The College of Human Ecology Undergraduate Admissions Staff offers the following Transfer Application Tips to help you thoughtfully approach the application process and present an application that reflects you as a person, an academic, and a community citizen. Be sure to also review the Transfer Admission Information and Special Requirements document available at www.admissions.cornell.edu.

**Understanding your interests**
Understanding your interests, considering your academic strengths, and being well-informed about your options are important as you make decisions regarding your transfer.

**DO:** Make your own exploration of Cornell University, even if you have family, friends, or others in your community who attended or are familiar with Cornell University.

**DO:** Carefully review the College of Human Ecology’s viewbook, major fact sheets, and website.

**DO:** Schedule an appointment to speak with a College of Human Ecology Admissions Counselor well in advance of applying to discuss your interests, our required coursework, and the transfer application process.

**Transcripts and pursuing a “parallel curriculum”**
Your undergraduate transcript(s) reflects your academic rigor, preparation, persistence, and growth. Our most competitive candidates earn very strong grades in a parallel curriculum that includes our required coursework.

Completing the required foundational coursework prepares students to thrive in their transition to Cornell University and to graduate on time, and is critical in determining an applicant’s competitiveness. Admission, however, is not guaranteed even if the courses have been completed.

**DO:** Pursue the required preparatory coursework by major listed at www.transfers.human.cornell.edu (under “Transfer Process”).

**DO:** Demonstrate strong performance in the required and recommended coursework. A GPA of 3.5 or above, with “As” and “B+s” in required preparatory coursework, increases an applicant’s competitiveness.

**DO:** Know that while the College Human Ecology works with certain AP/IB scores, the credit equivalents of these exams vary by Cornell college and department. Plan to discuss specific exams and scores with an Admissions Counselor.

**The application – an uncommon approach**
Your essays are the best way to convey your goals, experiences, motivations, what you consider important, and how those pieces impact your desire to attend the College of Human Ecology. A thoughtful and college-specific approach to the essays and application makes for a more compelling candidacy. The College of Human Ecology Admissions Staff is interested in applicants who can articulate a connection to the college mission and programs.

**DO:** Articulate a strong connection to the college’s mission and programs when answering the academic interest question on the Cornell Supplement. Why is our program right for you? What kindled this academic interest? How will a Human Ecology education help you achieve your academic/career goals and impact communities?

**DO:** Draw on the combination of your experiences – academic, research, extracurricular, work, and volunteer – that makes Human Ecology a compelling and meaningful choice.

**DON’T:** Use the “Additional Information” section as a means to include a second personal essay. This option is best used to clarify course selection choices, provide context for grades that might seem inconsistent with past performance, etc.

**DEA and FSAD applicants**
Design supplements are required for Design and Environmental Analysis, Fashion Design, and Fashion Design Management applicants. These materials are critically evaluated by faculty in the departments as part of the complete application. Visit our website for more information.

**Extracurricular and work experience**
The Admissions Committee is interested in how you use your time in your school and greater communities, what engages, informs and tests your academic interests, and what you learned from those pursuits and how they are connected to the College of Human Ecology.

**DO:** Be thoughtful about which jobs, extracurricular activities, intern/externships, volunteer work, etc. you include. Only the most important and relevant are of interest to the Human Ecology Admissions Committee.

**Letters of recommendation**
Letters of recommendation help the Admissions Committee understand your maturity, self-motivation, initiative, character, and role in the classroom and community.

An additional letter or two from coaches, supervisors, members of the community, etc. will be considered if you choose to submit those materials.

**DO:** Ask a science or math faculty member to submit a letter on your behalf if you apply to one of our natural science based majors.

**Miscellaneous**
**DO:** Inform us if you have impending deadlines by which you hope to have an admissions decision. Transfer decisions are made on a rolling basis. Delays in midterm grades or other information will delay a decision. We sometimes need final grades for the current semester’s classes.

**DO:** Submit Financial Aid application forms early. Visit http://finaid.cornell.edu for more information.