

At Cornell

How important is it that Cornell provide you with the following? [randomized]

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Essential
A broad liberal arts education				
Opportunities to develop skills valuable in the workforce				
Contact with individuals whose backgrounds (e.g., race, socioeconomic status, nationality, sexual orientation) are different from your own				
Opportunities to discover and pursue your intellectual passion				
Experiences that help you develop and clarify a personal code of values or ethics				
Skills for lifelong learning				
A global perspective				
Deep expertise in a specific discipline or a area of study				

Here is a list of majors currently offered by Cornell. As of right now, in which area are you most likely to major? If you aren't leaning in any direction yet, just select "I'm not sure."

- I'm not sure.
- Business & Management
- Engineering or Applied Sciences
- Humanities
- Fine Arts
- Biological Sciences
- Physical Sciences or Mathematics
- Social sciences
- Other

(Regarding the area listed above) How confident are you that this will be the right area of study for you?

- Not confident at all/ Don't know enough yet
- Slightly confident
- Somewhat confident
- Confident
- Very confident

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

	Not at all interested	Slightly interested	Somewhat interested	Very interested
Getting a job to help pay for college expenses				
Doing community service, as part of a course (e.g., service learning)				
Volunteering or community service, not as part of a course				
Studying abroad				
Working with a professor on a research project				
Doing independent study (self-designed credit courses)				
Having an internship				
Participating in ROTC or the National Guard				
Joining a student club or organization				
Joining a fraternity or sorority				
Taking courses offered outside your undergraduate college				

You will face a number of new situations, both social and academic, in the coming year. How well prepared do you feel you are to...

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
Succeed academically at Cornell?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Get along socially at Cornell?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following during your first year at Cornell? [\[randomized\]](#)

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
Live away from home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Select the courses you will take	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have a roommate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ask for help when you need it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Find a group that you feel part of	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Manage your time effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following while at Cornell? [randomized]

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
Write clearly and effectively				
Communicate well orally				
Think critically				
Use quantitative tools (e.g., statistics, graphs)				
Read or speak a foreign language				
Understand the significance of art, music, literature, and drama				
Understand the process of science and experimentation				
Create original ideas and solutions				
Resolve interpersonal conflicts constructively				
Judge the merits of arguments based on their sources, methods, and reasoning				
Function effectively as a member of a team				
Take a leadership role				
Learn on your own				
Relate well to people of different races, nations, and religions				
Conduct scholarly research				

Tell us how well each of the following statements describes you as a student. [randomized]

	Not at all	Somewhat	Quite well	Very well
I prefer courses that arouse my curiosity, even if they are difficult.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to work hard in a course to learn the material, even if it won't lead to a higher grade.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Getting the best grades I can is very important to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often take time to follow up on interesting things that are mentioned in class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer to work things out on my own rather than ask for help.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I do well on a test, it is usually because I am well-prepared, not because things come easily for me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My favorite classes are those that deal with facts rather than interpretation and analysis.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer classes with lots of discussion.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer to learn through hands-on activities (labs, studios, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Choosing a College

To how many colleges or universities did you apply, counting Cornell?

1, 2...19, 20 or more

Were you accepted to your first choice school?

Yes/No

Among the colleges that you applied to, how would you rank Cornell?

First choice Second choice Third choice Less than third choice

Please tell us about your admissions tests.

	How many times did you take this test?					Did you take a test prep class?	
	Did not take	1 time	2 times	3 times	4+ times	Yes	No
SAT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ACT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Did you receive financial aid from Cornell? Yes; No; Do not know

Did you receive a Pell Grant for this year? Yes; No; Do not know

Will you personally take out any student loans to help finance your first year in college? Yes; No; Do not know

As of right now, how concerned are you about your family's ability to pay for your college education?
Not at all; A little; Quite a bit; A great deal

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After College

Do you currently intend to pursue a graduate or professional degree after you complete your bachelor's degree?
Yes; No; Not sure yet

[Display if previous response="Yes"]

Which degrees, if any, do you plan to pursue in the future? Mark all that you expect to pursue.

Master of Arts (e.g., MA)	Professional Masters (e.g., MEd, MPA,	Professional doctorate (e.g., EdD, DDiv,
Master's in Fine Arts (MFA)	MSW, MSN, MAT, MPH, MCP)	PsyD)
Master's degree in Engineering	Other Master's Degree	PhD
Master of Science (MS)	Law degree (e.g., JD, LLB)	Other degree _____
Master's degree in Business (MBA)	Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM)	Still unsure

How important is each of the following to you as you think about your own life and future? [randomized]

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Essential
Raising a family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doing work that is in accordance with your philosophy or religion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in religious activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doing creative and expressive work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expressing yourself artistically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being a leader in your community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in politics or community affairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working for social and political change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being well-off financially	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being successful in a business of your own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having managerial responsibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning about other cultures and nations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Getting to know people from diverse backgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Living or working abroad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traveling abroad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contributing to science and innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being a leader in your field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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High School

For the rest of this survey, we'll be asking you to tell us about your background, beginning with a few things about your high school.

What kind of high school did you attend?

- Public - charter school
- Public - magnet school
- Public - other public schools
- Private - religious/parochial
- Private - independent non-residential school (non-religious)
- Private - independent school with resident students (non-religious)
- Home school
- Other

Was your high school in the United States? Yes/No

How many Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or exams did you take in high school?

