

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Ithaca, New York
Office of the Counselor to Foreign Students

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Foreign Student Enrollment
Fall Term, Year 1954-55

Following the trend of recent years, the foreign student enrollment this fall is again the largest in the history of the University---a total of 503 from 68 countries.

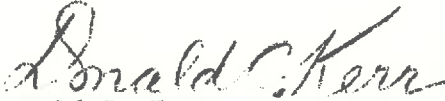
We receive letters from approximately 1,500 foreign students every year requesting admission and scholarships or assistantships. These inquiries are answered by a form letter in which I try to explain our situation in regard to these awards and tell the student that there is little chance of his securing help of this sort unless he can come at his own expense for the first year. In addition to these inquiries, we receive about 2,000 others in which financial help is not mentioned, and an application for admission form is sent with information covering nearly all the things that foreign students ask about, including financial assistance and work possibilities. When the students receive this and realize what the costs are, over half of them do not pursue the matter any further.

Out of the 3,500 inquiries only about 750 completed applications are received. This last year 377 were accepted for admission but only 239 actually arrived. We, therefore, have in attendance one out of fifteen of the foreign students who wrote to us asking for admission.

The opening of the new dormitories has been one of the best things possible in the integration of the foreign students in the campus life. Every new undergraduate foreign student has been placed in the dormitories unless he has preferred to live in a rooming house. This means that the foreign students are to an even better extent than formerly able to make many good friends among the Americans and to live the regular, normal type of college life. Even some of the graduate students have been taken care of in the dormitories, and the assignment of Cascadilla Hall as a dormitory for graduate women has met a very real need.

The extra-curricular activities of the foreign students continue to be about the same as usual with some of them in most of the activities of the campus. This year there are 59 foreign students who are members of or living in the fraternities. This is 30% of the undergraduate foreign men. There are 5 foreign students in the sororities and 17 in other private housing units, such as the graduate fraternity (Gamma Alpha), the Telluride Association, and the cooperative houses.

Attached are tabulations of the numbers from the different countries and areas and the distribution in colleges and schools. As usual, I have listed the graduate students as attached to the college in which they are doing their major study instead of just classing them all as in the Graduate School with no mention of the field of study.


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Foreign Students
Fall Term, Year 1954-55

Europe

Austria	2
Belgium	1
Eire	2
England	17
Finland	3
France	7
Germany	11
Greece	15
Iceland	3
Italy	4
Netherlands	4
North Ireland	1
Norway	6
Scotland	6
Spain	4
Sweden	2
Switzerland	4
Wales	2
	<u>94</u>

Near and Middle East

Iran	3
Iraq	5
Israel	8
Saudi Arabia	1
Syria	2
Turkey	9
Yemen	1
	<u>29</u>

Far East

Afghanistan	3
Ceylon	3
China	34
India	29
Indonesia	3
Japan	12
Korea	3
Malaya	1
Pakistan	5
Philippines	45
Thailand	17
Vietnam	4
	<u>159</u>

Latin America

Argentina	7
Bolivia	2
Brazil	8
Chile	1
Colombia	26
Costa Rica	6
Cuba	11
Dominican Republic	4
El Salvador	2
Guatemala	3
Honduras	2
Mexico	10
Nicaragua	1
Panama	2
Peru	6
Uruguay	1
Venezuela	13
	<u>105</u>

Africa

Egypt	7
Gold Coast	2
Liberia	5
Nigeria	3
Sierra Leone	1
South Africa	3
	<u>21</u>

Miscellaneous

Australia	2
Bermuda	1
British Guiana	1
Canada	78
Jamaica	8
Newfoundland	1
New Zealand	3
Suriname	1
	<u>95</u>

Total number of students	503
Total number of countries	68

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Distribution by Colleges and Schools

<u>College</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agriculture	110	63	173
Architecture	6	20	26
Arts and Sciences	71	30	101
Business and Public Admin.	18		18
Engineering	39	66	105
Home Economics	15	3	18
Hotel Administration		13	13
Ind. and Labor Relations	13	6	19
Law	5		5
Nutrition	14		14
Veterinary Medicine	10	1	11
Totals	301	202	503

Distribution by Schools in Engineering

<u>School</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aeronautic	8		8
Chemical	1	7	8
Civil	17	26	43
Electrical	6	11	17
Engineering Physics	2	3	5
Mechanical	5	19	24
Totals	39	66	105

Graduate Students 60%
Undergraduate Students 40%

New Foreign Students	239	Women	68
Old Foreign Students	264	Men	435