



Bible College for Mission Training

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Welcome to Cornerstone



Welcome to Cornerstone, Centre for Intercultural Studies !

For over 33 years Cornerstone has been training people for cross cultural mission. Each year we see graduates moving out to various parts of the world. Others return home to fulfil the task of being God's representatives in their own country. Their desire is to bring the presence and message of Jesus to every nation, people and language. And that is what Cornerstone is all about. Our goal is to empower others to cross cultural boundaries and enable them to communicate the message of Jesus in a meaningful and relevant way.

So if you join us, your journey will take you into the world of mission. Cornerstone is not a Bible college in the traditional understanding of the term; it is a missionary training centre. In everything we do, we are focused on people in cultures where there is no thriving Christian church, places where people are in need. If that resonates with you, then Cornerstone could be the place for you.

When you come, it might not be easy. Most students find it a really tough challenge to study, live and work with people from many different countries. It is a challenge for singles to live with families on the campus and vice versa. It is a challenge when your roommate wants to get

up early and you like to go to bed late. You will discover big differences in styles of worship and prayer. You will be confronted with a wide variety of theological viewpoints.

The study assignments and the practical work take energy and perseverance. On top of that, everyone living on the campus, you, students and staff happen to be imperfect! And when you live this close together, you will know it!

But this challenging place might be just your way to prepare for going into mission. Please look at the information in this prospectus. It should give you some idea of what Cornerstone has to offer.

I hope that we will hear from you and we invite you to contact us if you have any questions.

Scot Fogle
Principal



Our mission statement :
Practical Bible-base mission
training across cultures

Statement of Faith

Cornerstone is a ministry of WEC International, an interdenominational mission organisation. Around the world more than 1900 people work with WEC. WEC workers and students at Cornerstone have many different church backgrounds. What unites us is our faith in Jesus Christ and our commitment to reach a lost world. The basis of our unity is expressed in our statement of faith. We believe in:

1

One God, creator and sustainer of all things, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2

The deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, his virgin birth and sinless life, his miracles, his atoning death on the cross for us, his bodily resurrection, his ascension to the right hand of the Father, his work as mediator, and his return in power and glory.

3

The ministry of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and empower for life and service.

4

The Holy Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy, and the ultimate authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

5

The sinfulness and guilt of all humanity since the fall, so that every person comes under God's judgement.

6

Redemption through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit as essential for salvation.

7

The justification of the sinner solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.

8

Resurrection of the dead: those who are in Christ resurrected to a life forever with God and those who are outside of Christ resurrected to final judgement.

9

The unity in Christ of all believers who make up the Church, his body, which is his witness throughout the world.

Study programmes

Cornerstone is an international English speaking Bible College for Mission Training in The Netherlands. Our passion is to prepare and train people to serve God in mission work.

As a student at Cornerstone, you will get the opportunity to learn from experienced staff and guest lecturers who have served as missionaries themselves.

We offer two full time, residential study programmes :

- + Certificate in Intercultural Studies
(one year 60 ECTS credits)
- + Diploma in Intercultural Studies
(two years 120 ECTS credits)

For all of these programmes, our aim is to fully prepare you for mission work by:

- + Stretching your thinking through the lectures, group projects and research work done at our mission focused library.
- + Shaping your spiritual life and character, through our mentoring program, chapel worship and practical work.
- + Sharpening your ministry skills, and the 3 and 6 weeks mission internships.





A firm foundation in the Bible and Mission

One year programme : Certificate in Intercultural Studies

The one year programme provides training for students who prepare for cross-cultural support ministries, short-term cross-cultural ministry and for those who for other reasons have limited time for training.

The course majors on biblical and theological subjects, but includes also missiological and communication courses to develop basic skills in sharing the gospel cross-culturally. Also included is a three week on-site cross-cultural mission experience.

Our teaching programme has been carefully constructed in consultation with mission agencies and missionaries. We believe it offers the essentials to prepare you for long term mission. If you study with us for one year, then please realise that you will enter our one year certificate programme. There is no option to mix first year and second year modules.

Two year programme : Diploma in Intercultural Studies

The Diploma in Intercultural Studies prepares missionary candidates for cross-cultural work in such ministries as church planting, church nurture, support and aid ministries, 'tent making' situations, etc.

The first year is the same as the certificate course; the second year focuses in more depth on missiology, intercultural studies and cross-cultural communication. Included in the second year is an internship of six week hands-on mission experience in a cross-cultural setting.

Programmes level/cycle – ECTE Certification Framework

EQF (QF-EHEA) QUALIFICATION	EQF 5-PARTIAL (SHORT CYCLE-PARTIAL)	EQF 5 (SHORT CYCLE)
Qualification nomenclature	Certificate in Intercultural Studies	Diploma in Intercultural Studies
ECTS credits	60	120
Duration	1 year	2 years

Short Courses :

Most courses in the Cornerstone fulltime residential curriculum are given in modular form, with modules of one or two weeks.

