Post-Foundation Summer Program at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Assistant Dean and Associate Professor Student Outreach, Educational Development & Foundation Programs

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“The summer courses in Ithaca were a very amazing experience for me. This experience taught me how to be self-dependent, patient, make new friends, teach others about Qatar and other things. I would advise you not to miss this chance of enjoying your summer with a different flavor.”

Dr. Khalid Al-Marri
Alumnus (Foundation Program 2011)

“The summer program was a great life experience that developed me as a person and prepared me as a student.”

Dr. Ahmad Al-Shahrani
Alumnus (Foundation Program 2010)
SUMMER PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This is a six-week program, and to qualify for a student visa you will need to enroll in two three-credit Cornell courses. A list of offerings is posted on Cornell website www.sce.cornell.edu. In the past, most post-foundation students took PHIL 1450 Contemporary Moral Issues and ENGL 1132 The Personal Essay. As always, you will pick courses in consultation with your faculty and academic counselors. All earned Cornell credits will appear on your WCM-Q transcript.

Once you register for the program, you will be expected to attend all classes, fulfill all course requirements, and abide by Cornell University’s code of conduct.

As a summer session student, you will have access to excellent resources, including 20 libraries, a walk-in writing center, advising and residential program offices, and cutting-edge computing services.

In addition to support from Cornell University School of Continuing Education and International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO), you will receive assistance from WCM-Q faculty and staff. We will all be working together to ensure that your summer in Ithaca is educational and enjoyable.

“Ithaca was a wonderful experience. I spent the summer with kind people and lovely nature that encouraged me to be more productive”

Dr. Zahra Hejji
Alumna (Foundation Program 2011)

“It was a life changing experience that made me more independent. I was lucky to get to spend my summer in such a beautiful city.”

Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Abdulmalek
Alumnus (Foundation Program 2010)

“Meeting new people, nature, New York City, philosophy and art was my amazing summer at Ithaca.”

Dr. Hanof Ahmed
Alumna (Foundation Program 2012)
"The summer session is an enriching opportunity for students before promotion to the medical program. Traveling independently or with their families allows students to mature, experience a new atmosphere, and best of all the student brings back a new perspective to the program here in Qatar. This program is wonderful for a student’s holistic experience and is highly recommended!"

Blair Aboutaleb
Student Academic Counselor

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If you have any questions about the summer program or your travel and stay in Ithaca, feel free to contact:

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"The summer session program offers a special learning experience to our students. Living away from their homes and families, having new teachers and classmates, and being in a different environment and culture expands students' horizon by introducing them to a new education system. In a way, this pushes students to be more flexible and independent, which is a part of their academic and personal growth. Every year since the inception of the summer session program, we notice the difference in students' thinking, approach and maturity as soon as they return to Qatar."

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