

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION HONORS INSTITUTE

The Creativity and Innovation Honors Institute is open to incoming freshman and transfer students with a GPA of 3.5 or above. Students seeking admission into the program must be accepted to Cornerstone and complete the CIHI application online. The Creativity and Innovation Honors Institute will award students, who complete the program, with a major (<https://catalog.cornerstone.edu/undergraduate/business-innovation/creativity-innovation-honors-major-second-major-only/>) in Creativity and Innovation.

The Institute is dedicated to preparing students to serve as highly qualified individuals in their field. Therefore, it is vital that students in the Honors Program establish high academic standards throughout their academic career.

Once a student has been admitted into the Honors Institute, a minimum GPA of 3.5 in their CIHI core courses must be maintained throughout the student's academic career. GPAs will be reviewed at the end of each semester to determine if a student is in good standing, on probation, or if they will be removed from the Institute.

Goal

Building lives that matter by preparing students with competencies needed to engage in an ever-changing world.

Approach

We believe *learning is a process that leads to change, which occurs as a result of experiences*¹. By using effective teaching strategies such as interdisciplinary problem solving, emerging documentation, context lectures, and problem-based learning, students will become lifelong learners, master adapters, and problem solvers who have developed empathetic and collaboration skills needed in today's marketplace. The Honors Institute uses the cohort model, allowing students to get to know each other better so that they may challenge and support each other's learning more effectively.

- **Great Books**
Founded in a life of virtue, students become life-long learners, fully engaged citizens and cultivate a heart that pursues the Good, the True and the Beautiful.
- **Interdisciplinary**
A good education teaches students to examine a subject from a variety of perspectives so that they become well-rounded people who have the ability to think well in any situation or discipline.
- **Creativity and Innovation**
Students will discover their vital role as creative cultivators who bear the image of God through talent development, practicing creative habits and using innovative processes.

¹ Ambrose, Susan. How Learning Works