A number of courses on missiology, intercultural studies, other religion and biblical subjects are open to people from outside. This offers an excellent opportunity for specialized studies to those who do not have time or the need to follow a complete Bible college programme. Short courses are also a useful opportunity for additional studies or refresher courses for missionaries on furlough.

Please check our website or contact us for details on available short courses.

www.cornerstonecollege.eu/short-courses

A firm foundation in the Bible and Mission

We believe that mission is rooted in the Bible, therefore at Cornerstone the study of the Bible and Christian Theology form the foundation of our curriculum.

Our program also offers mission related subjects that help you to specialise for cross cultural ministry and personal development courses.

Our courses divide into the following areas of study :

- + Studying the Bible
- + Theology for Missions
- + Communicating the Gospel Interculturally
- + Personal Formation and Interpersonal Skills of the Cross-Cultural Worker
- + Cross-Cultural Ministry Experience
- + General Education & Course Evaluation.

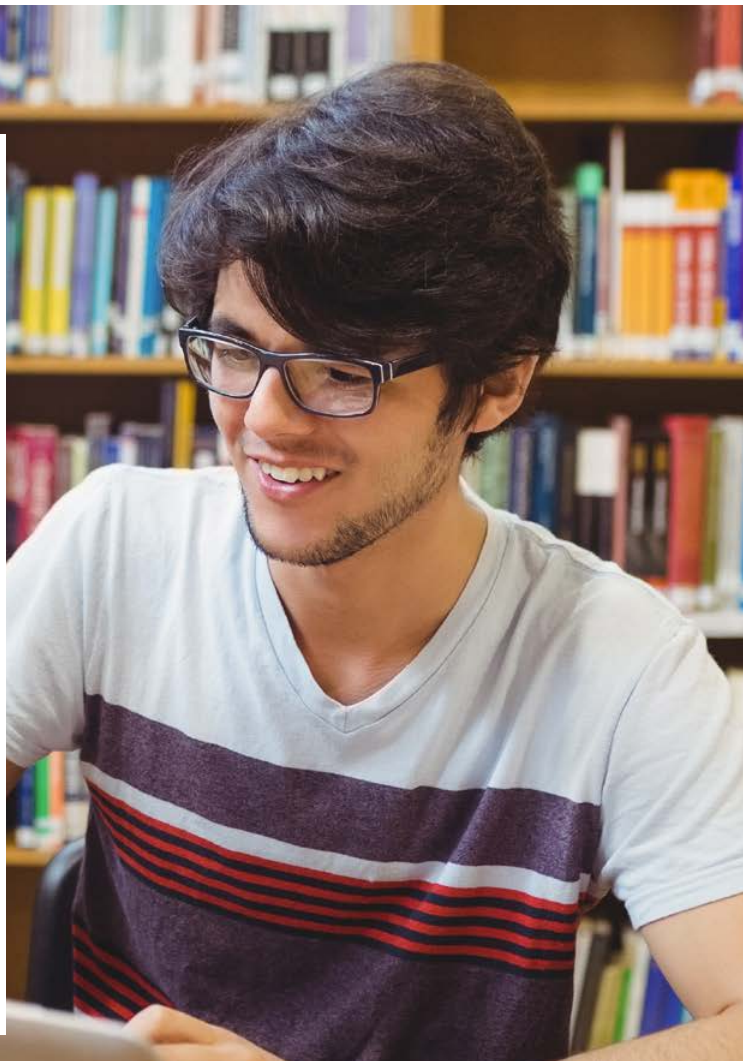
Credit system & requirements for achieving credits

Cornerstone is a member of and accredited by the European Council for Theological Education (ECTE – www.ecte.eu) – formerly EEAA. It uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

1 ECTS credit equals 28 (clock) hours of learning activities.

ECTS credits are allocated to all learning activities within the study programme, not just to the contact hours with the lecturer. This means that learning activities like private study, writing of assignments, ministry programmes, internships, mentoring programme, are also included in ECTS credit counting.

The course description gives the minimum requirements which have to be met to gain the credits for the course. This usually includes completing the main assignments with an overall grade of 50%, as well as attending the class contact hours.





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Prepare for cross-cultural work in an international community.

Cornerstone Study Programme

Explanation on ECTS on page 6.

