to approximately 14,000 undergraduate students and 5,000 graduate students. Within Cornell, there are several undergraduate Colleges/Schools. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) is the second largest undergraduate College at Cornell University.

**The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)** is a premier institution of scientific learning, tackling the complex challenges of our time through purpose-driven science. At CALs, we connect the life, agricultural, environmental and social sciences to provide world-class education, spark unexpected discoveries and inspire pioneering solutions.

**Ithaca, NY**, home to Cornell University, is located in the Finger Lakes region of Central New York State. The campus includes traditional academic buildings and residence halls, libraries and eateries, research labs and facilities and is filled with natural beauty. Ithaca is considered one of the United States' top College Towns and New York City is approximately 4 hours away. There are frequent buses from the Cornell campus in Ithaca to New York City.

- **Thoroughly review the document *Terms of Attending Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) under the "2+2" Transfer Agreement with your home institution.***
  - Prior to applying, it is essential that you understand the expectations of attending Cornell CALS under this special program.
  
- **Determine your target CALS major.**  
<https://cals.cornell.edu/education/degrees-programs>
  - All Cornell CALS students apply directly to, and are admitted directly into, one of the College's majors. You will indicate your target major on your application.
  - As is noted in the *2+2 Terms*, students must complete the requirements of the major to which they have been admitted, so be sure to select a major that you are committed to completing at Cornell CALS.
  - The majors *Applied Economics and Management* and *Global and Public Health Sciences* are not available as part of the 2+2 Transfer Agreement with your home institution.
  - The major *Biological Sciences* is often not available as part of the 2+2 Transfer Agreement with your home institution. If you apply to this major, your application will be reviewed and considered by the Admissions Committee on a case by case basis.
  - You may indicate an alternate choice target CALS major on your application.
  
- **Ensure that your academic background aligns with the courses required for transfers entering as juniors in your target CALS major.**
  - Courses required for transfers can be found on the website under each of the undergraduate majors. For example, the transfer information for the Plant Sciences major can be found here:  
<https://cals.cornell.edu/education/degrees-programs/plant-sciences-major-minor>.
  - Demonstrating that a CALS major is a good fit for you includes having the appropriate academic background. Required courses should be completed or in progress at the time that you apply. Strong candidates will have earned grades of "B" or better in each of the required courses.
  - If you believe that a course you have taken will satisfy the transfer requirement, but this may not be clear based on the name of the course that appears on your transcript, please obtain the syllabus for the course in question and submit it along with your application materials.

## Admissions Information

### Application Instructions

- **Deadline:** The deadline to apply for fall 2020 entry is March 15, 2020.
- **Required Materials:** Follow Transfer Admissions instructions: <https://admissions.cornell.edu/apply/transfer-applicants/transfer-application-checklist>, including completing the Common Application and Cornell University Transfer Questions and Writing Question.
- **Current Year Courses:** On the Common Application, when asked to list “Current Year Courses,” list your spring semester courses that will begin around the time of the application deadline. As these courses will not be listed on your transcript, it is important that the Admissions Committee be aware of the courses you are taking in spring.
- **Cornell Supplement:**
  - On the Cornell University Supplement, select that you are applying to CALS and indicate your target major.
  - Complete the required Writing Question: *Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) is a premier institution of scientific learning, tackling the complex challenges of our time through purpose-driven science. Please discuss how your past academic and/or work experience has influenced your choice of major and how transferring to Cornell CALS would further your academic interests.* \*Please be aware that this is a very important part of the application, as it helps the Admissions Committee understand why you are a good fit for the major you have selected, as well as how you would benefit from attending Cornell CALS.
- **Transcripts and Supporting Materials:**
  - Make sure that English versions of your official transcripts (both high school and University), the College Report, an Academic Evaluation and a Mid-Term Report are submitted. *While it is understood that spring semester mid-term grades will not be available, you should complete the Mid-Term Report with courses and final grades from the most recent fall semester (even though these courses/grades will also appear on your transcript).*
  - These supporting documents can be submitted online through the Common Application, or mailed to the following address:

Transfer Admissions  
Cornell University Application Processing Center  
East Hill Plaza  
349 Pine Tree Road  
Ithaca, NY 14850-2899

- Note: If you think that you may be interested in applying to graduate school in the United States in the future, it is recommended that you retain English versions of your official transcripts. Once a transcript is submitted to Cornell University, it is considered an official University record and cannot be returned to you.
- Please be assured that if the Admissions Committee has any questions regarding your application materials or needs additional information, that we will contact you during the review process.

### **TOEFL/IELTS Requirement**

- Send official TOEFL or IELTS scores to Cornell:  
<https://admissions.cornell.edu/apply/international-students>
  - Cornell seeks minimum scores of 100 on the TOEFL or 7.0 on the IELTS.
  - If these score minimums have not been met by the application deadline, you should still apply and let Erin Treat know that you are retaking the exam. The Admissions Committee can delay on making an admissions decision while waiting for scores to arrive in March, April and early May.

### **Agreement to the *Terms of Attending Cornell CALS under the "2+2" Transfer Agreement with your home institution***

- As a final step in the application review process, if you are likely to be admitted to Cornell CALS, you will be asked to sign a copy of the ***Terms of Attending Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) under the "2+2" Transfer Agreement with your home institution.***
  - If you reach this stage of the process, you should sign with full understanding of the terms and know that a copy of your signed agreement will be part of your student record.

### **Decision Notifications**

- Admissions decisions will be released beginning in mid-April, through the month of May.
- Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis, so the sooner all required application materials are received, the sooner you may learn of your decision.
- Not all decisions are released at the same time, so please do not compare yourself to your classmates.



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