



JOHNSON
Cornell University

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Asaf Porat – Exchange program summary in Johnson Management School, Cornell University

- Visa: I was granted an F-1 visa. Seems like Cornell University doesn't grant any other kind of visa to exchange students. If you are interested in pursuing a job in the USA you should ask whether they are willing to grant you J-1 visa which allow staying additional 3 months in the US and working as an intern. The processes for issuing both visas are similar as far as I know, yet the university should agree in advance and send the relevant documents.
- Housing: the lesson learnt from last year (Maya and Sharon) was extremely important. Letting me know ahead of everybody else that I was accepted allowed me to sign on time for housing and receive an offer.
- Living expenses: Should plan on \$7,000-\$10,000 for the entire semester including all expenses. Housing and insurance are usually being paid in advance to the university I think – housing cost me \$800 per month and insurance around \$1000 for the entire period.
- Transportation – I don't have any special comments.
- Courses: Very important to keep track on University's dates for signing up to courses in order to be able to get the best ones. These processes start quite early (around June-July) and sometimes they use the internal email to notify you about it so be aware.
- Recreation: Ton of things to do!
- General experience: Johnson and Cornell in general are very welcoming and helpful. Celebrative environment amongst students as well as faculty.
- Tips: There are almost always Israelis there – contact them, not only Facebook or LinkedIn but also initiate a phone call as early as possible! They are great help as well as past exchange students from TAU. Every year they have a study track to Israel around March; it could be very helpful to try and get in touch with them, join for one day or try to meet some of the guys while they visit in Israel.

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