



Johnson International Exchange Fact Sheet

The Johnson MBA program is a general management degree, offering over 120 elective courses across the SC Johnson College of Business. Topic areas include: Accounting, Consulting, Entrepreneurship, Emerging Markets, Leadership & Ethics, Business Analytics, Finance, Marketing, Strategy, & Sustainable Global Enterprise.

The course roster does not change significantly from year to year. Please review the most recent [Class Roster](#) for an approximation of course offerings.

We require the equivalent of a US bachelor's degree and strongly prefer a minimum of two years of full-time professional work experience. Students must have a minimum TOEFL score of 100 iBT (25 in each section), IELTS score of 7.0, or have native fluency in English. We do not accept U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Incoming Exchange nominees should be full-time students who have completed core courses and who need the credits earned at Cornell in order to graduate from their home schools. Please do not nominate students who have already completed their degree requirements at their home institutions.

Learning Expectations

Classes are generally lecture-based, but case studies are also an important part of the curriculum. Grades are based on attendance, participation in class, course assignments, group projects, and final deliverables.

- All classes are taught in English.
- Class sizes range from 18-75 students.
- Students must enroll in classes across the full fall or spring semester, they cannot join for only half a term.



Career Services

Career resources for Exchange students include participation in select career education programming hosted by the Johnson Career Management Center (CMC), access to select recruiting workshops, and drop-in office hours hosted by the CMC. Exchange students are **not** eligible to participate in company-sponsored recruiting events or to apply for summer internships or full-time jobs posted through the CMC.

Please Note: Although Exchange students study at Cornell on an F-1 visa, participating in an Exchange semester **does not** qualify a student for US work authorization programs like OPT or CPT. Students should **not** plan on working off-campus or at an internship during or after the semester.

Calendar

The below dates are currently planned for the upcoming International Exchange semesters.

-Fall 2025-

Virtual Orientation	TBD, 1-3 weeks prior
Cornell Classes Begin	Monday, August 25
Labor Day (no class)	Monday, September 1
Fall Break	October 11 - 14
Thanksgiving Break	November 26 - November 30
Last Day of Classes	Monday, December 8
Cornell Exam Period	December 12 - 20

-Spring 2026-

Virtual Orientation	TBD, 1-3 weeks prior
Cornell Classes Begin	Tuesday, January 20
February Break	February 14-17
Spring Break	March 28-April 5
Last Day of Classes	Tuesday, May 5
Cornell Exam Period	May 9-16



Full-Time Workload

To be considered full-time, Exchange students must take a minimum of 12 graduate-level credit hours (150 contact hours) within the SC Johnson College of Business. Each 1.0 graduate-level credit hour is equivalent to 12.5 contact hours.

Exchange students join the second-year students in the residential MBA program and are **not permitted** to take undergraduate-level classes, core classes, Immersion Practicum courses, classes for non-Johnson students, or NYC Intensives.

Additional Information

I-20 & F-1 Student Visas: Exchange students will need a Cornell University I-20 and a valid F-1 student visa issued by a US consulate. Once nominated to study at Johnson, Exchange students will be emailed a Declaration of Finances form to complete, along with proof of funding for [estimated expenses](#) and required Cornell Student Health Insurance during their Exchange semester.

Health Insurance: All full-time registered students are enrolled in and billed for the [Student Health Plan \(SHP\)](#) for the applicable [term cost](#). Only students who can demonstrate they have other US-based health insurance that meets all of Cornell's requirements will be allowed to appeal the charge for SHP. Exchange students very rarely meet this requirement.

Housing Arrangements: Exchange students at Johnson live off-campus.

Email and Computing Needs: Exchange students will be assigned Cornell NetIDs and Outlook email accounts, which will expire at the end of the Exchange term. Students are also expected to provide their own laptops.

Alumni Status: Exchange students are not considered "alumni" but are lifetime members of the Johnson community. With this status comes access to Johnson alumni events.

Deadlines:

- Exchange numbers between schools will be proposed starting in mid-November.
- Nominations for Fall (August - December) are due by **April 15** via the Fall Nomination Portal.
- Nominations for Spring (January - May) are due by **September 1** via the Spring Nomination Portal.

Contact gm-exchstudentsinbox@cornell.edu for more information.