

## Colleges and Schools

As a private university, Cornell operates four state-assisted “statutory” or “contract” colleges pursuant to the authority set forth in Article 115 of the New York Education Law: the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Human Ecology, the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and the College of Veterinary Medicine. The remaining units on the Ithaca campus are endowed: the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning; the College of Arts and Sciences; the College of Engineering; the Graduate School; the School of Hotel Administration; Cornell Law School; and the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management. New York City is the location of two additional endowed units, the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College and Graduate School of Medical Sciences of Cornell University. The statutory charter of the university delegates the administration of all schools and colleges – “contract” as well as “endowed” – to the Board of Trustees.

The Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, New York, the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station in Ithaca, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, administered from Ithaca but with a network of agents and offices throughout the state, are associated primarily with the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Human Ecology. The School of Industrial and Labor Relations Extension Division has offices and training facilities in the major metropolitan areas of the state where instruction is offered in human resource management, labor relations, and related subjects to practitioners in the field. Finally, the university maintains regional field offices in some of the major metropolitan areas of the country to assist in activities related to recruiting and admission of students, alumni affairs, fund-raising, and development efforts.

The faculty of each college or school exercises jurisdiction over educational matters in that unit, subject to the authority of the University Faculty on matters affecting general educational policy. Each faculty determines entrance requirements, prescribes courses of study, defines requirements for degrees and certifies which students have satisfied them, and enacts rules for the academic guidance of students. Each school or college other than the Graduate School administers its own first degree. Those degree programs are also registered with and approved by the New York State Department of Education.

*College or School Voting and Nonvoting Membership:* University bylaws define the voting membership of a college or a school faculty as: the president of the university, the dean or director of the unit, and all professors, associate professors, and assistant professors in the departments under the charge of that faculty. Instructors, senior research associates, senior extension associates, lecturers, senior lecturers, clinical professors, associate clinical professors, assistant clinical professors, research scientists, principal research scientists, and those bearing the adjunct title are nonvoting members, except as stated in the paragraph below, or unless given the right to vote by the particular faculty in circumstances defined by that faculty. Each college or school faculty may, in its

discretion, grant voting or nonvoting membership to senior scholars, senior scientists, and other professional personnel for whom such membership is deemed appropriate by such faculty. Granting of such college or school faculty status will in no way affect other conditions of employment. No voting member of a college or school faculty may be a candidate for a degree administered by Cornell University.

Clinical professors of all ranks, lecturers and senior lecturers shall participate fully in those decisions that are directly related to their roles within the college or school, and the dean or director shall have the responsibility of identifying those issues. In units where the number of clinical professorial faculty, lecturers and senior lecturers is comparable to the number of professorial faculty, the provost may determine the appropriate level of participation by clinical professorial faculty, lecturers and senior lecturers in curricular decisions.

Individuals should consult with their college or school as to procedural rules on voting.

### The Graduate School

The Graduate School is organized according to fields of graduate study and research, rather than being compartmentalized by departments, schools and colleges. Members of the university instruction and research staffs are designated members of the Graduate Faculty by the dean of the Graduate School, with the approval of the General Committee of the Graduate School, on the basis of recommendations made by representatives from the graduate fields of study. The president and the provost of the university and the deans of the schools and colleges—including the dean of the Graduate School—are also members of the Graduate Faculty.

The guiding principle for membership in the Graduate Faculty is the competence of, and the need for, the staff member to direct the studies and thesis research of graduate students. Technical expertise in an area may qualify a person who is not a member of the Graduate Faculty to be a consultant on theses. The university has uniquely flexible procedures for directing the work of research degree candidates. Each student selects a special committee composed of members of the Graduate Faculty representing the student's major and minor field(s). The Special Committee system makes possible individual programs of graduate study and research that are highly adapted to the objectives, talents, and interests of each student and faculty member. See also the Code of Legislation of the Graduate Faculty, linked under "Academics" at the Graduate School's website: <http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu>.