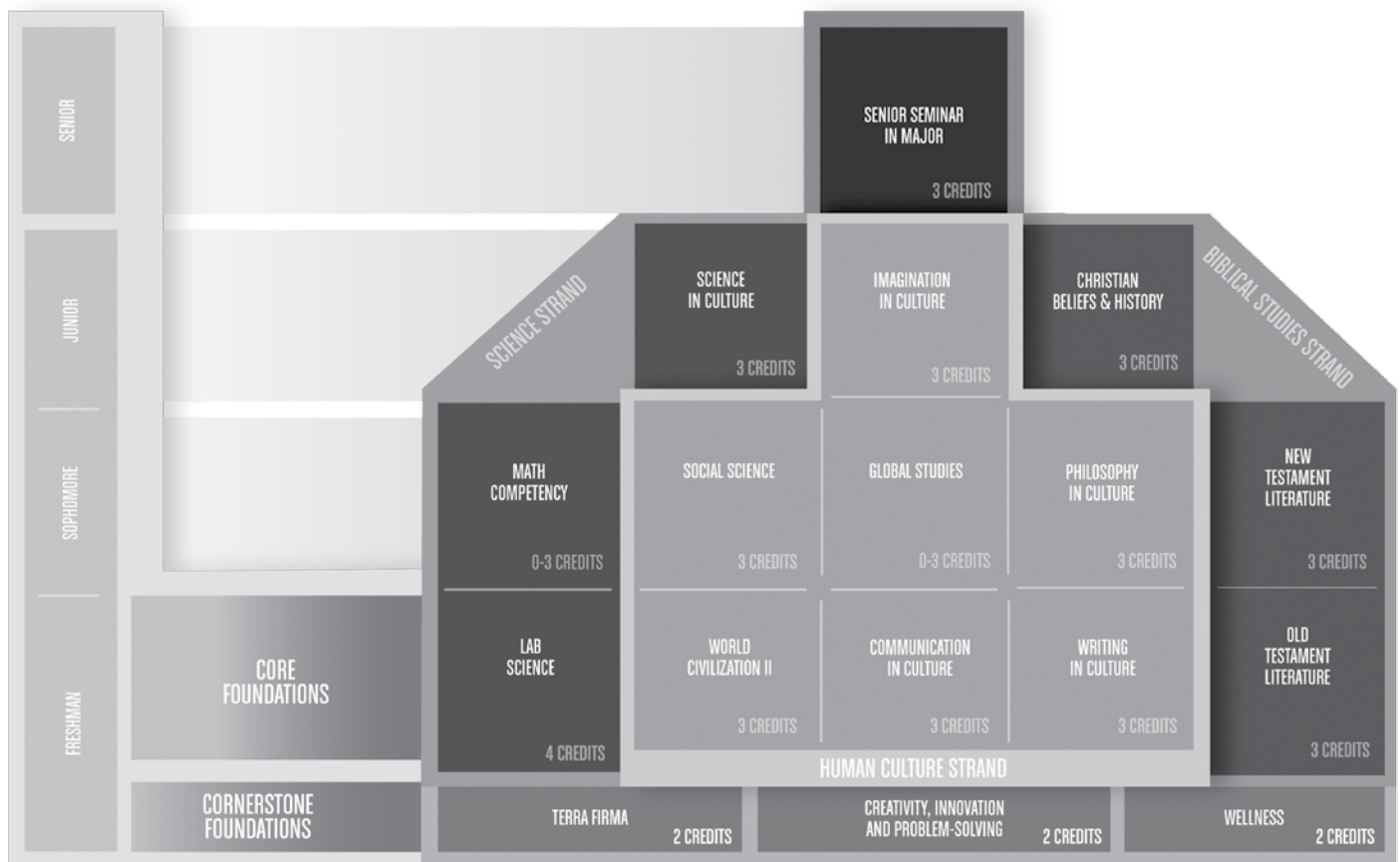


DEGREE INFORMATION



THE CORNERSTONE CORE CURRICULUM



The Cornerstone University core curriculum reflects our intellectual commitment to our students as we teach them to understand, navigate and ultimately shape culture as Christ-followers. We are committed to educating students who have the passion and ability to effectively engage the cultures of our world for Christ, and a robust liberal arts core is a crucial component of that process. Furthermore, we believe that every student will thrive more fully in his or her major, and ultimately in his or her vocation, as a result of engaging in this sequence of courses.

