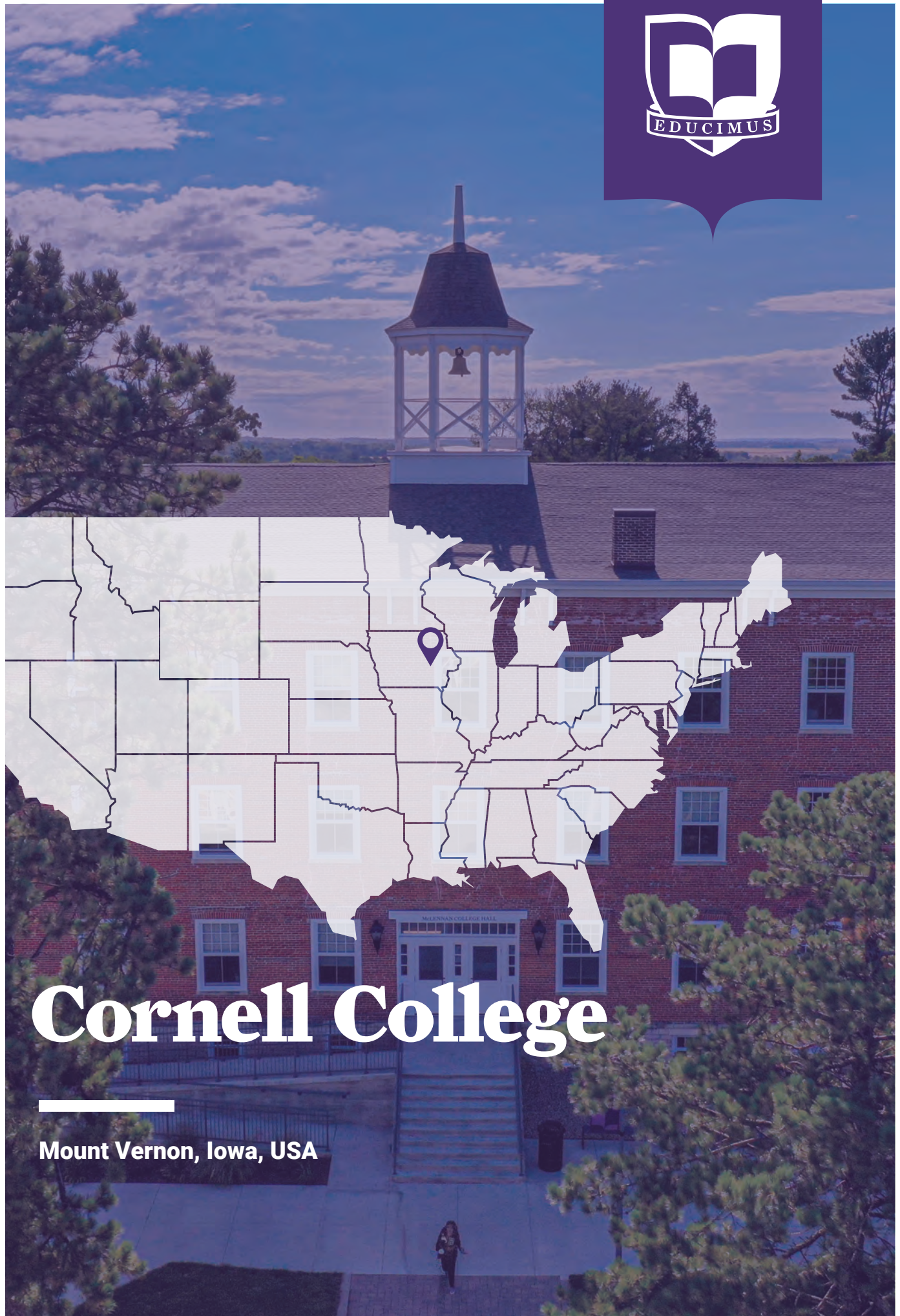
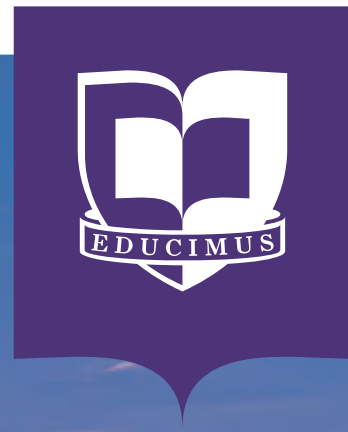




