My time at the Cornell International Undergraduate Programme
Cornell University, New York

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Summary of My Trip

- Three week programme studying **History & Politics of the Modern Middle East** at Cornell University, New York
- Cornell University is near Ithaca – a small town in upstate New York, 5 hours from New York City
- Lectures and seminars every morning, and opportunities for me to explore the campus and surrounding area in the afternoons

Highlights

- Beautiful campus with lots to see
- Learnt a lot
- Met students from around the world
- Experienced a beautiful part of the world
- Got to spend a weekend in New York City
- A mini study abroad experience – felt like I was living there whilst also still feeling like a summer holiday

My Tips for Future Participants

- Ensure to fully research and understand the visa process – it took more time and money than I anticipated!
- Make sure the programme is right – this was primarily aimed at high school students, but I was not warned of this.
- Plan in advance what you will do with your free time to ensure that you use every minute to explore, enjoy and experience new things!