The Cornerstone core curriculum builds on a foundation of first-year courses that induct students into the Cornerstone ethos, develop their creative skills, and establish principles for physical wellness. The core then weaves together three crucial strands to help shape a profoundly Christian vision for life in this world. First, our Biblical studies strand offers a developmental sequence of courses that guides students through the principles of Biblical interpretation, surveys of the Old Testament and New Testament, and a historical overview of Christian theology. These courses ground each student in the Biblical narrative of God's work in His creation and with His people.

Second, our scientific knowledge strand combines theory with praxis in bringing students into engagement with God’s creation through the study of the material world and the scientific method. Lectures and experiential learning are coupled with courses that ask crucial questions about the nature and scope of science for those of us who seek to live as wise stewards of God’s creation.

Finally, our human culture strand combines theory with praxis in bringing students into engagement with God’s creation through the study of the material world and the scientific method. Lectures and experiential learning are coupled with courses that ask crucial questions about the nature and scope of science for those of us who seek to live as wise stewards of God’s creation.

Finally, our human culture strand enables students to explore the historical and contemporary terrain of human culture-making. Practical skills in critical thinking and communication in written and spoken forms are an important part of this preparation, but so also are the deep questions that permeate courses such as Writing in Culture, Philosophy in Culture and Imagination in Culture. Moreover, through the Global Studies component, students gain an understanding of cultures other than their own and learn to function as Christians in the global community. Embedded in this strand is a developmental process by which students begin to understand themselves and the culture in which they live, then to navigate that and other cultures with wisdom and discernment, and finally to creatively shape culture as God’s imagebearers.

The core curriculum culminates in a Senior Seminar in the major that equips students to apply the skills and insights gained in the core to their chosen vocation. With all three strands unified in the quest to educate effective agents of the Kingdom of God, our core curriculum provides our graduates with a strong yet flexible foundation from which to live fully in the vocations to which God calls them.

Listed below are the Core Requirements for each degree offered at Cornerstone University. See specific divisions for information regarding major and minor requirements or course exceptions to the following guidelines:

CORE CURRICULUM FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

Early Childhood Education and TESOL (A.A.), 66 semester hours – Teacher Education Division. See Teacher Education Division section for additional required courses.

General Education Core

COM-112	Communications In Culture	3
ENG-212	Writing In Culture	3
ENG-321	Children’s Literature	3
HIS-115	American Studies	3
IDS-101	Creativity, Innovation and Problem Solving	2
KIN-100	Foundations of Wellness	2
PHI-211	Philosophy In Culture	3
PSY-232	Developmental Psychology	3
REL-104	Old Testament Literature	3
SCI-201	Integrated Science for Elementary Teachers	3
	Total	28

Education Core

EDU-230	Principles/Philosophy of Education	3
EDU-262	Computers and Technology in Education	3
EDU-381	Educational Psychology	3
EDU-382	Teacher Assistant Practicum	1
	Total	38

Early Childhood* Core/TESOL Core (See pages 174 & 182 for requirements)	21
Total	59

* Twelve credit hours of Early Childhood/TESOL Core must be taken at Cornerstone.
 NOTE: Students must meet both the English and Math competency requirements. See Degree Information section.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Business Studies (A.S.), 60 semester hours. (Minimum of 15 semester hours in liberal arts. See the Professional and Graduate Studies catalog.)

CORE CURRICULUM FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS

(B.A.), 129 semester hours. (Major = minimum of 30 semester hours; minor = minimum of 18 semester hours) For a complete list of majors in the Bachelor of Arts program, see page 55.

Requirement	Credit Hours
IDS-103 CU Foundations I	1
IDS-104 CU Foundations II	1
IDS-101 Creativity, Innovation and Problem Solving	2
REL-104 Old Testament Literature	3
HIS-114 World Civilization II	3
KIN-100 Foundations of Wellness	2
KIN-1XX Activity Course*	1
COM-112 Communication in Culture	3
ENG-212 Writing in Culture**	3
PHI-211 Philosophy in Culture	3
REL-204 New Testament Literature	3
REL-352 Christian Beliefs and History	3
IDS-311 Imagination in Culture	3
SCI-311 Science in Culture	3
Social Science Course	3
Lab Science Course	4
Math Competency (see below)	0-3
English Competency**	0-6
Global Studies Requirement (see below)	0-3
Foreign Language Requirement (see below)	0-8
Total Core Requirements: 41 (minimum)	

* KIN-1XX excludes the following courses: KIN-147, KIN-100, KIN-16X or KIN-17X. Elementary education students take KIN-147.
 ** All students must meet the university's competency requirements for mathematics and writing before being placed into SCI-213 or ENG-212. See page 51 for placement criteria and page 39 for competency requirements.

MATH COMPETENCY – Choose one of the following:

1. MAT-110 College Mathematics
2. MAT-121 College Algebra
3. MAT-122 Trigonometry
4. MAT-131 Calculus I
5. MAT-132 Calculus II
6. Exemption by examination (see page XX for details).