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Mount Vernon, Iowa, USA

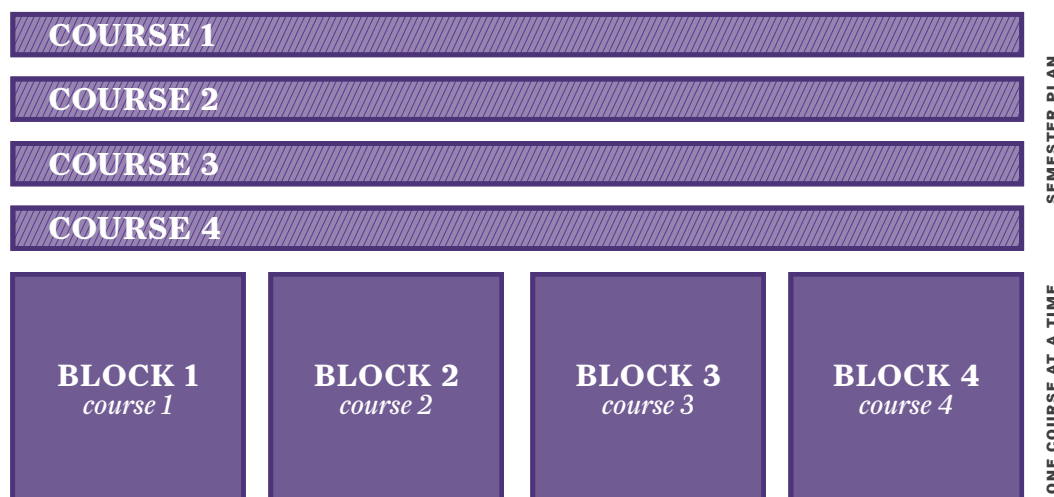


### **Welcome to Cornell College!**

We are located in Mount Vernon, Iowa, a small town situated between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, two thriving cities that are economic and cultural hubs of the state. We are also located within a four-hour drive of major metropolitan areas of Chicago, Minneapolis, and St. Louis. Mount Vernon is a progressive community committed to embracing diversity and engaging with our college residents. In fact, our Campus Safety Office works closely with the local police department to ensure a safe environment for you on and off campus, and several of our students engage with the local emergency service as volunteer EMTs.

Cornell is a residential campus, which means that you will be living on campus with more than 90% of the student body in campus housing. You will be within an easy walk of all campus facilities including the dining hall, student health staff, mental health staff, library, academic buildings, parking, and student support services.

All residence halls have locks keyed to your student ID and feature amenities that include free laundry machines, group study rooms, common gathering spaces, and kitchenettes for personal meal preparation. Most rooms are double occupancy, and you will be expected to share with a roommate (who could end up being a best friend for life).



## Academics

Cornell offers you the choice of over 60 programs of study including pre-professional programs for health professions and law. You can think ahead to a master's degree with a partnered pathway program in accounting, finance, information science, law, and public health. Are you ambitious? We offer a B.S.S. degree and individualized major options that allow you to create a custom experience based on your personal future goals.

Cornell College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The college is also accredited by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church and is a member of the College Entrance Examination Board. Individual academic programs at Cornell College are accredited by the Iowa State Department of Education, and the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). In addition, Cornell College has been approved by the American Chemical Society (ACS) for the professional training of chemistry students.

## Our Course of Study

Formally it's called **One Course At A Time**. Our nicknames for it—One Course and the block plan. It's what makes us different from most colleges. And it's why our students say, "I can do anything in 18 days."

You pick 1 course. You spend 18 days studying a subject—and only that subject—every day, Monday through Friday. You can take a block for research, study abroad, or an internship without any conflicts. Each block, you get to know your 1 professor who is teaching only 1 course and you get to know your classmates and they get to know you. Then you take 4 days off during block break and then you start all over again with your next course.

With 8 blocks (8 courses) a year, you will complete the same academic load that you would at other colleges and earn your degree in the same 4-year timeframe.

Midway through your sophomore year, you'll define or declare your major (or majors!) and maybe even a minor.

# Academic Programs

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## Arts & Expression

Art History  
Studio Art  
Creative Writing  
English Literature & Society  
Multimedia & Digital Writing  
Music  
Contemporary Commercial Music  
Music Performance  
Theatre & Dance

## Economics & Business

Analytics  
Finance  
Business Management  
Personnel Management  
Economics & Business

## Education

Elementary Education  
Secondary Education  
Music Education  
Health and Physical Education  
Kinesiology

## Government & Politics

Politics  
International Relations  
Environmental Justice and Sustainability

## Health Professions

Community Public Health  
Pre-Medicine  
Pre-Veterinary  
Pre-Social Work/Human Services  
Pre-Pharmacy  
Pre-Dentistry  
Pre-Health Administration/  
Management  
Pre-Occupational Therapy  
Pre-Physical Therapy  
Pre-Physician's Assistant

## Humans & Society

French  
German Studies  
Spanish  
Classical Studies  
History  
Philosophy  
Religion  
Pre-Theology  
Archaeology  
Race, Ethnicity, and Social Justice  
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's  
Studies  
Latin American Studies  
Medieval & Early Modern Studies  
Civic Engagement  
Sociology  
Psychology

## STEM

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
Biology  
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology  
Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
and Sustainability  
Behavioral Neuroscience  
Exercise Science (Kinesiology)  
Geology  
Computer Science  
Data Science  
Engineering  
Mathematics & Statistics  
Applied Statistics



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# Student Success

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We want to make sure you succeed at Cornell and have offices staffed with people ready to help.