Each year the programme may have slight changes, the one presented here is from 2021-22. If you wish to know if a course will be offered in the coming academic year, please contact us:

info@cornerstonecollege.eu

Studying the Bible

Year	Code	Subject	ECTS credits	
Year 1	BIB 103	Biblical Hermeneutics		
		BIB 103/1	Introduction to Hermeneutics	1.50
		BIB 103/2	Introduction to Exegetical Studies	1.50
	BIB 106	Old Testament Overview	6.00	
	BIB 117	New Testament Overview	5.00	
Year 2	BIB 206	OT Exegetical Studies		
		BIB 206/1	Genesis 1-11	2.50
		BIB 206/2	Psalms	2.50
		BIB 206/3	Job	1.25
	BIB 234	NT Exegetical Studies		
		BIB 205/1	John	1.33
		BIB 205/2	Romans	1.33
	BIB 205/3	Hebrews	1.33	
	BIB 205/4	Revelation	1.25	
Total			25.5	

Communicating the Gospel Interculturally

Year	Code	Subject	ECTS credits	
Year 1+2	COM 105	World Religions		
		COM 105/1	Islam I	1.25
		COM 105/2	Roman Catholicism & Orthodoxy*	1.25
		COM 105/3	Hinduism*	1.25
		COM 105/4	Buddhism*	1.25
		COM 105/5	Islam II*	1.25
	COM 105/6	Project on chosen worldview*	1.25	
	COM 181	Orality	1.25	
	COM 141	Children in Crisis*	1.25	
	COM 151	Orality 2*	1.25	
Year 1	COM 107	Gospel Communication		
		COM 107/1	How to communicate the Gospel (incl. Intro to Evangelism, Discipleship, Intercultural Communication)	3.00
		COM 107/2	Creative Evangelism	1.00
		COM 107/3	Preaching 1	1.50
		COM 171	Cultural Awareness 1	2.50
		COM 161	Miss. Speaker Log & Interviews 1	2.00
	COM 191	Ministering to Migrants & Refugees	1.00	
Year 2	COM 221	Discipleship 2		
		COM 203	Preaching 2	1.50
		COM 234	Cultural Anthropology	2.50
		COM 205	Church Planting	4.50
		Incl. Ecclesiology, Intro to CP, Dependency		
		COM 251	Development Issues	1.00
	COM 271	Cultural Awareness 2	2.50	
	COM 281	Miss. Speaker Log & Interviews 2	1.00	

TOTAL OF CREDITS : 120

MINIMUM OF CREDITS FOR (ECTE) CERTIFICATE IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES : 60

MINIMUM OF CREDITS FOR (ECTE) DIPLOMA IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES : 120



Year	Code	Subject	ECTS credits
Year 1	THE 103	Introduction to Missiology	
		THE 103/1 Biblical Theology of Mission	1.25
		THE 103/2 Contemporary Issues in Missions	1.25
	THE 106	Introductory Theology	
		THE 107/1 God and the Bible	1.50
		THE 107/2 Creation, Humanity and the Fall	1.50
		THE 107/3 Jesus & the Meaning of the Cross	1.50
		THE 107/4 Holy Spirit	0.75
		THE 107/5 Salvation & the Final Judgement	1.50
Year 2	THE 121	Ministry of the Holy Spirit	1.00
	THE 262	Contemporary Theologies of Missions	1.50
	THE 233	History of Missions	2.50
	THE 252	Biblical Ethics across Cultures	2.25
		Total	16.5
		Total	28.5

Cross-Cultural Ministry Experience

Year	Code	Subject	ECTS credits
Year 1	MIN 102	Local Ministries 1	2.50
	MIN 118	Team Placement (3 weeks)	8.00
Year 2	MIN 202	Local Ministries 2	2.00
	MIN 211	Internship (6 weeks)	12.00
	MIN 213	Coping with Cross-Cultural Ministry	1.50
		Total	26

Personal Formation and Interpersonal Skills of the Cross-Cultural Worker

Year	Code	Subject	ECTS credits
Year 1	PFI 103	Personal & Group Mentoring 1	3.00
	PFI 111	Marriage & Singleness in Missions	1.00
	PFI 112	Reflection on Spiritual Practice 1	1.00
	PFI 122	Interpersonal Relationships	2.00
	PFI 134	Intercultural Teamwork	
		PFI 134/1 Introduction to Teamwork	1.50
		PFI 134/2 Teamwork and Conflict Management	1.50
Year 2	PFI 203	Personal & Group Mentoring 2	3.00
	PFI 211	Reflection on Spiritual Practice 2	1.00
	PFI 242	Leadership	1.50
	PFI 231	Emotional health issues	1.50
		Total	17.0

