

Campus Life



University life is more than just classrooms and books. The university emphasizes education of the whole person and provides opportunity for the development of the intellectual, spiritual and social areas of the student's life. Some of the activities designed for a well-balanced Christian life are residence hall activities, films, musical performances, seminars, prayer groups, mission trips, discussion groups and athletic events. The Student Development Office directs events pertaining to student life. A listing of student activities can be found in the Student Handbook, and opportunities for leadership can be found by contacting the Student Development Office.

Campus Housing

Babcock Hall, built in 1979, is named after Dr. Wendell K. Babcock for his many years of exemplary academic service to Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music (GRSBM) and for his years of volunteer service to Cornerstone University in the Alumni Office. Babcock Hall houses approximately 130 students. Made up of three floors, the men live on one floor, while the women fill the other two. Each living unit is comprised of a kitchen with a stove and refrigerator, bathroom, living area and two bedrooms. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail and the Internet, and every floor has laundry facilities. There is a community lounge. Residents are encouraged to use these lounges to interact, watch television or study.

Cook Hall, built in 2000, is named after Emajean "Pat" Cook, devoted and loving wife of Peter Cook, a successful businessman whose philanthropic endeavors have included a gift in support of this residence hall. Cook Hall houses 142 students in suite-style rooms, consisting of two bedrooms with a bathroom in between. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail and the Internet, and every floor has laundry facilities. There are two single-occupancy, barrier-free rooms and an elevator to assist physically challenged students. Cook Hall is connected to Van Osdel Hall by a three-story glass atrium. The common areas feature shared lounges, kitchenette, study lounge and game area for the 256 residents in the two halls. It is an appealing place for individuals to come together for social interaction and relaxation.

Crawford Hall, built in 1980, is named after Dr. Joe Crawford who was associated with Grand Rapids Theological Seminary for 52 years. Dr. Crawford began as a student at Cornerstone in 1948 and continued to teach until his homegoing on November 3, 2000. Almost identical to Babcock Hall, Crawford houses approximately 130 students. Men live on two floors and the women on the other one. Each living unit is comprised of a kitchen with a stove and refrigerator, bathroom, living area and two bedrooms. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail and the Internet, and every floor has laundry facilities. There is a community lounge, as well, and residents are encouraged to use these lounges to interact, study or watch television.

Fuller, Knol and Morris Apartments, built in 1965, 1965 and 1970, are named for David O. Fuller, first president of Cornerstone University, the Gerard Knol, third president of Cornerstone and Lloyd Morris, board member and pastor. The three buildings contain a total of 48 one- and two-bedroom units, including two guest apartments. The apartments are reserved first for married seminary students, then single seminary students. Remaining vacancies are filled first by married undergraduate students, and finally single undergraduate students. These leased apartments are managed by campus services. Call (616) 222-1420 for more information.

Keithley Hall, built in 1975, is named after Howard Keithley who faithfully served on the board of trustees of Cornerstone University for 32 years and as interim president (1958-59). The structure of the hall follows a suite format where two rooms, each housing two students, are joined by a bathroom, which provides a convenient living arrangement. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail, the Internet and Cornerstone's server. Keithley has a computer lab and a nicely furnished lounge on the first floor. Keithley houses 80 students.

Pickitt Hall, built in 1970, is named after Ann Pickitt, wife of Allegan businessman Harry Pickitt, who supported the building of this hall. Pickitt can house 165 students. Pickitt is the only residence hall to offer communal bathrooms, which promote a sense of unity among its residents. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail, the Internet and Cornerstone's server. The students in Pickitt have access to a large, fully furnished lounge with a pool table, foosball table and television. The north side of Pickitt has the advantage of a beautiful view of the pond.

Van Osdel Hall, built in 1977, is named in honor of Oliver W. Van Osdel. Van Osdel is a three-story residence hall that can accommodate a maximum of 114 residents. The rooms are arranged in a suite-style where two rooms, each housing two students, are connected by a shared bathroom. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail, the Internet and Cornerstone's server. Van Osdel, also known as "VO," has a spacious lounge in the basement, with a pool table, foosball table, large television and study lounge. It shares with Cook Hall a three-story atrium with lounges on the second and third floors. VO seeks to provide an environment where students are challenged spiritually, socially and physically, in hopes to encourage them to deepen their relationships with God and other fellow believers.