	Not offered at my high school	None	1-4	5-7	8-10	11-15	More than 15
AP Courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
AP Exams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Which best describes your academic participation in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program?

- IB was not offered at my school.
- IB was offered at my school, but I did not participate.
- I took some IB courses/exams/certificates.
- I completed a full IB Diploma.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your high school:

	Disagree strongly	Disagree somewhat	Agree somewhat	Agree strongly
I would have taken more advanced classes if my school had offered them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would have taken more science and math classes if my school had offered them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Display if high school is in the United States response="Yes"]

What language did teachers in your high school use in class (excluding foreign language classes)?

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

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During your last year of high school, about how often did you...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Get excited by a class					
Participate in class discussions					
Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with teachers outside of class					
Discuss politics, religion, or other controversial issues					
Revise a paper two or more times before handing it in					
Perform volunteer work not for a class or graduation requirement					
Have a serious conversation with an individual from a background different from yours (e.g., politically, religiously, economically, ethnically)					
Apply ideas from a class to other courses and interests					
Feel challenged by a class					
Prepare for class with an informal study group					

We'd like to know if you did any of the following during your high school years. Some of these may not have been for a class or other school requirement. While you were in high school did you...(check all that apply) [\[randomized\]](#)

- Write a long (e.g., 15 pages or more) research paper that combined information from many sources
- Perform community service as part of a class or graduation requirement
- Take a class for college credit (not necessarily at Cornell) at a local college or university
- Complete an online college class
- Do an internship
- Become fluent in a language other than English

While in high school did you: (check all that apply)

- Have a leadership role in a student group, club, or team
- Have a leadership role in a community group, club, or team (outside of school)
- Participate in politics beyond voting (campaign, volunteer, attend public meetings, etc.)
- Play one or more varsity sports

Did you work for pay during your senior year of high school? Yes/No

During your last year of high school, about how often did you... [\[randomized\]](#)

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Feel overwhelmed by all you had to do					
Feel very sad					
Feel so depressed it was difficult to function					
Stay up all night to finish an academic assignment or prepare for an exam					
Feel out of place or that you just didn't fit in at your school					
Find a balance between schoolwork and other aspects of your life					
Drink beer, wine, or liquor					
Smoke cigarettes or use nicotine					
Use prescription drugs without a prescription to help you study					

Which of the following statements most accurately reflects your use of marijuana?

- I have never used marijuana.
- I have used marijuana, but not within the past year.
- I have used marijuana within the past year, but not within the past 30 days.
- I have used marijuana in the past 30 days.

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About You

What year did you graduate from high school? 2014; 2013; 2012 or earlier

How many members of your class at Cornell have you talked with in person? None; 1; 2-3; 4-5; More than 5

Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions?

- Learning Disability or ADHD
- Sensory, chronic medical or physical disability
- Chronic mental health condition
- Other disability or chronic medical condition (please specify) _____
- None of the above

While you are an undergraduate at Cornell, what's the chance that you will do the following? Your best guess is fine.

	No chance	Very little chance	Some chance	Very good chance
Seek psychological counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use disability services and accommodations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What is your gender?

Female; Male; _____ [open text]

What is your sexual orientation?

Straight/heterosexual; Gay, lesbian, or bisexual; Queer; Questioning; Not specified

Are you a citizen or permanent resident of the United States? Yes/No

What is your race or ethnic group? Mark all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Answer If Race/Ethnic Group Asian Is Selected

Use the following list to describe your Asian heritage in more detail or use the space to elaborate.

Chinese; Indian; Other South Asian; Korean; Southeast Asian; Japanese; Other _____ [open text]

Answer If Race/Ethnic Group Hispanic or Latino Is Selected

Use the following list to describe your Hispanic background in more detail or use the space to elaborate.

Mexican; Puerto Rican; Cuban; Other _____ [open text]

Answer If US Citizen or Permanent Resident Yes Is Selected

Were both of your parents born in the United States? Yes/No/Not sure

[Display if High School in United States response="Yes"]

How would you describe the racial composition of the last high school you attended? How about the neighborhood you lived in during high school?

	All or nearly all people of color	Mostly people of color	Half white and half people of color	Mostly white	All or nearly all white
The high school I attended	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The neighborhood I lived in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, Military Reserves, or National Guard? Yes/No

Is English your native/first language? Yes/No

What language did students in your high school 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

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Which religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition do you practice or identify with?

Protestant; Roman Catholic; Another type of Christian (Orthodox, LDS, etc.); Buddhist; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Some other religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition; Spiritual but do not identify with a religious tradition or group; Atheist; Other; None

[Display if religion="Other"]

Please specify: _____ [open text]

How would you describe your political views?

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

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

- No high school diploma
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Post-secondary school other than college
- Some college or associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree
- Unsure/Don't know

Did any of your parents attend Cornell? (Mark all that apply.)

Yes, for undergraduate studies; Yes, for graduate studies; No

Please give us your best estimate of the total before-tax income of your parent(s) and/or stepparents. If you have a parent who does not live with you, but will help pay for college, include his or her income as well. Your best guess is fine.

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000-\$199,999
- \$200,000-\$249,999
- \$250,000-\$499,999
- \$500,000 or more

Do you have other comments you'd like to share? [open text]