General Education & Course Evaluation

Year	Code	Subject	ECTS credits
Year 1	GEN 111	Extra Curricular Ministry (optional)	[upto 2.00]
	GEN 121	Study Reflection & Interviews	1.00
Year 2	GEN 205	Integrated Research Paper & Presentation	5.00
	GEN 211	Language Acquisition	1.00
	GEN 231	Mission Skills	0.50
	GEN 221	Study Reflection & Interviews	0.50
		Total (excl. options)	8.0



Weekly timetable

* Staff meeting

TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
7.15 - 7.40	Breakfast				
8.30 - 9.00	Chapel		Chapel		College Prayer
9.05 - 9.50			Class		Self-study
9.55 - 10.40			Class		
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee Break				
11.00 - 11.45			Class		Self-study
11.50 - 12.35			Class		
12.40 - 13.10	Lunch				
14.30 - 15.45	PRAC				Care groups
15.45 - 16.00	Coffee Break				
16.00 - 17.30	PRAC				
18.00 - 18.30	Dinner				
20.00 - 21.00	Missionary Speaker				



Studying

In addition to classroom hours, students are expected to spend 16 hours per week studying.



College duties

Students spend one hour per day on college duties – times vary.



Local Ministries

Local ministries happen in different times during the week. 3 hours per week.



Accreditation & Quality assurance

ECTE accreditation

Cornerstone is registered as an institution for Higher Education (www.internationalstudy.nl), but a Certificate or Diploma of Higher Education, do not have a legal status within the Dutch education system. This means that no Dutch student grants are provided and your Cornerstone qualification does not guarantee entry into further study programmes in The Netherlands.

However, our Certificate and Diploma programme are accredited and recognized by the European Council for Theological Education (ECTE – www.ecte.eu) – formerly EEAA. This means that Cornerstone complies with all the quality requirements of the ECTE. Every year the ECTE demands a written report on our study programme, facilities, staff qualifications, etc. Every five years, Cornerstone is inspected by a visiting team from the ECTE. This continuous evaluation ensures a quality control system which demands high educational standards and results in a programme which provides our students with skills necessary for the cross cultural work they are expected to be involved in after their studies.

Code of conduct

Cornerstone also complies with the Code of Conduct International Student in Higher Education, to which all Dutch Universities and other Institutions of Higher Education have subscribed. This code of conduct focuses on ensuring that students are informed timely, appropriately and fully on issues like finance, accreditation, application procedures etc.

www.internationalstudy.nl



Closely linked with missions

Besides the quality control of the ECTE, Cornerstone also complies with the demands of the mission organisation WEC, of which Cornerstone is part. We also receive inspection visits from WEC, who insists that the whole study experience continues to prepare students for the world of hands on cross cultural mission work.

Our training programme also has a good reputation with many other mission agencies. Our graduates have joined organisations such as: Wycliffe, OM, People International, AIM, ECM, Liebenzeller Mission, DMG, Frontiers, OMF, Interserve and others.

Internal evaluation

Also internally we keep an eye on the quality of our programme. Students evaluate every course and our academic dean discusses these evaluations with the lecturer. Lecturers also observe each other's classes and give peer to peer feedback. With the input from all these different angles, we continuously evaluate the content and quality of our study programme and adjust and develop our curriculum. The fact that a wide range of mission organisations accept the Cornerstone study programme as a good preparation for their new candidates indicates that we continue to reach our aim of preparing our students for cross cultural mission work.

Possibilities for further studies

It is important to point out that a Certificate and Diploma of Higher education do not have a legal status within the Dutch Education system. This means that our qualifications do not give a guaranteed entry into other study programmes in The Netherlands. However, the Cornerstone study programmes (certificate and diploma) do offer possibilities for further studies.

Both our certificate and our diploma are accredited by the ECTE, which follows the guidelines of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS); 1 ECTS credit in the Netherlands, and thus at Cornerstone, equals 28 (clock) hours of learning activities.

It is our experience that students who pursue further education elsewhere are able to bring part of their 'Cornerstone credits' into the study programme. The level of acceptance depends on the level and the content of the course. So it is possible to approach a college and present your Cornerstone credits to see how they can be incorporated into your new study programme.

Several colleges which offer specialised mission related studies, have examined the Cornerstone programme and offer Cornerstone graduates options for further studies. Contact us at info@cornerstonecollege.eu regarding further studies options.



Cornerstone Staff

Cornerstone is run by a dedicated staff of WEC mission workers who feel called to the ministry of training people to be representatives of Christ in cross cultural mission work. Though all are

well qualified for their specific jobs, staff members do not receive a salary but are supported by their churches and support groups. Because of this, college fees can be kept to a minimum.

The college is led by a leadership team: Scot Fogle (Principal), Tiago Fonseca (Academic Dean) and Arjan de Waaij. The staff and leadership team are accountable to the Cornerstone Board.



