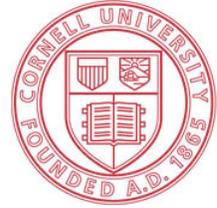




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Announcing:

**Insect Pathology Short Course
June 7-12, 2026**



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The **Insect Pathology Short Course** will be held on the campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, June 7-12, 2026. We will begin with a mixer on Sunday evening, June 7 to introduce instructors and participants. The course will summarize the infectious diseases of insects including bacteria, fungi, nematodes, protists, and viruses. The morphological, biological and pathological features of these pathogens will be discussed as well as their use and potential for use in biological control/IPM programs and mitigation in beneficial insects. The course is intended for students at the graduate level and researchers at any level who are interested in learning about insect pathogens.

Each pathogen group will be covered in a lecture format using handouts and PowerPoint presentations. Participants will learn diagnostic techniques for each pathogen group in hands-on laboratory sessions using live material (hosts and pathogens), and archived material (slides). We will also cover microbial control and diseases of beneficial insects.

Course instructors and organizers:

Dr. Ann Hajek, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Dr. Brian Lazzaro, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Dr. Kathryn Bushley, USDA-ARS, Ithaca, New York
Dr. Robert Harrison, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland
Dr. Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee
Dr. Edwin Lewis, University of Idaho, Boise, Idaho
Dr. Scott McArt, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Dr. David Shapiro-Ilan, USDA-ARS, Byron, Georgia

For maximum benefit to participants, course enrollment is limited to 25 and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The course registration fee is \$550 for university students (\$600 after May 1) and \$650 for non-students including post-doctoral researchers (\$700 after May 1). Accommodations will be available on campus at a daily rate of \$84 per person, \$63 per person double (plus a \$70 housing registration fee). Alternative options for lodging in local hotels are also available, although these are generally a little (or a lot) further from campus and may cost \$200-\$250 per night.

The link for reading a bit more about the course and for registration and signing up for housing on campus is here: <https://events.ces.scl.cornell.edu/XYnKBe> Please send additional questions to Dr. Ann Hajek (aeh4@cornell.edu) or Dr. Brian Lazzaro (bplazzaro@cornell.edu).

Final registration date: May 1, 2023