Transfer Student Information
Fall 2016

By now you have received lots of mail from Cornell; students have told us that it can be challenging to see what’s most important. Here’s a brief digest of the essential academic information for Human Ecology students.

Orientation
- Plan to attend all scheduled Human Ecology Orientation activities. This is the only opportunity for access to information to help begin the semester successfully.
- We will give you the basics needed to get started in your classes and become aware of deadlines and academic policies.
- You will meet the people who will provide support and facilitate your learning.
- Find us when you need information, support, or help thinking about a decision or a plan.
- Prepare by reading through the new student pages on the Human Ecology web site.
- Bring your questions to our College Briefing on Saturday, August 20th.
- Orientation is busy, so use the Human Ecology schedule to avoid conflicts with other commitments.

Advising Resources
- During orientation you will meet the Director of Undergraduate Study (DUS) for your major. This faculty member will serve as your first department academic resource at Cornell.
- The DUS for your department will assign your faculty advisor based on your academic and career interests.
- You have already received a counseling assignment from the Office of Student and Career Development; you will meet us during the College Briefing.
- Transitions are challenging. Sometimes it seems that nobody knows the answer – often there isn’t one right answer. It will be your job to ask questions, determine your options and their likely outcomes, and make decisions that seem right for you.

Fall Courses
- Your Fall 2016 courses are viewable on your Student Center.
- If you have not created a schedule you’ll add courses beginning on August 17th if you are a junior, and August 18th if you are a sophomore.
- The Add/Drop period will continue during and following orientation, so use your academic meetings purposefully to ask questions and make decisions about course selection, sequences, and scheduling.
- If you still need a First-Year Writing Seminar (FWS), you must enroll in one this fall. Add/Drop for FWS courses begins on Monday, August 22nd and ends on Tuesday, September 6th.
- Remember to schedule a seminar around your other required courses.
- It is very common to make schedule changes after you arrive on campus! Monday, August 22nd department meetings will provide the information you need to finalize your fall schedule.

Transfer Credit
- You are required to submit your final college transcript/s for work completed and/or in progress before you arrive on campus. Without them, you will not be able to formally register for fall semester course work.
- If your credit evaluation shows pending courses, check with the Human Ecology Registrar’s Office to find out what materials they need from you.

AP/IB Credit
- By the time you arrive on campus any AP/IB credits you have earned will appear on your Student Center.
- Make sure you have asked the testing service to send your official scores to Cornell.
- Check Cornell Courses of Study to learn course equivalents for AP/IB credit.