EDUCATION AT THE SPEED OF LIFE

ONE COURSE AT A TIME
The “real world” is not out there. It’s right here, right now.
At Cornell, you’ll earn your education at the speed of life. You’ll immerse yourself in your studies, discover what excites you, connect with community, and learn how to get things done.

Our One Course At A Time curriculum allows you to learn the same way you live and work, with no gaps between classes and no far-off exams. You’ll learn to manage tight deadlines and live up to high expectations. You’ll gain experiences you can’t get on a traditional semester plan—like taking on internships that feel like full-time jobs, doing real research, and building exceptionally strong relationships with your professors and classmates.

At the end of four years you’ll realize that you’re ready for whatever comes next. There’s no better time than right now to accelerate to the speed of life.

LIFE-CHANGING Cornell College is one of the “Colleges That Change Lives.” Author Loren Pope wrote, “In my book there is no better college, and it produces much more than its share of writers, scholars, and executives.”
YOU PICK

YOU SPEND 18 DAYS STUDYING A SUBJECT—AND THAT SUBJECT ONLY—EVERY DAY, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

YOU MIGHT TRAVEL FOR AN AFTERNOON, A WEEK, OR AN ENTIRE 16-DAY CLASS.

YOU GET TO KNOW YOUR PROFESSORS AND CLASSMATES, AND THEY GET TO KNOW YOU.

ONE COURSE.

YOU TALK. YOU LISTEN. YOU DEBATE. YOU BECOME IMMERSED IN YOUR SUBJECT.

YOU LEARN A LOT. YOU LOVE IT.

YOU TAKE FOUR DAYS OFF AND THEN YOU START ALL OVER AGAIN WITH A DIFFERENT COURSE.

READ ABOUT ONE COURSE AT A TIME IN ACTION:
cornellcollege.edu/one-course-in-action
Cornell College is the ideal place to become a better global citizen. I’m a geologist, but I don’t just focus on geology—I focus on all of the other subjects and how they pertain to humans. We learn about global problems that everyone is facing and how we can do our part to help the world and have an impact.”
Gain experience you can’t get on a traditional semester plan.
One professor. One course. Start building your lifetime network of peers and mentors right here, right now.

You take only one course, and your professors teach only one course. Professors teach and mentor through discussions, not lectures. And by the end of 18 days, you'll have made the kind of rich and fulfilling connections that lead to great recommendations for graduate schools and finding employment.

Cornell is one of only two national liberal arts colleges to offer a One Course calendar.

Your subject is their life.

LEARN from foremost experts and visiting guest artists. Because of the flexibility offered by the One Course curriculum, Cornell can regularly bring visiting guest artists to teach entire blocks.

According to Professor Tony Plant’s Block Clock, which counts down the days of each block, there are exactly 40,320 minutes in a block, and we make the most of each one of them.

Recent Guest Instructors AND EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS:

Emily Decola
founder of the Puppet Kitchen in New York

Sandra Beasley
poet and nonfiction writer

Timothy Slover
accomplished playwright and screenwriter

Mira Rosenthal
author of prize-winning collection, “The Local World”

John Doressnik
director and state archaeologist
2015-16 Off-Campus Study Opportunities
Take a block just for research.
When I was in high school, I was afraid to ask questions because I felt like that showed I didn’t know anything, and that made me ashamed. When I came to Cornell, especially when I started diving into research, I realized that the only way to learn is to ask questions. Inquiry is how you learn and how you grow as a student and as a scientist."
“IT’S FITTING THAT CORNELL COLLEGE HAS A REVOLUTIONARY CALENDAR TO MATCH ITS SPIRIT.”
Learn without boundaries.
Prior to arriving at Cornell, I was worried that the campus would not be as diverse as I hoped it would be. As I settled in, I found students from around the world and from all different states. The campus is filled with many unique and beautiful cultures, and it definitely complements the liberal arts education I receive on the Hilltop.

Michelle Ngirabul ’16
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS
Take on internships that feel like full-time jobs.
A Degree Isn’t Enough. You Have to Know How to Apply It.

THE CAREER Engagement Center can help you connect with the world beyond Cornell right here, right now. We offer resume and cover letter workshops, help with graduate school applications and test prep, and opportunities to start building your career network with alumni and business partners. When you leave Cornell, you will have an excellent education and the tools you need to build your career.

73% of the Class of 2015 completed an internship or Capsstone project.

Cornell College's Mock Trial team has qualified for the national tournament six of the past seven years, finishing ahead of schools such as Princeton, Harvard, and UCLA.