Scot Fogle

(MA) trained in environmental science and worked in biology / chemistry in the USA before coming to faith in Christ at 26. He then went to serve a mission in Haiti where he met and married Lydie. He did an M.A. in Intercultural Studies at Western Seminary. Scot and Lydie joined WEC International in 2001 and went to work in France. Scot did outreach amongst immigrants and international students, and he helped plant a church. He was then asked into leadership of the outreach branch of WEC in France and then for the sending base until the end of 2018.



Tiago Fonseca

(BA, BTh, PGCert, MA) is Brazilian. He has over 15 years professional experience in Marketing and Promotions, both in secular and Christian circles. He has completed missions training at Cornerstone, served with WEC in Senegal and worked as the Communications Director and Young Adults Pastor of Quinta Igreja, a large Presbyterian church in Brazil. Tiago teaches Bible courses and Intercultural Communication. He currently serves as Academic Dean and head of Public Relations.



Arjan de Waaij

has a background in Mechanical Engineering. In 2006 he coordinated the building of a primary school in Zambia. From 2008-2010 he studied at Cornerstone and together with his wife and kids he spent five years in Burkina Faso and Mali. He was involved in church-planting and he set up a community center with a recording studio for radio programs. He joined Cornerstone staff in 2017 and is involved in teaching and in maintenance. He enjoys windsurfing and making music.



Wolfgang Tiedeck

(MTh equivalent) studied theology in Basel, Tübingen and Wuppertal and was ordained as pastor of the Protestant Church of the Rhineland. In 1991 he joined WEC and went to the north of Ghana. His emphasis was on theological training of lay leaders (TEE.). He also advised on the dependency problem between mission and church, which is now one of the missiology subjects he teaches at Cornerstone. He is also responsible for the library.



Lydie Fogle

trained as a nurse in France and later as a midwife in Switzerland. She did exchange service in the USA with the Mennonites. She also studied Spanish in Spain and helped out in a Christian drug rehabilitation ministry. She then served in Haiti with SEL. She completed a certificate program at Western Seminary, and then joined WEC International with Scot. She has worked primarily as a nurse in a poor urban neighborhood over the last 17 years, and just retired this past year. She will serve in support roles as needed at Cornerstone.



Lizzie Fonseca

(BA) is from the UK. She worked for many years with International Students in the UK both professionally, in her work for a large British University and in ministry, with various teams reaching out to internationals living in Birmingham. She completed her CELTA (TEFL) training in Spain and has lived and taught in Poland and Brazil. She is married to Tiago and mum to two very active kids! Lizzie is currently responsible for student admissions.



Roos de Waaij

(BA, MA Missiology) and her husband Arjan served in Zambia for a year before starting their studies at Cornerstone. After completing these studies in 2010, Roos, Arjan and their four children spent five years in Burkina Faso and Mali, where Roos worked with prisoners, refugees and taught Bible classes in local churches. For three years she home-schooled her children. She joined staff at Cornerstone in the summer of 2017 and is involved in teaching and organizing events. She enjoys all sorts of creativity, gardening, cooking and art.



Jens Auer

(BA equiv.) After having worked in forestry for six years he and his family lived in Senegal/ Westafrica for 12 years before coming to Cornerstone as staff members in 2018. From 2001-2003 he and his wife had been students at Cornerstone themselves and have benefitted from the training tremendously. In Senegal Jens and Conni were dorm parents and later on directors of Bourofaye Christian School, an international school for children of missionaries. At Cornerstone Jens is a teacher, a mentor, a care group leader, a maintenance guy and someone to enjoy a good BBQ and a motor bike trip with.



Conni Auer

(BA equiv. Primary Ed) developed a special love for missionary families and their specific needs while being dorm mum and director of Bourofaye Christian School in Senegal. She is passionate about seeing personal and spiritual growth in young and also not so young people. To continue working in an international setting is something she and her husband Jens love about Cornerstone – with all its beauty and challenges. Conni is responsible for the students' local ministries, she is a teacher, mentor, care group leader and loves participating and leading prayer & worship. At home their three young adult sons are spicing up their lives.



Michael Eijgenraam

Michael (BA, MA, PGCE) gained his academic qualifications in the UK at London School of Theology and the Institute of Education at London University (now UCL). He was an RE teacher and head of RE in a secondary school in the UK and taught BA level courses in the Netherlands at Azusa Hogeschool and Windesheim. He and his wife Belinda joined Cornerstone staff in 2004. Having worked in many different roles, he now has gone back to his passion: encouraging others to discover, explore and dive into the texts of the Bible. Since 2021 also invests time for De Bijbel in Beweging; an energetic way of teaching Bible stories to children of primary school age.



