

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Admissions Requirements

To begin the admissions process, prospective graduate and doctoral students should complete the online application (<https://www.cornerstone.edu/admissions/apply/>) and choose their campus location, (i.e. on-Campus or online).

Additional admissions requirements may be required depending on the graduate or doctoral program chosen. Visit the full list of graduate programs (<https://www.cornerstone.edu/academics/masters-degrees/>) or doctoral programs (<https://www.cornerstone.edu/academics/doctoral-degree/>) and read about additional admissions requirements on the program page of your choice.

Application files will be reviewed using the admissions requirements at the time of submission. Cornerstone University reserves the right to review and revise admissions requirements at any time. Cornerstone University admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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 admissions has been met.

TENTATIVE ADMISSION – An applicant that is given tentative admission to Cornerstone University has been admitted to the university but has conditions to fulfill before the first semester of enrollment.

DENIED ADMISSION – An applicant is not offered admission to Cornerstone University.

Cornerstone University reserves the right to revise or rescind offers of admission if any information found on the application is found to be falsified or if admissions conditions are not met.

Enrollment Policies

ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT – An advanced tuition deposit is required in order to register for the first semester of courses. Enrollment deposits are non-refundable but may be applied toward future semester enrollment.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – As a SEVP-certified institution, federal regulations stipulate additional requirements for those interested in studying within the United States at Cornerstone University on an F-1 student visa.

- International student admissions requirements (<https://www.cornerstone.edu/admissions/adult-graduate-international-students/>)

International students are allowed to apply for on-campus jobs when available. Students will not be able to work more than a total of 20 hours per week (even if employed in more than one job) The student must apply for a US Social Security number, which will be needed prior to working on-campus. International students are not permitted to work off-campus

without authorization of the Primary Designated School Official (PDSO) or Designated School Official (DSO).

NON-DEGREE STUDENTS – Cornerstone University allows part-time, non-degree seeking students to take select courses. 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.

- Auditing non-degree students must only submit an application (<https://www.cornerstone.edu/admissions/apply/>) to receive an admissions decision.
- Credit-seeking non-degree students are required to complete a non-degree application (<https://www.cornerstone.edu/admissions/apply/>) and should complete all admissions requirements for the campus location of their choice, (i.e. On-Campus or Online).

TRANSFER STUDENTS – Transfer students who would like graduate college credits to be transferred should request official transcripts to be sent to Cornerstone University.

Graduate-level credit equivalencies vary by program, and enrollment staff will navigate the review of previous course work with the Registrar's Office upon receipt of transcripts.

READMIT STUDENTS – Former students who have not been in attendance should contact advising@cornerstone.edu to begin the re-enrollment process. Depending on the amount of time that has passed and/or academic program of study, students may need to reapply and/or submit supplemental admissions materials.

Students who have delinquent payment may need to resolve their balance or set up a payment plan prior to re-enrollment.

A student on academic suspension may be considered for readmission through an academic appeals process. For additional details, contact advising@cornerstone.edu.

If more than three semesters have passed since the last date of attendance, readmit students will follow the university catalog which is current at the time of readmission. Readmit students enrolling in a major or minor not included in their original catalog will also follow the university catalog which is current at the time of readmission.