



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Cornell University, USA

Fast Facts:

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| Website: | General university website International student website |
| Language of instruction: | English |
| Semester dates: | Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May |
| Number of students currently enrolled | >23,500 |
| Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i> | Only students in business degree programs can apply to the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management or the Nolan School of Hotel Administration as their Home College. Exchange students are unable to take courses in Computer Science (CS). |
| General Costs | Academic year estimate: \$25,000, including flights, visa and health insurance Important information: You will be asked to provide proof of sufficient finances in order to receive your visa. Your host will provide more information on this if you are allocated an exchange place. |
| About the University | Cornell University is the federal land-grant institution of New York State, a private endowed university, a member of the Ivy League, and a partner of the State University of New York. It has been described as the first truly American university because of its founders' revolutionarily egalitarian and practical vision of higher education, and is dedicated to its land-grant mission of outreach and public service. Founded in 1865 by Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White, Cornell was intended to teach and make contributions in all fields of knowledge. These ideals are captured in Cornell's motto, a popular 1865 Ezra Cornell quotation: "I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study." |

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What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Cornell University, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

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| Course Load and Credit Load | <p>You are normally required to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p> |
| Courses | <p>Students are expected to take half of their courses in the hosting college/school. Some schools may require that up to 2/3 of the coursework load be in the hosting college/school.</p> <p>See here for a course catalogue.</p> <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</p> |
| Academic Restrictions | <p>At Cornell University students are admitted into a major in the college or unit participating in the exchange. Students are permitted to enrol in any course for which they are qualified,</p> |

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| | <p>subject to meeting admission requirements, prerequisites, and timetable and capacity constraints at Cornell.</p> <p>Only students in business degree programs can apply to the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management or the Nolan School of Hotel Administration as their Home College.</p> <p>Exchange students are unable to take courses in Computer Science (CS) unless on a subject specific computer science exchange. Related subjects may be found in other departments (Electrical and Computer Engineering; Information Science, Systems, and Technology; or Operations Research and Information Engineering).</p> <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p> |
| <p>Orientation</p> | <p>All incoming students are expected to attend new student orientation programs. More information on general Cornell orientation for undergraduates can be found here.</p> <p>Exchange students also attend a campus-wide Exchange orientation at the beginning of each semester, in addition to applicable College-specific orientation events.</p> |

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

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| <p>University Accommodation</p> | <p>Housing is limited and not guaranteed for exchange students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fall semester only: Finding housing can be very challenging. On-campus housing is not available, and single-semester leases within commuting distance are difficult to secure. •Spring semester only: Housing may be available on-campus and is generally easy to find off-campus. •Full academic year: Off-campus only |

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| | Note from Cornell University: Upon nomination to Cornell we encourage students to begin searching for housing. However, students should not commit to housing (financially or otherwise) until they have received admission notification from Cornell and have secured a visa appointment. |
| Private Accommodation | Information on off-campus living can be found here . |

Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

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| Tuition Fees | <p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p> |
| Estimated Cost of Living | <p>Estimates for full academic year. Please note costs are based on the 22/23 academic year and subject to change.</p> <p>Housing and meals: \$17,088</p> <p>Books and supplies: \$1,000</p> <p>Personal/miscellaneous: \$2,000</p> <p>Student Health Plan insurance: \$1,806</p> <p>Student Health Fee: \$434</p> <p>Activity Fee: \$310</p> <p>Flights: Varies, ~\$1,500</p> <p>Visa: Varies, several hundred dollars</p> <p>Total estimate: ~\$25,000</p> |

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| | You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange. |
| Insurance | Students are required to have quality health insurance. This can |
| Student Loans and Grants | <p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p> |

Other

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| Passports | <p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p> |
| Visas | <p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>All exchange students who are not US citizens are required to have a student visa for their studies in the United States. The undergraduate admissions office at Cornell will prepare necessary paperwork (I-20) and the Office of Global Learning will provide information regarding the student visa process to accepted exchange students.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p> |

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**Disability
Statement and
Accessibility**

Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.

We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.