Campus Safety

The primary mission of the Campus Safety Office is to promote and provide safety, security and service to our students, staff and visitors through information, education, public and personal relations and enforcement. Our secondary efforts involve service to and protection of our general campus community and all properties and assets therein. Campus Safety personnel provide 24/7/365 campus safety and security patrols, as well as 24/7/365 switchboard and dispatch services. Campus Safety, including Switchboard, is located in front of Faber Hall and where photo ID cards are issued for all students and employees. Safety officers patrol the campus pro-actively, enforce parking and traffic regulations as well as behavioral and conduct standards, respond to emergencies and investigate incidents. The Campus Safety Office also provides an array of other convenience services including assistance with vehicle lockouts, battery boosts and airing flat tires, as well as limited special need transportation. For emergencies or general service requests, including general information inquiries, contact the Campus Safety Office at 0 (Zero) from campus phones or at (616) 949-5300 from all other phones.

Career Services

Our mission is to provide individuals with the tools to acquire meaningful life work using their God-given gifts and abilities. Career Services functions as a bridge between the classroom and work. We offer career advising and assessment for undergraduate students, adult students and alumni. Our services include the coordination of teacher credential files and assistance with resumés, cover letters, job search strategies, interviewing skills, work etiquette and job offers. Job opportunities are available through our Web site and in the Career Services Office. The job listing includes full-time, part-time, ministry, internships and seasonal opportunities. Career Services actively participates in several career/job fairs each year that students are encouraged to attend.

Chapel

All undergraduate students are required to attend 25 chapels throughout the semester. Chapel exists to challenge the community of learners to seek a deeper understanding and application of spiritual formation, worldview development, integrity and the pursuit of one's academic and vocational calling. Numerous opportunities are provided in the morning and on Sunday evenings in order to accommodate the schedules of our students. These sessions feature singing, preaching, music and drama presentations, student-led hours, missions reports and challenges, faculty, staff and student testimonies, and public speaking. Speakers may be pastors, missionaries, professionals, scholars, personnel and others. Variety, quality and biblical truth are the hallmarks of chapel. Students may receive up to 5 chapel credits for attending Cornerstone University-approved discipleship groups. Please see the current student handbook for a full description of the chapel attendance requirement.

Counseling Services

Confidential counseling is available to all undergraduate Cornerstone students who may struggle with issues due to the stresses and challenges of life and the college experience. All services are Christ-centered, based upon unchanging biblical truth and highest professional standards. A variety of confidential services are offered including individual and group counseling, pre-marital and marital counseling, residence hall programs and seminars on contemporary social/emotional issues, profile testing, resource materials, crisis intervention and referrals to off-campus resources. All full-time undergraduate Cornerstone students are eligible for 10 free counseling sessions. If a student needs more than 10 sessions, an affordable fee will be arranged between \$0-\$20 per session based on the student's ability to pay. Counseling appointments can be made by calling 222-1533 from off-campus or extension 1533 from on-campus. The Counseling Center is located in Miller Hall and is open Monday through Friday.

Cornerstone University Student Government (CUSG)

CUSG functions as both an active liaison between students and administration and a project-oriented organization that mobilizes the energy of students to address campus and community concerns.

Comprised of approximately 40 officers, including organization presidents, marketing directors, activity directors, representatives and the Executive Council. The Executive Council, consisting of the student body president and vice presidents of legislation, marketing, finance and student activities are elected and selected from the student body-at-large. The advisor is a non-voting member. Meetings are held regularly and are open to all members of the student body, faculty and staff.

Honors Program

The Cornerstone University Honors Program provides an opportunity for academically gifted students to enhance their educational experience through special sections of classes and close work with faculty members on individual projects. Central to the program is the on-going dialogue between the “Great Books” of the Western intellectual tradition and “the Book,” the Bible, upon which all our intellectual endeavors are based. Another strong emphasis is focused preparation for graduate studies in each honors student’s field of study. The objective of the program is to produce scholars who will take this synthesis of biblical and classically based education into their professional careers.

Miller Library

As the center for information resources at Cornerstone, Miller Library is an attractive and comfortable facility that provides independent learning resources for the university. Miller Library’s collection includes approximately 150,000 books and audiovisual items, 288,000 microfilms, 850 current periodical subscriptions and full-text access to at least 20,000 other journals online. Miller Library also houses the university archives, the curriculum materials center for teacher education students, a library instruction classroom and several group study rooms. Book discussion groups, guest lectures and visiting exhibits are part of the Library’s outreach program. The library also provides access to resources outside its walls such as catalogs of other academic libraries, some 25,000 ebooks, numerous Internet resources such as OCLC’s FirstSearch (including ATLA Religion) and about 100 other research databases. The library is staffed by seven full-time professionals, as well as part-time staff and student workers, who offer such public services as Interlibrary Loan, research assistance, personal and classroom instruction and circulation. The library’s Web site is an excellent resource which serves as a gateway and guide to the world of information. Students are encouraged to visit Miller Library’s Web site at www.cornerstone.edu/library.