## Centers for Teaching and Learning

- ⇒ Dungy Writing Studio
- ⇒ Quantitative Reasoning Studio
- ⇒ Academic Technology Studio
- ⇒ Research Librarians

Cole Library houses resource offices to help you with writing assignments, quantitative reasoning, academic research, and a wide array of technology that can be used in the classroom or for personal projects. It's also where you can sign up for a subject matter tutor—another student who has already excelled in a class you're taking—to help you succeed as well.

## Wellbeing Services

- ⇒ Physical Health Services
- ⇒ Mental Health Services
- ⇒ Wellness Support
- ⇒ Chaplain and Spiritual Life

## Berry Career Institute

Our career center coaches are here to help you identify your top areas of interest, find internships so you can try jobs and research opportunities for yourself, and then perfect your applications and interview skills for jobs or graduate school.



**“I don’t know what it is about International Student Orientation that makes it so special for me, but it’s such a great way to start school—have a group of people that you know are going to be there for you and they just become your family from Cornell.”**

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Behavioral Neuroscience major  
Türkiye



## International Student Services

Colorful, diverse, and brimming with opportunities. Cornell is a neighborhood community gathered from regions all over the world. We embrace all individuals, those similar and those different from ourselves.

The **Office of Intercultural Life** hosts programs and events throughout the year focused on fostering an inclusive community.

**International Student Orientation** is a program that brings you to campus early for the fall semester and gives you extra time to get used to campus, learn more about the community and campus services, and build relationships with other students like you.

# 97%

of the graduating Class of 2025  
completed their degrees in four years\*

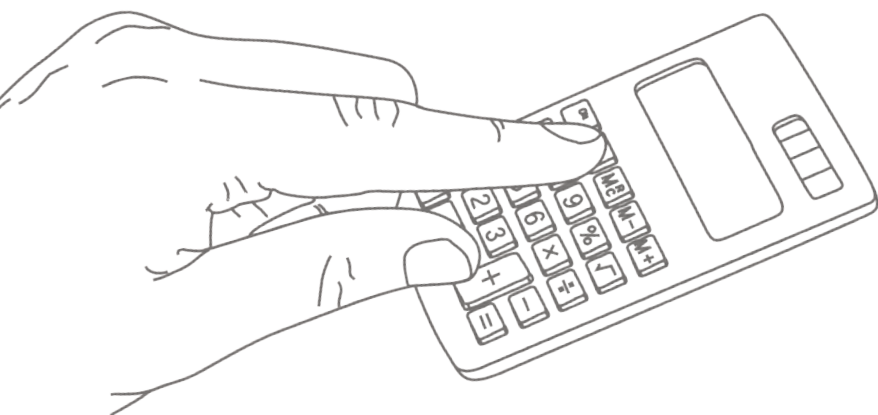
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of the Class of 2025 completed  
undergraduate research\*

International students are automatically considered for academic merit scholarships ranging from \$35,000–\$40,000 USD per year.

## 2025–26 Costs and Aid (\$ USD)

|                                                                 |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Tuition                                                         | \$54,056 |
| Housing                                                         | \$5,528  |
| Food                                                            | \$6,536  |
| Fees                                                            | \$720    |
| Estimated books, health insurance,<br>transportation & personal | \$4,500  |



## Application Requirements

- ☑ Apply with the Common Application or Cornell Application online (\$100 USD non-refundable fee)
- ☑ Official high school transcript (*translated to English*)
- ☑ Evidence of English proficiency (*TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo*)
- ☑ Statement of Financial Support (*form provided by Cornell*)
- ☑ SAT/ACT Test scores (*optional*)
- ☑ Secondary School Report (*optional*)
- ☑ Teacher Recommendations (*optional*)

# 94%

of the Class of 2024 who sought  
employment are employed\*

## Application Deadline

**May 1** for fall entry term beginning August.

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# US F-1 Student Visa Tips

## 1. Before Your Appointment

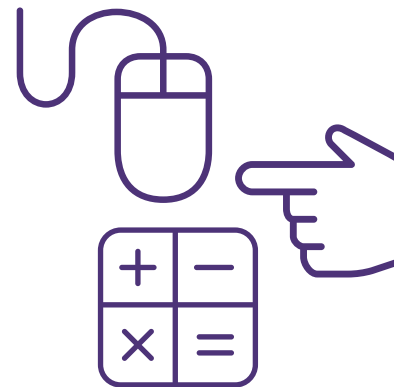
- ☑ Receive I-20 from Cornell College
- ☑ Pay the I-901 SEVIS fee
- ☑ Complete the DS-160 and pay the fee
- ☑ Schedule Visa appointment with local Embassy or Consulate

## 2. What To Bring With You

- ☑ I-20 Form, signed
- ☑ Both I-901 Receipt and DS-160 Receipt and barcode page
- ☑ Valid passport
- ☑ Transcripts from previous studies
- ☑ Official test scores (*SAT, ACT, TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo, or others*)
- ☑ Proof of financial support (*bank statement*)

## 3. Be Prepared

- ☑ Do your research
- ☑ Speak in English
- ☑ Be prepared to demonstrate nonimmigrant intent
- ☑ Be honest!



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