GLOBAL STUDIES REQUIREMENT – Choose one of the following:

1. Minimum two-week international study experience as approved by International Programs Committee.
2. A minimum three-credit cross-cultural internship as approved by the division.
3. A Global Studies course as approved by the International Programs Committee. (See page 35 for a list of approved courses.)
4. Students with a non-U.S. high school diploma are exempt.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – Choose one of the following:

1. Language 101 and LIN-100 Language in Culture
2. Language 101 and Language 102
3. Two years of the same high school foreign language (meeting the minimum grade standard level) and LIN-100 Language in Culture.
4. Two years of the same high school foreign language (meeting the minimum grade standard level) and Language 102.
5. Three years of the same high school foreign language (meeting the minimum grade standard level).
6. Students who have English as their second language are exempt.

CORE CURRICULUM FOR THE BACHELOR OF MUSIC

(B.Mus.), 129 semester hours.

Majors: Music Education (K-12), Performance, Performance (Contemporary Christian Music). See Music division for additional requirements.

Requirement	Credit Hours
IDS-103 CU Foundations I	1
IDS-104 CU Foundations II	1
IDS-101 Creativity, Innovation and Problem Solving	2
REL-104 Old Testament Literature	3
HIS-114 World Civilization II*	3
KIN-100 Foundations of Wellness	2
KIN-1XX Activity Course**	1
COM-112 Communication in Culture	3
ENG-212 Writing in Culture***	3
PHI-211 Philosophy in Culture	3
REL-204 New Testament Literature	3
REL-352 Christian Beliefs and History	3
IDS-311 Imagination in Culture	3
SCI-211 Science of Music	1
SCI-311 Science in Culture	3
Math Competency (see below)	0-3
English Competency***	0-6
Global Studies Requirement (see below)	0-3
Foreign Language Requirement (see below)****	0-8
Total Core Requirements	35 (minimum)

* HIS-114 not required for Music Education majors.

** KIN-1XX excludes the following courses: KIN-147, KIN-100, KIN-16X or KIN-17X.

***All students must meet the university's competency requirements for mathematics and writing before being placed into SCI-213 or ENG-212. See page 51 for placement criteria and page 39 for competency requirements.

****Vocal performance majors (including Contemporary Christian Music) must meet the university's language requirement in order to graduate.

MATH COMPETENCY – Choose one of the following:

1. MAT-110 College Mathematics
2. MAT-121 College Algebra
3. MAT-122 Trigonometry
4. MAT-131 Calculus I
5. MAT-132 Calculus II
6. Exemption by examination (see page XX for details).

GLOBAL STUDIES REQUIREMENT – Choose one of the following:

1. Minimum two-week international study experience as approved by International Programs Committee.
2. A minimum three-credit cross-cultural internship as approved by the division.
3. A Global Studies course as approved by the International Programs Committee. (See page 35 for a list of approved courses.)
4. Students with a non-U.S. high school diploma are exempt.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – Choose one of the following:

1. Language 101 and LIN-100 Language in Culture
2. Language 101 and Language 102
3. Two years of the same high school foreign language (meeting the minimum grade standard level) and LIN-100 Language in Culture.
4. Two years of the same high school foreign language (meeting the minimum grade standard level) and Language 102.
5. Three years of the same high school foreign language (meeting the minimum grade standard level).
6. Students who have English as their second language are exempt.

CORE CURRICULUM FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

(B.S.), Majors: (For a complete listing of majors in the Bachelor of Science program, see page 56.)

Requirement	Credit Hours
IDS-103 CU Foundations I	1
IDS-104 CU Foundations II	1
IDS-101 Creativity, Innovation and Problem Solving	2
REL-104 Old Testament Literature	3
HIS-114 World Civilization II	3
KIN-100 Foundations of Wellness	2
KIN-1XX Activity Course**	1
COM-112 Communication in Culture	3
ENG-212 Writing in Culture***	3
PHI-211 Philosophy in Culture	3
REL-204 New Testament Literature	3
REL-352 Christian Beliefs and History*	3
IDS-311 Imagination in Culture	3
SCI-311 Science in Culture****	3
Math Competency (see below)	0-3
English Competency***	0-6
Global Studies Requirement (see below)	0-3
Social Science Course	3
One Lab Science Course	4
Total Core Requirements	35 (minimum)

* Bible, Religion and Ministry majors take REL-354 and REL-356.

** KIN-1XX excludes the following courses: KIN-147, KIN-100, KIN-16X, KIN-17X

*** All students must meet the university competencies in writing and mathematics before being placed in ENG-212 or SCI-213 Quantitative Reasoning. See page 51 for placement criteria and page 39 for competency requirements.

