



Cornell University

Office of the University Registrar

A Guide to Fall 2021 Enrollment

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1. What is an “instruction mode”?

Instruction mode refers to how typical classroom activities involving instructors and students are provided, such as lectures, discussions, and labs. Instruction mode *does not* refer to out-of-class requirements such as homework, reading, studying, writing assignments, or exams. Note: **classes normally taught in person will return to in person instruction without any routinely scheduled online option.** See [April 2 communication to campus community](#).

Instruction mode	Description
In Person	Course is delivered in person (face-to-face instruction). All required class meetings occur on campus, during scheduled meeting times.
Planned for In Person	Course is anticipated to be delivered in person (face-to-face instruction). All required class meetings occur on campus, during scheduled meeting times.
Online	Course is delivered online, delivered synchronously (live, in real time) during scheduled meeting times.
Hybrid – Online & In Person	Course combines in-person instruction during required class meetings on campus, combined with online learning. Some in person activity is required.
Distance Learning Asynchronous	All students and instructors interact online. Involves well-designed, pre-recorded content and curated asynchronous interaction. Content is accessed by students at unspecified times.
Directed Research	Research work supervised by an advisor or a faculty member. Delivery varies.
Independent Studies	Coursework supervised by an advisor or a faculty member. Delivery varies.

2. Enrollment: When and how?

- As in previous semesters, all courses, regardless of instruction mode, have enrollment caps. Specific enrollment restrictions may be enforced at the discretion of faculty or departments.
- Starting Tuesday, April 27, review information in [Student Center](#); double-check enrollment appointment time details (your start and end time for pre-enrollment activity) in the *Enrollment Dates* section on the right-side navigation. You may review your maximum enrollment credits in this area too. Follow the link for *Open Enrollment Dates* to confirm your enrollment appointment.
- Colleges have specific policies on permissible maximum credit hours per semester. Contact your faculty advisor or college advising office if you have any questions regarding your maximum credit hours.

Class Year	Date/Time Begin (Eastern Daylight Time)	Date/Time End (Eastern Daylight Time)
Graduate/Professional/Cornell Tech/Vet Med	May 6 at 9 am	May 7 at 11:59 pm
UG Seniors	May 10 at 9 am	May 11 at 11:59 pm
UG Juniors	May 11 at 9 am	May 12 at 11:59 pm
UG Sophomores/Continuing First-Years	May 12 at 9 am	May 13 at 11:59 pm

Tips for successful course enrollment:

- Course offerings are subject to change, be sure to have back-up courses planned in case you need to change your schedule.
- Plan your schedule with no course time conflicts; Student Center will generate an error message if you attempt to enroll in classes with overlapping times.
- Plan your semester in advance using the [Scheduler tool](#) in [Class Roster](#). Review your proposed schedule with your advisor.
- You may place your enrollment requests into your [Student Center](#) Shopping Cart before your enrollment appointment begins.
- There are several different types of holds - some are positive and note registered status (no action must be taken), some are informational and must be completed for graduation, and some are immediate and prevent current semester enrollment. Your Holds are listed at the top right of the page when logged in to [Student Center](#). Click on "more information" for complete details on the hold, including steps to resolve if necessary.
- During your enrollment appointment, submit your enrollment requests through [Student Center](#). Avoid logging into Student Center from multiple windows, multiple browsers or multiple devices. Doing so may result in class enrollment requests stuck in "pending" status, and the inability to successfully submit requests.
- If you are logged in to Student Center and are inactive for more than 30 minutes, you will be logged out.
- Complete all necessary steps to add your course requests. In "Step 3: View Results," a green check-mark in the "Status" column indicates successful enrollment.
- A limited number of classes have online wait lists. If waitlisting is an option, you will see a "waitlist if class is full" checkbox on the "Select a Class to Add - Enrollment Preferences" page in Student Center.
- You can also determine if a class has a waitlist by selecting the class section details. Under "Class Availability", see the wait list capacity item. If there is a '0', there is no waitlist. A number indicates a waitlist is available.
- If you are unable to enroll the morning of your enrollment appointment, first check for holds. If you continue to have concerns, contact your college registrar's office.

Information for First-Year Writing (FWS) Seminar Enrollment

- FWS courses will be available for first-year pre-enrollment in July 2021, and available for continuing student enrollment, including first-years, sophomores, and first-semester transfers during add/drop in August 2021.
- Continuing students who wish to enroll in an FWS should leave room to add three FWS credits in their schedules during August 2021 add/drop.

