

CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
Ithaca, New York

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Foreign Student Enrollment  
Year 1950-51

For several years I have made a report each fall to the Deans, Heads of Departments, and Administration officials, on the number and distribution of the foreign students at Cornell. The attached lists show the number from each country and area and the distribution in the colleges and schools of the University.

We have had an increase in enrollment from 315 at this time last year to 353 and the number of countries has increased from 60 to 66. Most of the increase has been from Europe and the British Commonwealth with the other areas of the world showing little variation. The ratio of graduate students to undergraduates, and men to women remains approximately the same as last year. The listing includes Canadians but does not include recent immigrants who have definitely come to this country for permanent residence.

It may be of interest to mention the extent to which the foreign students are being assimilated in the student campus life. There are 67 who are members of or living in fraternities, sororities, co-operatives and similar small living groups. This is 18½% of all the foreign students. Of the undergraduate foreign men, 33% are in fraternities which compares favorably with the percentage of undergraduate American men in fraternities. Seventeen fraternities, one sorority and one co-operative are providing free room and board for nineteen foreign students. In some cases they are taken into actual membership but since most of them are at Cornell for only one year this is not always done. The other 48 have been chosen in competition with Americans in the regular "rushing" process. Altogether there are foreign students in 35 Houses. I do not know what the situation is in this respect in other universities, but in my opinion, the fraternities at Cornell are displaying an exceptionally fine and co-operative attitude.

Besides the foreign student representative on the Willard Straight Hall Board of Managers there are twelve foreign students serving on committees in the Hall. Many are active in various groups in C.U.R.W. Fourteen foreign students are participating in Varsity and Freshmen athletics. Although most of these are playing soccer, several other sports are also included.

Much remains to be done to draw the foreign students into the extra-curricular student life and break up the natural tendency to associate with each other in national or linguistic groups. However, when it is remembered that over half of the foreign students are graduate students and consequently not always interested in or eligible for some activities, we are making some progress towards the desired goal.

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Foreign Students  
1st Term Year 1950-51

Europe

Austria	3
Belgium	2
Finland	5
France	9
Germany	17
Greece	9
Iceland	2
Italy	1
Luxembourg	1
Netherlands	4
Norway	11
Portugal	1
Spain	1
Sweden	2
Switzerland	<u>1</u>
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British Commonwealth

Australia	5
Bermuda	1
Canada	75
Ceylon	1
Cyprus	1
England	15
Gold Coast	1
Jamaica	2
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	2
Scotland	4
South Africa	1
Trinidad	<u>1</u>
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Near East

Egypt	6
Iran	2
Iraq	8
Israel	3
Lebanon	2
Saudi Arabia	1
Turkey	<u>2</u>
	24

Far East

Afghanistan	9
Burma	1
China	49
India	12
Japan	4
Korea	4
Nepal	1
Pakistan	1
Philippines	9
Thailand	8
Viet Nam	<u>1</u>
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Latin America

Argentina	1
Bolivia	2
Brazil	7
Chile	1
Colombia	5
Costa Rica	4
Cuba	2
Dominican Republic	2
Ecuador	1
Guatemala	3
Honduras	1
Mexico	9
Nicaragua	1
Panama	1
Peru	2
Venezuela	<u>4</u>
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Miscellaneous

Ethiopia	1
Haiti	1
Morocco	1
Netherlands, W.I.	<u>2</u>
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Total Number of Students 353  
Number of Countries 66

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Distribution by Colleges and Schools

<u>College</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>U.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agriculture	63	43	106
Architecture	6	7	13
Arts and Sciences	44	28	72
Business & Public Administration	8		8
Engineering	45	49	94
Home Economics	8	13	21
Hotel Administration		12	12
Industrial & Labor Relations	5	2	7
Law	2		2
Nutrition	7		7
Veterinary	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>
	197	156	353

Distribution in Engineering

<u>School</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>U.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aeronautical	9		9
Chemical	1	5	6
Civil	15	15	30
Electrical	11	5	16
Mechanical	<u>9</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>33</u>
	45	49	94

Graduate Students 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ %  
Undergraduates 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ %

Men 304  
Women 49