**** Except Biology: Pre-Professional Majors. Students in this major should take BIO-400 instead.

MATH COMPETENCY – Choose one of the following:

1. MAT-110 College Mathematics
2. MAT-121 College Algebra
3. MAT-122 Trigonometry
4. MAT-131 Calculus I
5. MAT-132 Calculus II
6. Exemption by examination (see page XX for details).

GLOBAL STUDIES REQUIREMENT – Choose one of the following:

1. Minimum two-week international study experience as approved by International Programs Committee.
2. A minimum three-credit cross-cultural internship as approved by the division.
3. A Global Studies course as approved by the International Programs Committee. (See page 35 for a list of approved courses.)
4. Students with a non-U.S. high school diploma are exempt.

English Course Placement Criteria – English placement is based upon ACT information provided at the time of enrollment. Students placed in classes lower than ENG-212 must progressively move to the next level course (i.e. A student enrolled in ENG-099 must also take ENG-114 and ENG-212.)

Math Placement Criteria – All students will be given a Mathematics Placement Examination prior to enrollment in mathematics courses. The Math Department will place students in MAT-096, 107 or 110 according to the result of the placement examination. Students who qualify for MAT-110 may take that course (or any higher level MAT class for which they meet prerequisites).

MAJORS

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

TEACHER EDUCATION

Early Childhood
TESOL

BACHELOR OF ARTS

BIBLE, RELIGION & MINISTRY

Ancient Studies

COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES

Audio Production
Communication Studies
Communications Arts Group (Secondary)
Media Studies: Film
Media Studies: Video
Theatre: Music Theatre
Theatre: Theatre Arts

FINE ARTS

Music
Music (Worship Arts)

HUMANITIES

History
Humanities: Creative Writing
Humanities: Linguistics
Humanities: Literature
Humanities: Philosophy
Social Studies Group (Elementary)
Social Studies Group (Secondary)

KINESIOLOGY, SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

Biology
Biology (Secondary)
Integrated Comprehensive Science (Secondary)
Integrated Science (Elementary)
Integrated Science (Secondary)
Mathematics
Mathematics (Secondary)
Physical Education (Elementary)
Physical Education (K-12)

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Family Studies
Psychology
Social Work

TEACHER EDUCATION

Elementary Education
English
History
Integrated Science
Language Arts Group
Learning Disabilities
Physical Education K-12
Social Studies Group
Spanish
Secondary Education
Biology
Communication Arts Group
English
History

Integrated Comprehensive Science
Integrated Science
Learning Disabilities
Mathematics
Physical Education K-12
Social Studies Group
Spanish

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

FINE ARTS

Music Education
Performance
Performance: Contemporary Christian Music

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BIBLE

Bible
Inter-Cultural Studies
Art of Ministry

KINESIOLOGY, SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

Biology – Health Sciences & Pre-Professional
(includes pre-med, pre-dental, pre-veterinary, pre-pharmacy)
Environmental Biology
Exercise Science

BUSINESS

Accounting
Business Administration
Business: Finance
Business: International
Business: Marketing
Business: Management
Business: Sports Management

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA STUDIES

Journalism: News-Editorial
Journalism: Public Relations
Journalism: Visual Communication

MINORS

BIBLE

- Bible
- Greek
- Inter-Cultural Studies
- Religion
- Youth Ministries

BUSINESS

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations

COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES

- Communication Studies
- Communication Arts Group (Secondary)
- Digital Media
- Graphic Design
- Journalism: News-Editorial
- Journalism: Public Relations
- Journalism: Visual Communication
- Journalism (Secondary)
- Media
- Language Arts Group (Elementary)
- Photography
- Public Relations
- Theatre – Theatre Arts and Music Theatre

FINE ARTS

- Music

HUMANITIES

- English
- History
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Social Studies Group
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

KINESIOLOGY, SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

- Biology
- Biology – Secondary Teaching
- Chemistry
- Coaching
- General Science
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Physical Education (Elementary & Secondary Teaching)

- Mathematics (Elementary & Secondary Teaching)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Family Studies
- Psychology
- Social Work

TEACHER EDUCATION

- Elementary
 - Early Childhood (Endorsement)
 - Elementary Planned
 - English
 - History
 - Journalism
 - Language Arts Group
 - Mathematics
 - Physical Education
 - Social Studies Group
 - Spanish
 - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Secondary
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Communication Arts Group
 - English
 - History
 - Journalism
 - Mathematics
 - Physical Education
 - Psychology
 - Spanish
 - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)