Musical Activities

There are numerous musical opportunities on campus. Private lessons are available to non-music majors on many orchestral instruments, piano, organ, guitar, drumset and voice. Performance ensembles include the following:

- **Chancel Singers (MUP-X11)**

An exciting campus choir, open to all students, the Chancel Singers place special emphasis on the performance of high-quality choral music for worship and ministry. Students are given numerous opportunities to share their love of singing and to develop their gifts through regular performances in chapel, area nursing homes and other venues.

- **University Chorale (MUP-X01)**

This select choral ensemble is dedicated to the performance of outstanding choral literature, providing singers with a number of exciting opportunities. Focusing on public performance as a means of worship and Christian service, the Chorale performs a broad spectrum of choral literature including a cappella motets, large-scale works for chorus and orchestra, spirituals and contemporary compositions. Auditions for the Chorale are held at the beginning of each fall semester.

- **Symphonic Winds and Chamber Winds (MUP-X21)**

This select group of woodwind, brass and percussion players is committed to the quality performance of outstanding wind ensemble and concert band literature. At the beginning of each fall term, a weekend retreat is held off-campus to foster musical growth and camaraderie among its members. Symphonic Winds is open to students by audition.

- **Musical Theatre**

Full-scale, staged productions of popular Broadway-style musicals are held each year. Opportunities for musicians include stage singing and the pit orchestra.

- **Jazz Band (MUP-X31)**

This ensemble is devoted to the performance of mainstream jazz literature from the 1920’s to the present. Emphasis is on stylistic awareness, improvisation and theoretical understanding of various genres.

- **Percussion Ensemble (MUP-X51)**

This highly energetic ensemble performs an array of literature for myriad percussion instruments in numerous combinations. Percussion Ensemble is open to all students by audition.

- **Contemporary Ensembles (MUP-X41)**

These small ensembles are comprised of drums, bass, keyboard, guitars, and vocalists. Contemporary Ensembles perform music in a variety of styles drawn from the broad umbrella of popular music. Membership is by audition only, and they perform both on and off campus in a variety of settings.

- **Credo (MUP-X51)**

This high-energy vocal ensemble specializes in a wide range of literature, from vocal jazz and Renaissance motets to contemporary popular songs and Broadway show tunes. Eight gifted and highly motivated singers, selected by audition only, train to give God-honoring, top-quality performances in a wide variety of settings: on campus, in area churches, high schools and more.

- **Cornerstone University Brass (MUP-X51)**

This select brass quintet performs a wide variety of literature on campus and in area churches and high schools. Membership is by audition only.

- **Woodwind Quintet (MUP-X51)**

This select woodwind quintet performs a wide variety of literature for performances on campus and in area schools. Membership is by audition only.

Student Publication – THE HERALD

The Herald, the official student newspaper, is published weekly during the academic year. Its content is produced by a student editorial staff, under the supervision of a faculty member, assistant professor of journalism, Alan D. Blanchard, who has more than 20 years' writing and editing experience at newspapers and magazines.

Students may participate on *The Herald* for academic credit (JRN-261) or for zero credit, as course loads allow. Some key student newspaper editor and marketing jobs are paid positions.

Journalism majors and minors must enroll in six semesters and three semesters of JRN-261, respectively. English writing track majors and minors must enroll in three semesters and two semesters of JRN-261, respectively. Secondary teacher majors who minor in journalism must enroll in three semesters of JRN-261.

Theatre Productions

Various opportunities in Cornerstone's award-winning theatre department productions are offered on campus. The theatre season consists of three to four full-length quality plays and musicals with acting/performance roles, directing, and production opportunities open to any student in the university. Numerous experiences in performance and stagecraft are possible, including one-act plays and scenes from classical works, not only for students in theater and music classes, but also for any interested student. Kappa Theta Gamma is a student theatre society established to recognize the fine arts and promote professional performance in all theatre productions and activities on campus. It serves to recognize outstanding acting, technical achievements, artistic growth and theatrical involvement with a Christ-centered focus.