3. Key academic dates

- [Fall 2021 Academic Calendar](#)

4. Who can help you

- [College Advising, Career Services, and Support](#)
- Faculty Advisor – Assigned Faculty Advisor contact information is available in Student Center.
- [College Registrar Directory](#)
- [Office of the University Registrar](#)
- [First-Year Writing Seminar \(FWS\)](#), knight_institute@cornell.edu

5. Resources

- Student Center studentcenter.cornell.edu/
 - *Student Resources* and *Registration and Enrollment* links on right panel in Student Center



- Class Roster classes.cornell.edu/
- Courses of Study courses.cornell.edu/
- [Classes and Enrollment](#)
 - Help pages to [Add a Class](#) or [Make Changes to Your Class Requests](#)
 - [Classes and Enrollment FAQ](#)
 - [Student Center FAQ](#)
 - Troubleshooting [Common Student Center Enrollment Error Messages](#)

6. Classes and Campus Activities During the Fall 2021 Semester

Absent certain medical and religious exemptions, Cornell will require vaccination for all students returning to Ithaca, Geneva, and Cornell Tech campuses for the Fall 2021 academic semester. With mandatory student vaccination and the widespread availability of a vaccine for most adults, the University hopes to operate in the Fall under conditions in which the degree of herd immunity is sufficient to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the community. If the science indicates that the extent of immunity of the Cornell community provides for safe campus operation, and relevant regulations allow for in-person classroom instruction, **classes normally taught in person will return to that mode of instruction, without any routinely scheduled online option.** Therefore, Cornell students should plan on in-person learning for the Fall 2021 academic semester and should make suitable arrangements to make themselves available for such participation for the entire semester.

At the same time, Cornell students must understand that the University may still need to begin the semester with a mixture of online, hybrid, and in-person course modalities (and may need to adjust course modality over the course of the semester based on a variety of scientific, health, and regulatory factors). When Cornell publishes the course roster for the Fall 2021 semester, the instruction mode for many classes will be listed as “planned for in-person.” Information regarding specific course modality will be updated prior to the start of the semester when Cornell is better able to determine the feasibility for holding in-person classes. The University’s goal is to transition most courses to in-person instruction as soon as it is practicable and safe, either at the start of the semester or soon thereafter.

By enrolling in my classes for the Fall 2021 semester, I understand and acknowledge the following:

1. It is my responsibility to review all course information prior to the start of the semester, including but not limited to any updated information concerning the format in which and duration for which courses are anticipated to be offered;
2. Other than when isolating or quarantining because of health and safety concerns, I will be expected to participate in each course in the format in which the course is offered (even if that format changes over the course of the semester);
3. At any time, Cornell may change the format or duration of my courses based on factors including but not limited to health or safety concerns, the judgment of the instructor, instructor status, pedagogical needs, or student enrollment numbers;
4. It is my responsibility to make course enrollment changes (e.g. drop, withdraw, adjust credits, or change grading basis, if available) if I do not think I can participate fully in a course in the format in which it is offered;
5. Students, including me, are expected to take exams in person, absent compelling circumstances. It is the responsibility of students, including me, to timely obtain approval and coordinate exemptions to in-person exams with the appropriate university unit, college and/or instructor.;
6. Students, including me, may have limited or no access to certain Cornell University-maintained facilities;
7. There may be disruptions or cancellations of campus services, programs, activities, or events for the Fall 2021 semester;
8. Students, including me, must follow all applicable university policies or rules (including the Campus Code of Conduct, all campus health and safety requirements, and any specific behavioral compact for the 2021-2022 academic year), and by failing to abide by all such policies and rules, students, including me, may have their access restricted to Canvas, university-maintained facilities, enrollment activity, campus services, programs, activities, or other campus events;
9. Cornell may be required to shift all classes to an online or hybrid format, or modify the duration of the semester, if Cornell or the government (at the local, state, or federal level) determines for any reason that continued in-person instruction is unsafe during the Fall 2021 semester.

Finally, I understand, acknowledge, and agree that in no case will there be a tuition or fee refund if I remain enrolled through the Fall 2021 semester. The only eligible tuition and fee refunds are those that take place in accordance with the published schedule of early withdrawal dates from the Fall 2021 semester.