The Cornerstone Virtue Project

We believe your Christ-centered university years are a powerful part of the story of God’s work in your life. The Cornerstone Virtue Project will empower you to experience and reflect the culture-shaping qualities of Kingdom citizens.

- Courage
- Faith
- Gratitude
- Hope
- Hospitality
- Justice
- Love
- Self-discipline
- Wisdom

Our Center for Career and Life Calling includes a unique “LifePath” program that begins even before your freshman year. Through the program you will be equipped to understand your distinctive qualities allowing you to choose the right major, paving the way to uncovering your God-given purpose in life.

Our committed and caring professors take a personal interest in your success as mentors and models of Christ-followers and professionals. And, with more than 60 academic programs and a robust interdisciplinary liberal arts core, you’ll be prepared with intellectual and cultural skills so you can thrive in a modern, complex society as an influencer in our world for Christ.

Cornerstone’s home city is rated as one of the top mid-sized cities in America. Downtown GR, located just 10 minutes from campus, is a major artistic and cultural hub, offering prime internship, networking and career opportunities.

Your immersion into the CU community begins with Terra Firma, our year-long program all about helping you build a firm foundation as you continue to move forward as a follower of Christ and an academic student.
CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY IS A STUDENT-FOCUSED LEARNING COMMUNITY WHERE JESUS CHRIST IS CENTRAL.

Cornerstone University provides a Christ-centered, academically rigorous, relevant, affordable education in a caring community that prepares you for professional success and cultural influence as a Christ-follower. At Cornerstone, you’ll build a life that matters through five distinctive elements that give you a competitive edge.

THE CORNERSTONE VIRTUE PROJECT
At Cornerstone University, you’ll receive an education that is UNWAVERINGLY CHRIST-CENTERED. As an interdenominational Christian university, our commitment to preparing followers of Christ is basic to all we do. Built upon two overarching virtues of humility and integrity, our unique, comprehensive Cornerstone Virtue Project integrates every part of the campus experience – from academics to athletics – to nurture nine key virtues of a Christ-follower. In addition, Christ Chapel, opening in Fall 2015, embodies our commitment to Christ by housing our vibrant chapel program while also serving as a learning laboratory for our thriving worship arts program.

LIFE PATH
CU is committed to ACADEMIC AND LIFE PREPARATION. We believe that success in college and in life depends on making critical decisions. Our Center for Career and Life Calling and unique “LifePath” program will equip you to understand your distinctive qualities and make the right choice of major in order to help you be all that God intends you to be. Our main goal is to assist you to find the career that provides the opportunity to influence our world for Jesus Christ.

RELATIONAL LEARNING
Cornerstone ranks among “America’s Best Christian Colleges” for the quality and level of academic engagement of its faculty and students. According to our nationally-normed course evaluations conducted each semester, instructional effectiveness at CU is rated as “unusually high” among our peers. Moreover, our professors are distinguished not just by their academic credentials but their commitment to investing their expertise and wisdom into the lives of students.

TERRA FIRMA
At CU, we are committed to “life together.” Your immersion into our community begins with Terra Firma, our year-long program that places each first-year student in a cohort of fellow students led by a faculty or staff mentor. That sense of community is enhanced and reinforced by the privilege of COMMUNITY in Christ-centered ministry and service.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
Cornerstone’s home city is an economically diverse community – continuing to make its mark in the industries of healthcare, consumer goods, information technology and aviation. MarketWatch named it one of the “Top Ten Places to Live in the U.S.” due to job growth, a strong economy, and solid schools. Forbes called it “the best metro area in the country to raise a family in.” Built around the scenic Grand River, the city offers a growing metropolitan center where you will find excellent coffee shops, theatres, restaurants, outdoor music venues, parks and professional basketball, baseball and hockey teams. Additionally, GR is host to “ArtPrize,” an art competition attracting artists from around the globe.