



Cornerstone
UNIVERSITY®
BUILD A LIFE THAT MATTERS

Grand Rapids, Michigan

ADMISSIONS



Students who desire a Christ-centered education that is characterized by an academically excellent and spiritually contagious environment are encouraged to submit an application to Cornerstone University. All students are recommended to apply for admission at the earliest possible date. An early application gives optimal opportunity for financial aid awards, course selection and campus housing. Application materials and information may be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office or by visiting the Admissions website at www.cornerstone.edu/undergraduate-admissions.

Cornerstone University Admissions Office:

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The criteria for admission to Cornerstone University include evidence of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ characterized by a consistent Christian lifestyle and acceptable academic achievement. For full admission, a student must have a minimum ACT score of 19 (or corresponding total SAT score of 1000) and successfully completed high school with a 2.5 high school GPA in a college preparatory program. Transfer students should have a 2.0 minimum college GPA as well as the high school minimums, if transferring less than 24 credits. The university reserves the right to change these minimums at any time.

The following information and documentation are required to complete the application process:

- Completed online application.
- Official high school transcript (official G.E.D. results) sent directly from the school or an electronic transfer service.
- Official ACT or SAT scores sent directly from ACT or SAT or high school guidance office. Student score reports are also accepted. Information regarding registration, test dates and locations may be obtained from your high school guidance counselor or may be requested from the following:

American College Testing Program
2201 N Dodge Street | P.O. Box 451 | Iowa City, IA 52243 | www.act.org

or

College Board (SAT) | P.O. Box 6200 | Princeton, NJ 08541 | www.collegeboard.com

Applicants are encouraged to take the test early. The ACT college code number, 2002, should be placed on your examination for the official reporting of the scores. The SAT college code number is 1253.

- Official college transcripts from all colleges previously attended, including dual-enroll college transcripts.
- Christian leader recommendation completed by senior pastor, youth pastor, leader from the church, Christian teacher, Bible study leader or Christian mentor (form available online). Your Christian leader recommendation must be submitted before enrollment, but is not required for an admissions decision.

ADMISSION PROCESS

The applicant will be notified of his or her status once the Admissions Office has received all application credentials. Priority consideration for admission is given to students who submit their application before the following dates:

Fall semester: Aug. 1 | Spring semester: Dec. 15

Applicants are encouraged to apply before these dates, as admission will be granted on the availability of space in the entering class. Some applicants may be placed on a waiting list for future review of their application. A wait list is used when the university has limited space available for new students or when a student has not met our current academic expectations.

As part of the admission process, individuals within the Admissions Office will carefully review each applicant's high school transcript. High school students should take courses in a college preparatory program that include the following:

English	8 semesters
Math*	6 semesters
Science	4 semesters
Social Science/History	6 semesters
Foreign Language	4 semesters
Academic Electives**	8 semesters

**Math equivalent of two years of algebra and one year of geometry with mathematical reasoning. Math in the senior year is strongly recommended.*

***Academic electives should include courses in technology, government, psychology and speech.*

Acceptance will be granted to high school students before graduation. The student must request that the high school send a final transcript to Cornerstone University upon graduation to be eligible to register for subsequent semesters.

A \$200 advanced tuition deposit is required for all new admitted residential students to reserve their place in the entering class and secure on-campus housing. Commuter students are required to submit a \$150 advanced deposit. The deposit is non-refundable after May 1 for the fall semester and Dec. 15 for the spring semester. New students are also required to submit completed health forms and to make arrangements for payment of the school bill before arrival on campus.

ADMISSION DECISIONS

When an applicant has completed the application process, one of the following decisions will be made regarding their entrance into Cornerstone University:

FULL ADMISSION – An applicant is given full admission to Cornerstone University when the criteria for admission have been met. Applicants are notified on a rolling basis throughout the year.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION – A limited number of students whose high school and college academic scores do not meet our minimum requirements may be given conditional admission upon recommendation of the admissions committee. These students will not be able to exceed 14 credit hours during the first semester, will work closely with an academic advisor, and will be required to enroll in the Cornerstone Learning Strategies course. Those students admitted conditionally will need to achieve the grade point averages listed in the section “Scholastic Probation, Suspension, and Academic Dismissal” or be placed on academic probation.

DENIED ADMISSION – The admissions committee determines denial of admission to Cornerstone University. In some cases, students will be asked to pursue course work at a community college before entering Cornerstone University as a full-time student. It is the university's desire to admit students who will be successful at Cornerstone University.

CONSORTIUM PROGRAMS

Several consortium programs exist with area colleges. The requirements for admission to these programs are the same as our traditional degree-seeking program. Questions should be directed to the consortium school's college official or an admissions professional at Cornerstone.

DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

The Dual Enrollment Program of Cornerstone University allows Juniors and Seniors in high school to take select 100 and 200 level college courses during high school at a reduced tuition rate of \$191/credit, plus a technology fee and vehicle registration fee (books not included).

In order to participate in the program, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum 3.0 GPA from high school.
- Completion of the application process.

Dual Enroll students are categorized as non-degree seeking students, limited to enrolling in two courses or seven credits per semester with a maximum of 24 credit hours. Please contact the Admissions Office for additional information.

HOME-EDUCATED STUDENTS

Cornerstone University encourages home-educated students to consider furthering their education after completion of their high school curriculum. Students are asked to submit a high school transcript indicating the course work, curriculum and grades received in their program. For a guide to creating a transcript or to ask further questions, please contact the Admissions Office.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students are required to complete the entire application process with a few additional requirements. Proof of financial support is required by completing the financial support form available from the Admissions Office. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange all necessary financial support for all expenses at Cornerstone University. International students from countries where English is not the primary language are also required to successfully complete the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) examination before admission can be granted. International students are encouraged to communicate by e-mail (admissions@cornerstone.edu).

NON-DEGREE ADMISSION

Persons interested in enrolling at Cornerstone University on a part-time, non-degree seeking basis must complete an online admissions application. A final high school transcript or college transcripts (if applicable), along with a Christian leader recommendation are required as part of the application process. Two courses or seven credits per semester and a maximum of 24 total credit hours may be taken as a non-degree student. Non-degree students are not eligible for federal, state or institutional financial assistance. A student wishing to be admitted as a degree-seeking student must complete the application process as previously outlined.

READMISSION

Former students who have not been in attendance for one or more semesters (excluding summer session) must apply for readmission. Official transcripts of all studies attempted in the interval should be submitted for review. Application for readmission after three years will require repetition of the total admission process.

A student on academic suspension may be considered for readmission by appealing to the Academic Appeals Committee. A student on disciplinary suspension should contact the Student Development office (student.development@cornerstone.edu). A current Christian leader's reference may be required as well as an interview.

Students who have not been enrolled at Cornerstone University during the past three semesters and/or who are enrolling in a major or minor not included in their original catalog should follow the university catalog which is current at the time of readmission.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Transfer students from other institutions must be in good standing academically and socially from the schools of last attendance. In addition to the other admissions requirements, transfer students must request that all colleges send official transcripts directly to Cornerstone University. Financial obligations to previous colleges must be fulfilled before full admission will be granted.