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