



Application Guidelines for Freshmen

This page gives ILR-specific information for freshmen applicants. For general information about applying to Cornell, see the Undergraduate Admissions Office (UAO) website at <http://admissions.cornell.edu/>.

Freshman Application Deadlines

Early Decision: Common Application and Cornell Supplement: November 1

Regular Decision: Common Application and Cornell Supplement: January 2

Are you a Freshman, Transfer, or Visiting Student?

If you will complete high school during the current academic year; if you are hoping to attend after your junior year in high school; or if you have graduated from high school but have earned fewer than 12 credits at a college or university, then apply as a freshman.

If you are (or have been) a full-time college student, or if you have earned 12 or more credits at a college or university since graduating from high school, apply as a transfer student.

If you don't quite fit into either of these categories, or if your circumstances are unusual, contact the admissions office of the college you'd like to apply to at Cornell.

If you want to enroll for up to two semesters and take a full program of study, apply as a visiting student, using the transfer application. You will not be a candidate for a Cornell degree or receive financial aid.

Applying for Admission

To apply to Cornell University as a freshman, you will need to complete and submit the Common Application and the required Cornell Supplement to the Common Application.

Cornell's application forms are available from Cornell's UAO website.

<http://admissions.cornell.edu/>. There are no ILR-specific application forms you need to fill out, though you will want to address your specific interest in ILR in your Supplement essay.

Where necessary, write ILR as the college at Cornell you are applying to, and give code number 701 as your major. (If you have already sent in the supplement and wish to switch it to ILR, send a letter requesting a change of college.) Where the Common Application asks for extracurricular activities, be sure to include any activities that have demonstrated your leadership skills such as athletics or community service. Also include activities which demonstrate interests appropriate for study at ILR, such as participation in mock trials, model UN, Girl's State or Boy's State, etc. Sending a résumé is also required.

For the Instructor Evaluation, choose a teacher who knows how your interests match those of the ILR School. If you would like to submit additional references from employers, coaches, etc., they should be sent to:

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

Before submitting your application, we encourage all students to do as much

research as possible on our program. This should include reviewing our curriculum and ILR course descriptions, looking over the many student profiles available on our admissions website, reviewing the information on careers from ILR, attending an ILR information session, and if possible, visiting our classes.

Of course, you are always welcome to contact our office if you have any questions about how our program can be tailored to fit academic interests from business and law, to social justice, non-profit, and public policy work.

Common Application, Application Fee (or Application Fee Waiver Request) to:

Undergraduate Admissions Office
Cornell University
P.O. Box 516
Ithaca, NY 14851-0516

Cornell Supplement, Secondary School Report, Transcripts, Teacher Evaluations, Midyear Report, and all other materials to:

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Note to early decision applicants: when mailing materials to Cornell, please write “early decision” on the mailing envelope.

Keep up the quality of your work during your senior year of high school. The admissions office looks at your performance even after acceptance, and your acceptance is contingent on your maintaining the same high level of performance throughout your senior year.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Certain advanced high school classes qualify towards earning a degree at the ILR School. See ILR’s Policy on College Board Advanced Placement Exams at <http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/admissions/Apply/upload/ap-exams.pdf>. (You will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software to display this page on-screen and to print it.) You may also be able to earn credit

for other courses. For more information see Cornell’s online course catalog. Although we don’t have a mathematics requirement, entering ILR students will take a math assessment exam. A sample exam is available at <http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/studentsservices/curriculum/requirements/upload/Math-Asses-08-questions-2.pdf>. (You will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software to display the sample exam on-screen and to print it.) It is advisable for you to have taken a course or two in college-level mathematics in preparation for the exam.

Summary of ILR-Specific Requirements for Freshmen Applicants

All freshman applicants should submit scores from the SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT II in math (any level). If you take the ACT *with Writing*, you *do not* need to take any SAT exams. International students for whom English is not their first language will also need to demonstrate their English language competency by having scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam sent to Cornell, as well as by sending a recommendation from their English teacher.

Formal interviews are not required or given. Instead, we recommend that you visit campus and attend an ILR information session if possible. See the ILR Undergraduate Admissions website for visiting information. Also, Cornell alumni (CAAAN) try to meet with many prospective students. If you receive a call from a member of this organization, consider this an opportunity to have a Cornell representative get to know you better. It also gives you a chance to ask any questions you may have about Cornell. These discussions are designed to help students get a better feel for Cornell, and they do not play a major role in the admissions decision process. If you hear that one student heard from an alumnus, but you have not, this is simply a function of which CAAAN member was available and who was randomly selected to be contacted. It does not imply anything about the specific chances of an applicant.

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