Cornell Speak

Some common Cornell acronyms and expressions you may encounter

A

AA&D Alumni Affairs and Development

AAP College of Architecture, Art, and Planning

Akwe:kon (“a-gway'-go”) means “all of us; nation’s first university residence hall established to celebrate American Indian culture and heritage

ATS Academic Technology Services

B

Bear Access Cornell Information Technology’s network services

Blue Lights Indicators of outdoor emergency telephones that directly call CU Police

C

CAPE Cornell Association of Professors Emeriti

CAU Cornell Adult University

CALS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

CAS College of Arts and Sciences

CBS Cornell Business Services

CCA Cornell Council for the Arts

CCAPS Cornell Center for Radiophysics and Planetary Sciences

CCC Computing and Communications Center, home of CIT

CHESS Cornell High-Energy Synchrotron Source
CISER  Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research
CIT  Cornell Information Technologies
CIVR  Campus Information and Visitor Relations
COE  Cornell Outdoor Education
CornellNYC Tech  applied sciences graduate campus in Manhattan
CRC  Cornell Recreation Connection
CRESP  Center for Religion, Ethics, and Social Policy
CTE  Center for Teaching Excellence
CUinfo  University’s computerized information system
CURW  Cornell United Religious Work
D
DFA  Division of Financial Affairs
DIWD  Department of Inclusion and Workforce Diversity
E
EARS  Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service (peer counseling)
EH&S  Environmental Health and Safety
F
FALCON  Full-Year Asian Language Concentration
FSAP  Faculty and Staff Assistance Program
H
HEOP  Higher Education Opportunity Program
Hot Truck  Truck on west campus serving fast food
I
IC  Ithaca College
ILR  School of Industrial and Labor Relations
IRIS  Institute for Resource Information Sciences
ISSO  International Students and Scholars Office
J
JA  Judicial Administrator
L
LGBT RC Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
Libe Slope The hill between Uris Library and the west campus residence halls
Louie’s Lunch Truck on north campus serving fast food

M
Martha Van or MVR Martha Van Rensselaer Hall

N
NAIC National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center
NBTC Nanobiotechnology Center
NYSAES New York State Agricultural Experiment Station

O
ORIE Operations Research and Industrial Engineering
OSP Office of Sponsored Programs

P
PSC Public Service Center

R
RI Roosevelt Island (where CornellNYC Tech is being built; to open in 2017)
ROTC Reserve Officers Training Corps
RPCC Robert Purcell Community Center

S
SHARE Sexual Harassment and Assault - Response and Education
SUNY State University of New York, which partially funds Cornell’s state-assisted colleges

T
Tatkon or the Tat Carol Tatkon Center in South Balch Hall
TCAT Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit bus system
TND Toward New Destinations

U
Ujamaa (“Oo’-ja-mah”) Residence focused on African culture

W
WCMC Weill Cornell Medical College (NYC, Qatar)
WSH or The Straight Willard Straight Hall, Cornell’s student union
Zeus or Temple of Zeus Café in Klarman Hall