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Foreign Students At Cornell
1st Term, Year 1948-49

Because of the genuine interest in the foreign students throughout the University, a report on the foreign registration has been submitted for the past several years to the Deans, Heads of Departments, and Administration officials for their information.

During the past year, approximately 1,200 students in other countries have written the University requesting admission this fall. Of these about 500 eventually submitted completed applications and 404 were accepted. For various reasons 44 have been unable to get here as yet though we know that a number of them are on their way and a few others have requested that their acceptances be held open for entrance in February.

To date, 120 new foreign students have registered and 189 who were in attendance last year have returned making a total of 305 from 40 countries. At this time last year the registration was 270 from 41 countries. We have, therefore, an increase of 12.6% which is gratifying though the foreign students are still only 3.17% of the total enrollment. It is hoped that eventually the number may be brought up to 5% which it will be in a few years if the present rate of increase in acceptances continues.

Of the 305 total, 193 are graduate students (63%) and 112 are undergraduates, 43 are women representing 16 countries and 262 are men.

The number of Chinese students has increased in spite of the difficulties in their country and is now somewhat above the pre-war number. The Latin Americans have also increased a little over last year after having declined in numbers for the past few years. There has also been a considerable increase from Europe and the United Kingdom which is desirable. The Canadians have decreased somewhat as have also the students from India and Pakistan because of the temporary discontinuance of the Indian Government Scholarship Program.

Attached are tabulations showing the distribution by countries and major geographical areas and the distribution in the Colleges and Schools of the University. In the latter the figures for Graduate and undergraduate students are given as well as the total.

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Foreign Students

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Europe (except United Kingdom)

Belgium	2
Czechoslovakia	1
Denmark	1
Finland	1
France	4
Greece	2
Hungary	1
Iceland	2
Italy	2
Netherlands	1
Norway	11
Portugal	2
Spain	1
Sweden	1

Far East

Afghanistan	2
China	89
India	70
Japan	1
Korea	1
Malaya	1
Pakistan	3
Philippines	9
Siam	4
Total	121

Latin America

Argentina	2
Brazil	5
Colombia	2
Costa Rica	6
Cuba	4
Dominican Republic	3
Ecuador	3
Mexico	8
Panama	2
Peru	1
Venezuela	6

British Commonwealth

Australia	1
Bermuda	2
Canada	62
England	10
New Zealand	1
Scotland	1
Wales	1
Total	80

Miscellaneous

Haiti	1
Liberia	1
Netherlands A. I.	1
Total	3

Near East

Cyprus	1
Egypt	8
Iran	1
Iraq	1
Turkey	4
Total	17

Total 223

Number of Countries 47

Graduate Students	139
Undergraduate Students	173
Men Students	262
Women Students	43
Total	305

United States Possessions	
Puerto Rico	17
Inert Islands	11
Canal Zone	1
Alaska	1
Total	30

Foreign Students
Fall 1948
Distribution by Colleges and Schools

	G.	U.	Total
Agriculture	71	23	94
Architecture	6	9	15
Arts & Sciences	45	15	60
Business and Public Administration	5	—	5
Engineering	42	43	85
Home Economics	11	5	16
Hotel Administration	—	14	14
Industrial & Labor Relations	1	1	2
Law	2	—	2
Nutrition	6	—	6
Veterinary	4	2	6
	193	112	305

Distribution in Engineering

Aeronautical	6	—	6
Chemical	1	6	7
Civil	19	9	28
Electrical	10	7	17
Mechanical	6	21	27
	42	43	85

In comparing these figures with last year it is interesting to note that although the total number of foreign students has increased the number in Agriculture shows a slight decrease but acceptances in Engineering have increased considerably, - from 57 to 85. This is a more equitable distribution than we have had in the past few years.