Welcome to Cornell Law School

As our graduates can attest, it is a transformative year. Take advantage of your time on-campus. During this orientation you will meet fellow law students and faculty, explore our twenty-three hundred acre campus, and broaden your legal studies.

Our Orientation Program begins on Monday, August 10 and is mandatory for all LL.M. students. This is also the start of the Introduction to American Legal System course, which runs through Monday, August 24. All other fall term classes begin on Wednesday, August 26.

Law School programs and events continue throughout the year, so mark your calendars as the semester approaches.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10**

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Registration
Room 184 Breakout Space, Myron Taylor Hall
Check in with Graduate Legal Studies and Registrar staff to receive your Cornell ID card and orientation folder.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Deans’ Welcome
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall
Dean Eduardo Peñalver, Associate Dean Laura Spitz, and Assistant Dean Aimée Houghton will officially welcome you to Cornell Law School. Terry Thompson, Registrar, will give a brief overview of registration and discuss the add/drop period.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Lunch
Room 184 Breakout Space, Myron Taylor Hall
Please sit at your assigned table (assigned table number is printed on your nametag).

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Law School Tours
Groups based on your lunch table assignments.

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
IALS – Introduction to Library Resources and Services
Reading Room, Myron Taylor Hall
The Introduction to the American Legal System (IALS) course library session. Library Professors Margaret Ambrose, Access & Research Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law; Dan Blackaby, Technology Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law; Amy Emerson, Associate Director for Administration & Access Services; Nina Scholtz, Head of Reference Services & Instruction Coordinator and Lecturer in Law; Thomas Mills, Associate Director for Collections & Faculty Services and Lecturer in Law and Mark Williams, Digital Resources & Outreach Librarian.

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Note Taking & Case Briefing Workshop
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall
Professor Chenay Weyble, Lecturer of Law & Director of Academic Support.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall
Professor Hoi Kong, Visiting Professor of Law
Review syllabus and complete all readings and assignments prior to each class.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Law School Registration Photo & Lunch Break
Breakout Space (outside of MTH Room 184) and The Commons

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1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Getting to know helpful offices and people at Cornell University
Atrium (1st Floor), Myron Taylor Hall
Cornell University has numerous offices that provide services for international graduate students. You will have the opportunity to meet staff from ISSO, Transportation & Parking, Gannett Health Services, local banks and others. IT staff will also be on hand to help get you connected to Eduroam – Cornell’s wireless system.

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1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Computer Lab Drop-In Hours
Room 374, Myron Taylor Hall
Members of the information technology staff will help you familiarize yourself with the computer lab’s layout and resources. Stop in and take a look!

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1:00 PM – 2:45 PM  
IALS – Thinking Like a Common Law Lawyer  
Myron Taylor Hall (6 sections)  
Library Professors Margaret Ambrose, Access & Research Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law; Dan Blackaby, Technology Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law; Amy Emerson, Associate Director for Administration & Access Services; Nina Scholtz, Head of Reference Services & Instruction Coordinator and Lecturer in Law; Thomas Mills, Associate Director for Collections & Faculty Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law and Mark Williams, Digital Resources & Outreach Librarian.

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7-8  MTH G85
9-10 MTH 182
11-12 MTH 186

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3:00 PM – 3:45 PM  
Westlaw Training  
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM  
Lexis Training  
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
IALS – Primary and Secondary Sources of Law  
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall  
Library Professors Dan Blackaby, Technology Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law and Matt Morrison, Faculty Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System  
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System  
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System  
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Lunch Break or Review of Course Selections with Dean Houghton
(for those with an appointment)

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System
Room 290, Myron Taylor Hall

12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Lunch Break

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
Review of Course Selections with Dean Houghton
(for those with an appointment)

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System
Room 290, Myron Taylor Hall

4:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Mixer and a Movie
Willard Straight Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Respect at Cornell:
Understanding Our Obligations to Prevent Sexual Violence at Cornell
University
Room 184, Myron Taylor Hall
Presented by Laurel Parker, Workforce Policy and Labor Relations and
Ulysses Smith, Inclusion and Workforce Diversity.
Attendance is mandatory for all new students due to requirements
for colleges and universities under the Federal Violence Against
Women Act.

CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
IALS – Introduction to the American Legal System
Myron Taylor Hall, Rooms as assigned by the Registrar
Final Exam

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Lunch with Alumni Panel
Under the Tent, Myron Taylor Hall Courtyard
Join your classmates for lunch under the tent in the courtyard and hear alumni speakers Franci
Blassberg AB ’75, JD ’77, Of Counsel, Debevoise and Plimpton LLP; Nav Dayanand LLM ’04, The Nature Conservancy; Honorable Stephen C. Robinson AB ’81, JD ’84, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Introduced by Associate Dean Laura Spitz.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Deans’ Welcoming Speeches
Auditorium, Anabel Taylor Hall
Dean Eduardo Peñalver and Dean of Students Markieisha Miner will
officially welcome you to Cornell Law School. Introduction of Vice
Dean Barbara Holden-Smith and Associate Deans: Femi Cadmus, Peter Cronin, John DeRosa, Sheri
Johnson, Jens Ohlin, Richard Robinson, Laura Spitz.

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM
Public Service Panel:
The Lawyer’s “Special Responsibility for the Quality of Justice”
Auditorium, Anabel Taylor Hall
Professors Johnson, Blume and Wendel
Margaret J. Ambrose ’11, Access and Research Services Librarian
Karen V. Comstock, Assistant Dean for Public Service
Samantha Elliott ’17, President, Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project
Zellnor Myrie ’16, President, Cornell Law Students Association

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Footsteps to Follow:
Stories of Students from the Past
Room 184 and Room G90, Myron Taylor Hall
Professors Cynthia Bowman, Dorothea S. Clarke Professor of Law and Kevin Clermont, Robert
D. Ziff Professor of Law

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Welcome BBQ
Under the Tent, Myron Taylor Hall Courtyard
Meet fellow incoming students over food, drinks and a movie (where we will have more food!)
Complimentary popcorn and soda from the concession stand for our new J.D., LL.M., J.S.D. and Exchange students.

Movie screening is an IALS course requirement. RSVP by Aug. 10: http://www.lawschool.
cornell.edu/international/Mixer-and-a-Movie.cfm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM
Breakfast
The Commons

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Faculty Panel
Auditorium, Anabel Taylor Hall
“How To Make the Most of Your Classroom Experience” with Professors Clermont, Heise, Hillman and Johnson. Moderated by Dean of Students Markieisha Miner.

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Welcome Lunch with Faculty
Under the Tent, Myron Taylor Hall Courtyard
Please sit at your assigned table. Meet our faculty and Cornell’s new President, Beth Garrett, in a small group setting and learn why Cornell Law School is well known as a small, tightly knit community with unique access to world-class scholars and teachers.

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Optional Cornell Orientation Events
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 AND
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
**Dragon Boating**
Meet in Breakout Area/
The Commons at 2:00 PM
(carpools depart at 2:30 PM)
Enjoy Ithaca’s scenic Cayuga
Lake with your classmates.
Refreshments served at Cass Park.
Registration is first come, first
served and will be conducted by
the CLSA. Hosted by Professor
Lynn Stout and CLSA.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
4:15 PM - 5:45 PM
**CLSA Mentor/Mentee Reception**
The Commons/Courtyard
Enjoy refreshments and take
some time to mingle with your
mentor and other members of the
CLSA.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
4:15 PM – 5:45 PM
**Law Student Organizations Activities Fair**
The Commons/Courtyard
Meet CLS student organization
representatives to learn about
membership and activities.

If you need accommodations
to participate in these events,
please contact Graduate Legal
Studies, +1-607-255-2362 or
law.gradstudies@cornell.edu,
at least two weeks prior to the
program.