Birte Papenhausen

Birte (BA, MA) was born in Germany and always wanted to become an actress. After performing two years at a Playhouse in Frankfurt she decided to add a social aspect to drama and studied drama therapy in the Netherlands. There God called her into mission so she attended Bible school in Canada and then worked in Mongolia from 2001-2012. Living among nomads in an oral culture forced her to rethink communication in mission. She is now specialised in Orality and also works as a drama theologian.



Ania Adamkiewicz

(MSE) is Polish and worked in missions in many summer camps in Croatia. She loved serving at her Polish church in the area of discipleship and cooperating with missionaries. After finishing Technical University she worked in a few big production companies for about 15 years and always enjoyed the process of production. She graduated from Cornerstone in 2022. During her studies at Cornerstone, God gave her a calling for equipping those interested in missions to go where God calls them. She joined the staff serving with her gifts in various ways.



Johannes Böker

(MTH equivalent) trained as a motor mechanic and studied theology in both Tübingen, Germany and Adelaide, South Australia. He then worked as a pastor with the German Protestant Church, before joining WEC in 1993. Johannes worked at a bible school in Guinea-Bissau as a teacher and helping on their maintenance team. On return, Johannes joined Cornerstone and served as a staff member. For 10 years Johannes served in WEC Germany as head of public relations and also on their leadership team. Since 2023 Johannes is again part of the Cornerstone staff team. He loves preaching, teaching, mobilising and working on his old car.

Join our staff and volunteers !

Cornerstone is a work of faith and dedicated to serve the Lord in missions by preparing young people for missionary service. Do you share our vision? Do you want to be involved in a strategic ministry for missions? Are you interested in joining us as a staff member, a volunteer for long or short term, or a supporter in some other way?



Guest Lecturers at Cornerstone

We have the privilege of welcoming several guest lecturers each year who share their mission experience and expertise with us and our students. To give an impression, a short introduction of some of our regular guest lecturers.

BIRGIT HERPPICH – GERMANY (PHD, MA ICS)

Birgit studied Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in the USA. She now works at Fuller as Affiliate Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies teaching Missiology classes.

Since 1992, Birgit has been a missionary with WEC International. Between 1993-2001 she worked in Ghana, predominantly training leaders and organising the children's ministry with the Evangelical Church. Since 2015 Birgit is the International Membership Department Coordinator in WEC, guiding and supporting leaders in over 20 countries in their task of preparing new missionaries joining WEC. At Cornerstone, she teaches leadership.

UWE HUTTER, GERMANY (TH.M, D.DIV.)

Uwe Hutter studied Theology at STH, Basel, Switzerland from 1978-1983. He worked 2 years for the Geneva Bible Societies translating parts of the NT from Greek to German. Since 1986 he is a missionary with WEC International in Spain working with three church planting projects in and around Madrid. From 1993 to 2015 he was a professor at SEFOVAN Bible Institute in Madrid, teaching OT, Hebrew (modern and old), Angelology, Christology and Contemporary Theology. Now he is professor at the FTCCR (Facultad Teológica Cristiana Reformada) in Madrid and Las Palmas. Uwe is also Director of the Department of Theology at Instituto Bíblico Online, Miami (Florida, USA) and member of the theological committee of the European Evangelical Alliance.

COLIN BEARUP, UK (MA, BA)

Colin is currently engaged in part-time doctoral research into contemporary Sufi Islam in the West. Colin worked briefly in France and Sudan with OM in the 1980s. For thirty years, he worked with WEC in Chad involved in outreach, disciple-making and Bible translation. Still with WEC, but located in the UK, he is working amongst Muslims and teaching others to do so. He is the author of five books on the topic of outreach to Muslims. He is married to Jean and they have three children and three grandchildren.

J.G, GERMANY (M.TH.)

J. studied theology in Basel (STH) and after a short pastorate in Switzerland continued training at All Nations Christians College (Postgraduate Diploma in Mission). J. was involved in Bible translation (NT, AT) until 2019 and contributed to media related projects. As branch leader for a few years and for Bible translation he often travelled to the Middle East. Now Area Directors for the Middle East and North Africa, he and his wife regularly visit teams across this region. At Cornerstone, he teaches the 'History of Mission'.

HEIKE TIEDECK, GERMANY (MA ICS)

Heike has lived in France and England, and travelled in the Philippines and Egypt. She married Wolfgang (Cornerstone staff member) in 1995 and they served together in Ghana developing the TEE ministry, as well as serving as field treasurer and health advisor. Their son Dominik was born in 1997. At Cornerstone Heike teaches in the area of Intercultural Studies.

