



Cornell University ILR School

ILR Transfer Option Summary

Due to first-year enrollment restrictions and depth of the ILR applicant group, the ILR admissions committee offers a select number of first-year applicants a Transfer Option (TO) to Cornell. **Students who meet the requirements outlined below will be accepted to the ILR School as sophomores for the fall 2021 semester.** You are receiving this offer because of your solid understanding of and fit with ILR. Accepting this offer only demonstrates your possible interest in transferring and allows for communication with you during the year (it does not bind you to transferring).

The structure of the ILR curriculum allows TO students to enroll as sophomores with ample time to pursue research, study abroad, and credit internship opportunities. TO students who transfer will not need to spend additional time in college, as you will be on track to complete ILR's graduation requirements during your three years at Cornell. To assist with your transition to Cornell, you will be assigned a transfer peer advisor the summer before sophomore year. Additionally, all incoming transfer students participate in an orientation program when you arrive on campus. Transfer students will also meet with faculty members and ILR career and academic advisors at the start of the semester.

ILR Transfer Option Requirements:

1. Submit a final official high school transcript to Cornell by July 15, 2020. The Transfer Option is contingent upon continued excellence in any schoolwork now in progress.
2. Complete two full-time semesters (fall 2020 and spring 2021) with a minimum of 15 credits taken each semester at any accredited two- or four-year college/university (pass/fail classes do not count toward the 15 credit requirement)

*Due to complications with course and credit equivalency, students who wish to pursue the TO must spend their first year at a college within the U.S.

*Due to the uncertainty of available enrollment spaces in future years, TO deferrals are not granted.

3. Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 during your first year with no incompletes or withdrawals and a grade of B or higher in each course (no grades of B- or below).
*** You will not be able to meet the requirements if your college follows shadow grading policies for first-year students. Your school must provide a number or letter for final grades on the official transcript.**

4. Remain in good academic and disciplinary standing as you complete high school and your first year of college and uphold high standards of character in activities inside and outside the classroom.
5. Complete the TO application and meet all deadlines.
6. Complete the TO course requirements:
 - At least one of ILR's two Introductory Economics requirements (micro or macroeconomics). If you are only able to complete one economics course, we strongly recommend completing microeconomics. (AP scores of 4 or 5 will satisfy each economics requirement.)
 - At least one of ILR's two First-Year Writing requirements. (AP scores of 4 or 5 will only satisfy one of these requirements.)
 - At least two of the three ILR distribution requirements listed below. (AP credit will only satisfy one of the distribution requirements.)

Western Intellectual Tradition
Cultural Perspectives
Science & Technology

College courses taken in high school will only transfer to ILR if they were **not** taken to fulfill high school graduation requirements, were taught by a college professor, and were taken in a college setting with college student classmates. If the courses you have taken meet these requirements, please have your high school guidance counselor send an email confirming this to Ian Schachner at ims25@cornell.edu.

In late December, you will receive an email with the TO application and related forms that you need to complete the process, including information on completing the financial aid application. After we receive your official transcript for the fall semester, the completed TO application, and your midterm grade report for the spring semester, your application will be reviewed and approved if all requirements have been met.

If you meet the TO requirements, your acceptance will be confirmed on a rolling basis starting in April. If you do not fulfill all of the TO requirements, your admissions decision will likely take longer, as the ILR admissions committee will need to review your application along with the regular transfer applicant pool. In this case, you may not receive your decision until the end of April.

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