A few places where students have recently held internships:

DALLAS COWBOYS, DALLAS
THE FIELD MUSEUM, CHICAGO
MAYO CLINIC, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA
NAVDANYA, NEW DELHI, INDIA
OFFICE OF SENATOR CHARLES GRASSLEY, WASHINGTON, D.C.
TRANSLATIONAL GENOMICS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PHOENIX
WOMEN’S INITIATIVE FOR SELF-EMPOWERMENT, ACCRA, GHANA
MAINE MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, SCARBOROUGH, MAINE
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, IOWA CITY
TO HELP YOU connect with the world beyond Cornell, our interdisciplinary centers take a multifaceted approach to career exploration, starting with preparation. Through road trips and campus speakers, you will have the opportunity to find out about careers you’ve never heard of, or shadow someone in a career you already have an interest in.

ACADEMIC CENTERS
- Berry Center for Economics, Business and Public Policy
- Dimensions: The Center for the Science and Culture of Healthcare
- Center for Law and Society
- Center for the Literary Arts
- Career Engagement Center
- Cornell Fellows Program

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
- Off-Campus Studies
- Faculty/Student Research
- Student Symposium
- Center for Teaching and Learning

"Being a first-generation student, I had no knowledge of doing internships or taking off-campus courses before I arrived at Cornell College. With mentoring from professors and the Career Engagement Center, I gained the confidence to pursue internships in San Francisco, Mérida, Chicago, and Washington, D.C."

Maricruz Gutierrez ’14
RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
MORE THAN 92% of Cornell students live on campus, simply because it's a great place to live. Our first-year residence halls were freshly renovated in 2014-15, and now they feature gaming rooms, a community stage, a test kitchen, and quiet study areas.

FIND COMM

YOUR UNITY

BRING THE SUITCASE. Leave the overnight bag. With 85% of our students coming from out of state, the community atmosphere doesn't end on Saturdays. So bring your suitcase for travel abroad and off-campus study opportunities, but leave the overnight bag at home; you won't want to miss the great weekend events on campus.
EAT GREAT FOOD.

THE HILLTOP CAFÉ is ranked second in the nation by BestColleges.com. Bon Appétit, our socially responsible food management service, strives to provide meals that are local, sustainable, and delicious. Menus include vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free selections, and yes, selections for bacon-lovers.
One-third of Cornell students participate in athletics, and our 19 intercollegiate sports teams offer athletes the opportunity to perform at their peak while getting a great education. GO RAMS!

Midwest Conference
NCAA Division III Teams

BASEBALL (M)
BASKETBALL (M, W)
CROSS-COUNTRY (M, W)
FOOTBALL (M)
INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (M, W)
LACROSSE (M, W)
SOCCER (M, W)
SOFTBALL (W)
TENNIS (M, W)
OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (M, W)
WRESTLING (M)
VOLLEYBALL (W)

Be a ram.

YOU WON'T PLAY next to future professional athletes, you'll play next to future doctors and teachers. With Division III, you can play the sports you love right here, right now, without interrupting your academic pursuits.
I was able to spend an entire month conducting research for my women’s studies thesis in Tokyo, Japan, in addition to an entire semester in Washington, D.C., interning with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development—all without falling behind on my desire to graduate with more than one major and within four years.

Lisa Chen ’15
TEACH FOR AMERICA
NEW YORK CITY
I reveled in the One Course At A Time curriculum. When I study a topic or question, I can’t move to another until I’m satisfied or finished with it. Also, I found that studying in a small college with the heightened level of interactions between peers and faculty really helped me. You can say that I made full use of the ‘big fish in the small pond’ scenario.

RAGHAV KUNNAWALKAM ELAYAVALLI ‘11
PhD STUDENT AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
EDISON, NEW JERSEY
WHERE WILL AN EDUCATION AT THE SPEED OF LIFE TAKE YOU?
ANYWHERE YOU WANT TO GO.
Individualized Majors

At Cornell College, you have the option to create your own major, to make sure that your education takes you exactly where you want to go. Recent majors Cornellians have designed:

Archaeology
Environmental Chemistry
Drama/Art Therapy
Women and International Public Policy
Sports Psychology
Anthropology and the Marketing of Multinationals
Sports Information
Psychology of Health and Wellness
Integrative Physiology and Psychology
Nutrition, Health and Wellness
Market Research
Medieval Studies
Grassroots Economics and Entrepreneurship in Developing Nations
Biomechanics
Persuasive Economics in the Community
Political Economy

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THE CLASS OF 2018

A SCIENCE OLIMPIAN
A FORMER MINNESOTA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT FLOOR LEADER
A FIFTH-GENERATION CORNELLIAN
THE CO-FOUNDER OF VOICE-UP, AN ANTI-BULLYING GROUP

28
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3,06-3,87
MIDDLE 50% GPA
23-30
MIDDLE 50% ACT
1015-1320
MIDDLE 50% SAT

14%
FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

27%
STUDENTS OF COLOR

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