MICHAEL HALLER, SWITZERLAND (MTH)

Michael studied Theology at STH Basel, Switzerland, continued with Arabic and Islamic studies at the University of Zurich, Switzerland and at an Arabic language school in Amman, Jordan (certificate). He also undertook doctoral studies at ETF Leuven, Belgium. Michael lectures in World religions and Missions at IGW International, ISTL International and SBT Beatenberg, Switzerland. Having grown up in Cameroon he served as pastor of an international church in the Middle East for seven years and now fills various teaching and leading roles with WEC International. He is married and lives with his wife and three children in Switzerland.

RON PERSCHKY, UK (MA MISSIOLOGY)

Ron studied at Fuller, USA, his passion for mission began with Operation Mobilisation in 1961. Ron and Margery prepared for Mission at Birmingham Bible College. In 1972 they joined WEC Thailand and became involved in church planting and leadership training for 18 years, before moving to Singapore to recruit and train Asian Missionaries. Ron later became WEC Regional director for East Asia and Southeast. Asia, for a total of 25 years interspersed with four years as Principal of the Missionary Training College in Australia. Ron has



taught Leadership studies, Cultural Anthropology, Buddhism, Evangelism, Church Planting and Theology of the Holy Spirit. At present Ron and Margery work with international university students in the UK.

LAURENS, NETHERLANDS (BA EQUIVALENT)

Laurens completed three years of Cornerstone training in 1994 and has obtained teaching certification. He then served with his wife in the Middle East from 1996 – 2010.. Since 2010, he has been ministering to Muslim migrants in Europe in various capacities. Since 2020, he is the director of Training for Al Massira International. In 2021, he graduated as a psychosocial therapist and now offers help in Dutch and Arabic. His passion is to see many Muslims come to faith and he has written the book “‘Rejected’ and Loved-from Ishmael to Hope for the Middle East”.

ALEX VAN NES, NETHERLANDS

Graduated Bible College with a specialization in Missions. Together with his wife and three sons, they served with the Belgian Evangelical Mission (BEM, Brussels) as full time missionaries doing church planting and evangelism. They were also responsible for one of the evangelical bookstores of the BEM for 7 years. After finishing with BEM, Alex joined Evangelism Explosion International and became responsible for a training course in personal evangelism in the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. Currently, Alex serves on a daily basis as an independent street evangelist on the university campuses of Leuven, Maastricht and Antwerp, training others in this field as well. He is officially retired since 2021, but continues to come to Cornerstone and inspire students in sharing his evangelism experiences.

Campus Accommodation & Facilities



YOUR ROOM

We provide accommodation for our full time students during term time. In holiday times you can request to continue to make use of your room, but you will need to pay for this separately. Cornerstone is situated in the buildings of a former convent and primary school building. Accommodation at Cornerstone, for families, couples or singles, can be described as comfortable, but not luxurious!

First year students will normally share a room and we try to team you up with someone from a different nationality. In the second year, single students would usually have a room on their own. Families will have an apartment of their own, which normally does not include private bathroom facilities.

There are different sections for single men, single ladies, couples and families. Each section has a shared living room/

kitchen area and bathroom block. Men and women are free to meet in communal public rooms, but should not spend time in private rooms of single students.

Pillows and bed linen are provided by the college, but you have to wash it yourself, together with your private washing. This can be done in our laundry facility. You are charged for each time you use the washing machines.

Please note that you cannot stay in campus accommodation after you have finished your studies at Cornerstone. You will need to make arrangements well in advance, especially if you no longer have your own home to return to.



**Comfortable
but not luxurious !**



MEALS

During the week, breakfast, a hot meal lunch and a simple evening meal are provided in the communal dining room of the college. The food we provide aims to give everyone the basic necessities. We do not cater for special diets.

Families are provided with supplies to allow for breakfast to be eaten in their own area. At the weekend, the central kitchen is closed. You are provided with food to make your own breakfast and evening meal. Frozen meals are also provided for you to heat up.

In holidays, breaks and during your mission internships, no meals are provided.



BICYCLES & CARS

Cornerstone can be reached by public transport, but the bus service from the train station is not frequent. Many students bring or buy their own bikes, but college also provides several bikes for a small charge per day.

Cornerstone also has three cars. If you want to make use of these, you will have to have a valid driving license and you will also have to pass the 'Cornerstone driving test'. Private use of the college cars is charged per kilometre. Non-EU/EFTA licenses are normally only valid for 6 months in The Netherlands. Having an international driving license does not change this

Check for up to date information: <http://www.rdw.nl/nl/particulier/internationalvisitor/drivinglicence>



LAUNDRY FACILITIES

The college has a central laundry room, with several washing machines, dryers and space to hang out your clothes to dry. You are charged for each time you use the machines. You have to wash your own private laundry and also the bed linen you use at Cornerstone.



INTERNET & COMPUTERS

Every student room at Cornerstone has an internet connection socket for a broadband internet connection. Usage of this internet connection is included in the fees.

