Cornell Speak

All organizations and professions have their own lingo, and Cornell is no exception. Here are some common acronyms and expressions you may encounter:

**AA&D** Alumni Affairs and Development  
**AAP** College of Architecture, Art, and Planning  
**Akwe:kon (“a-gway’-go”)** Residential program house: American Indian issues  
**ATS** Academic Technology Services  
**Bear Access** Cornell Information Technology’s network services  
**Blue Lights** Indicators of outdoor emergency telephones that directly call CU Police  
**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

DIWD Department of Inclusion and Workforce Diversity

EARS Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service (peercounseling)

EH&S Environmental Health and Safety

FALCON Full-Year Asian Language Concentration

FSAP Faculty and Staff Assistance Program

HEOP Higher Education Opportunity Program

Hot Truck Truck on west campus serving fast food

IC Ithaca College

ILR School of Industrial and Labor Relations

IRIS Institute for Resource Information Sciences

ISSO International Students and Scholars Office

JA Judicial Administrator

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
Martha Van or MVR Martha Van Rensselaer Hall

NAIC National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center

NBTC Nanobiotecnology Center

NYSAES New York State Agricultural Experiment Station

ORIE Operations Research and Industrial Engineering

OSP Office of Sponsored Programs

PSC Public Service Center

RI Roosevelt Island (where CornellNYC Tech is being built; to open in 2017)

ROTC Reserve Officers Training Corps

RPCC Robert Purcell Community Center

SHARE Sexual Harassment and Assault - Response and Education

SUNY State University of New York, which partially funds Cornell’s state-assisted colleges

Tatkon or the Tat Carol Tatkon Center in South Balch Hall

TCAT Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit bus system

TND Toward New Destinations

Ujamaa ("Oo’-ja-mah") Residence focused on African culture

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