

Human Ecology Graduation Requirements & Policies

See *Courses of Study* for complete details
See curriculum sheets for departmental requirements

Cornell Credit Requirements

- Students must earn a minimum of 120 total academic credits to graduate. Physical education nor “00” courses do not count towards the 120 minimum credits for graduation.
- Of the 120 credits, at least 60 credits must be earned at Cornell University.

Human Ecology Credit Requirements

- Students must complete a minimum of 43 Human Ecology credits in Category I, II and III (Effective Fall 2008).
- Students must earn 9 credits in Human Ecology departments outside their major [from any category]:
 - “HE” prefix courses below the 3000 level do not count towards this requirement.
 - A maximum of 3 credits of department special studies (4000, 4010, and 4020) may be applied. 4030: Teaching Apprenticeship courses do not count towards this requirement
 - See Off-Campus Programs below for additional options.
- Students must complete a minimum of **2 natural science courses** (see specific curriculum for details).
- Students must complete **2 First-Year Writing Seminars during their first two semesters**. Those who do not fulfill this requirement will be referred to CAS. These seminars will not be approved for in absentia study.

Requirements for Majors

- Students must fulfill the requirements specified for a major that are in effect at the time of their matriculation. They also have the choice of fulfilling the requirements specified for subsequent years. However, they cannot mix and match requirements from different years.
- Curriculum requirements for each graduating class are available in the registrar’s office. Current requirements are also available on the Web <http://www.human.cornell.edu/registrar/degree-progress/curriculum-sheets.cfm>

Minors (or Concentrations)

- Human Ecology will accept all minors that are approved by the University. Minors are controlled, tracked, and audited by the department or unit in which they are offered. Information regarding completion of requirements must be reported by the unit sponsoring the minor to the Human Ecology’s Registrar’s Office for it to be noted on the transcript.

S/U Grade Options

- S/U grading option may NOT be used for any required course [i.e., distribution requirements in Category I or major courses in Category II] unless it is the only grade option offered for those courses.
- S/Us MAY be used for the 9 credits of Human Ecology coursework outside of one’s major and for electives in Category III.
- Students may apply no more than 12 credits of S/U towards graduation requirements. If a required course is only offered S/U, it will not count towards this limit. Students may take more S/Us if they choose, but the additional credit will not be applied towards graduation.
- The **deadline for changing grade options is the 57th calendar day of the semester**, the same as the “drop” deadline.

Minimum Semester Requirements

- Students must carry 12 credits each semester (excluding physical education) to be matriculated as full-time students. Carrying fewer than 12 credits will have financial aid implications and will make students subject to academic action as defined by the Committee on Academic Status (CAS).
Exception: Mature students (24 years or older at date of matriculation) can enroll for as few as 6 credits without petitioning for permission
- Students must complete **12 Human Ecology credits** by the end of their sophomore year. They must take at least 5 of those credits each year (i.e. they cannot enroll in 12 credits one year and no credits in the next.).

Off-Campus Programs

- **Urban Semester:** 15 Human Ecology credits including 8 credits outside the major for all HE students
- **Cornell Abroad/Exchange Programs:** 15 Cornell credits (non-Human Ecology)
- **Cornell-in-Washington:** 15 Cornell credits including 8 PAM credits for PAM majors or 8 credits outside the major for non-PAM majors
- **Capital Semester:** 12 Human Ecology credits including 8 credits outside the major for all HE students

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Special Studies

- A total of 12 credits of special study course work from Human Ecology or other colleges will count towards the 120 graduation credit requirement [Additional credits can be taken but will not be applied.]
- A maximum of three credits of 4000-4020 (not including 4030) may count towards the “credit outside the major” category as long as the special study is in a department outside the student’s major.
- Students cannot TA (4030) the same course for credit more than once or take and TA the same course simultaneously. 4030 does not fulfill any requirements towards the major. Registration for 4030 may not exceed 5 credit hours per semester.

“00” Courses and PE Courses

- “00” courses do not count towards graduation credit but do count towards full-time status
- PE courses do not count towards graduation credit and do **not** count towards full-time status

AP, IB and Pre-College Credits

- Effective Fall 2010, students who matriculate as freshmen may apply a maximum of 15 non-Cornell credits total. These credits include AP, IB, and college credits prior to matriculations and also In Absentia credits earned after matriculation. Students with questions about specific transfer credits should work with the registrar’s office.

Grade Point Average

- Students must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better to graduate.
- Students who fall below 2.0 cumulatively or during a semester are subject to academic action.

Transfer Students

- Transfers are highly encouraged to seek approval from advisers (faculty or student services staff) regarding their incoming schedules. A heavy course load (more than 15 credits) during the first Cornell semester is discouraged.
- Students in some majors may require an extra semester or two to finish departmental requirements.
- Premeds should speak with their advisers or student services counselors regarding course sequencing and timing, college and university resources, and medical school admission timetables. Pre-Meds must complete 30 credit hours (not including PE or S/U grades) at Cornell to be eligible for the HCEC process.

For further information:

- Student Services: 255-2532 and Registrar: 255-2235
- *Courses of Study*
- Curriculum sheets
- Advising Reports are available through Student Center for all students. They match the student’s curriculum sheet for their major based on their matriculation date. While the Advising Report matches the information on the curriculum sheets, the curriculum sheets should be consulted for additional information.