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  Nanobiotechnology 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