

# School Information

## School of Arts and Sciences

Greeting! Welcome to the Cornerstone University community of scholars!

It is my privilege to lead an energetic faculty who see it as their personal and professional calling to work with you in developing your Christian worldview and challenging your leadership potential.

There is no better time in life than the university years. In that, I am confident you will discover our campus to be alive with the possibilities of life. We are here to serve you and to guide your academic training all the while preparing you for a lifetime of employment and ministry opportunities.

Allow the following pages to introduce you to the School of Arts and Sciences. As one of three schools in the university, the School of Arts and Sciences represents those programs most closely associated with the traditional liberal arts. Content areas include: the History/Social Sciences Division (History, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work); the Humanities Division (Communication Arts, English, Philosophy, Spanish); the Kinesiology Division (Coaching, Exercise Physiology) and the Sciences/Mathematics Division (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics). Along with providing specific degree programs, each division cooperates with the Teacher Education Program in offering courses leading to certification by the State of Michigan to teach K-12.

Together, we explore God's created order. Our courses and programs are designed to influence you to think Christianly, critically and creatively while living in and forming culture. This task is accomplished by building academic proficiencies set in the context of a compassionate faith community.

The focal point of our instruction is the integration of the Christian faith with discipline specific content, allowing you to form a Christian worldview. Such a framework allows you to be a good steward in developing your intellectual, emotional, physical and rational capacities. My desire is that you are capable of participating in cultural dialogue and thereby offer solutions to the social, political, economical and spiritual issues facing our society.

So, whether you enroll in a core curriculum class or choose a major or minor in the School of Arts and Sciences, I invite your participation in our academic community. Please contact me if you have any questions.



Dr. Timothy Detwiler  
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences

## School of Professional Studies

The School of Professional Studies includes the divisions of Teacher Education, Business, Fine Arts, and Adult and Continuing Education. These divisions offer courses and programs of study designed to prepare students for professional careers.

It is our intent to help each student develop the knowledge, skills, creativity, and spirit necessary to effect positive change in both themselves and their environment. This is accomplished with curriculum and programs carefully designed to integrate faith and learning.

## School of Theology

The W. Wilbert Welch School of Theology provides the Cornerstone student with an opportunity to prepare for a lifetime of vocational Christian service. You may choose from a variety of majors and minors in Bible, biblical languages, theology, religious education, specialized ministry tracks prepare for ordination or graduate theological education.

The School of Theology also provides core courses in Christian Foundations so that every Cornerstone student is enhanced in critical thinking from the perspective of a biblical worldview. It is our hope that whatever your calling in life may be, you will value the opportunity to study the Bible by electing courses of interest from Bible, religion and ministry options even if you do not choose a major or minor in the School of Theology.

The School of Theology (SOT) experience is also enhanced by its graduate division, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. The Seminary provides SOT majors with additional library resources, faculty, linked experiences for discipleship and ministry, and a natural bridge to graduate school degrees.



We wish you God's blessing as you begin your Cornerstone experience.

John VerBerkmoes  
Acting Dean, School of Theology