Most students bring their own laptop to Cornerstone and in the college we have a wireless LAN connection. For those who do not have a private computer, several computers are available in our library, which also includes network printing facilities.

RECREATION & SPORTS

The college campus has many opportunities for you to play sports and to relax. Outside on the lawns at the back of the College there is space to play football and volleyball. Indoors, we have a TV lounge with an indoor football game, a pool & darts room with a table tennis table, and a gym. In the gym room you can find fitness materials like indoor bikes and weights equipment.

In Beugen and surrounding towns, you can find opportunity for: swimming, horse riding, football (soccer), tennis, volleyball, basketball, etc.



Families & Children

FAMILY LIFE

We warmly invite families to come and study at Cornerstone. Many families with children have studied with us and have appreciated the facilities that are available. You will have an apartment of your own, but in most cases this does not include private bathroom facilities.

Living in a community brings challenges both for families and those without children. It is good to realise that as a family it will take some time to adapt to the Cornerstone rhythm of life. Your time at Cornerstone can be a very enriching experience for your children and will present the opportunity to prepare for cross-cultural mission work, as a family.



Adapted study programme

As a college we are committed to preparing the whole family for the challenges of mission work. We provide childcare to enable both parents to take part in all aspects of our training programme: academic courses, ministry, mentoring, etc. But we are aware that parents with small children may find it difficult to take part in the full training programme. Therefore, we offer the possibility of a special "Parents' Programme".

Normally this Parents' Programme means that one parent does the full programme and the other does at least 50% of all the courses. If this is done for a period of two years, one parent will gain a diploma and the other a certificate.

We stress that aiming to attain less than 50% of the credits is normally not an option for any of our students. To comply with Dutch visa regulations, parents from non-European countries are not allowed to do less than half the required study programme (i.e. attain 30 ECTS in one school-year). And because of our commitment of training the whole family for mission work, we as a college have the same expectation for EU students. If you would like to discuss the options for a Parents' Programme, please indicate this in the application process, so we can put you in touch with our Academic Dean.

Because staff is not paid a salary, the fees mainly cover the cost for accommodation, food and study facilities. This means that we cannot give a discount for parents who decide not to take part in the full training programme.



Child care facilities

Cornerstone offers childcare facilities for parents who are taking part in the study programme.

Child care is offered for children between 1 – 4 years old, at the following times on the right.

The children are looked after by volunteers who are supervised by a staff member. The children are looked after in the Cornerstone Child Care Centre and will be offered a daily programme, play, singing, crafts and outdoor play time. Beside the childcare centre, our indoor facilities include a play room with slide and climbing castle. Outdoors there is much space for children to run around and they can make use of our trampoline, a playhouse, and a playground with swings.

Normally, there is no child care for babies less than one year old. Children from the age of four go to the local primary school in Beugen, which is free of charge, except for a nominal fee of about 40 EUR per child per year.

Child care schedule		
Monday	09.00 – 12.40	14.30 – 15.45
Tuesday	09.00 – 12.40	
Wednesday	09.00 – 12.40	
Thursday	09.00 – 12.40	
Friday	09.00 – 12.40	14.30 – 16.00

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Primary School

The local primary school is located five minutes down the road. Though children of students only come for one or two years and some do not speak Dutch, the school always welcomes them and makes an effort to help them feel at home. Experience shows that especially young children pick up the language very quickly. The school caters for children from the age of four till twelve years old. Since this area of The Netherlands is traditionally a Roman Catholic area, the school has an RC background, though not very pronounced. They make every allowance for the different religious background of the Cornerstone children.

Secondary School

In the town of Boxmeer (15 min by bicycle) there are two schools offering all levels of secondary education: Elzendaal College & Metameer. The lessons are in Dutch.

Metameer also has a sister college in the village of Stevensbeek (45 min by bicycle). In this school it is possible for high level students to enter a dual language programme. In the first years 70% of all subjects are done in English. The other lessons and also the final school exams are done in Dutch. Students who enter this programme are expected to gain an International Baccalaureate - Primary school: www.onzebouwsteen.nl

Secondary schools: www.metameer.nl & www.elzendaalcollege.nl

To safeguard the well being of all children who live on and visit our campus, all staff, students and volunteers must submit a police clearance certificate and sign the Cornerstone Child Protection policy.

Pregnancy at Cornerstone

Over the years we have lovingly welcomed several 'Cornerstone babies' into our community. At the same time, it is also true that the arrival of a baby will have an effect on your studies and possibly also on your fellow students. If during your time at Cornerstone, your family is enlarged by the arrival of a baby, we ask you to keep the following in mind.

Child Care facilities are not available until your child reaches the age of one.

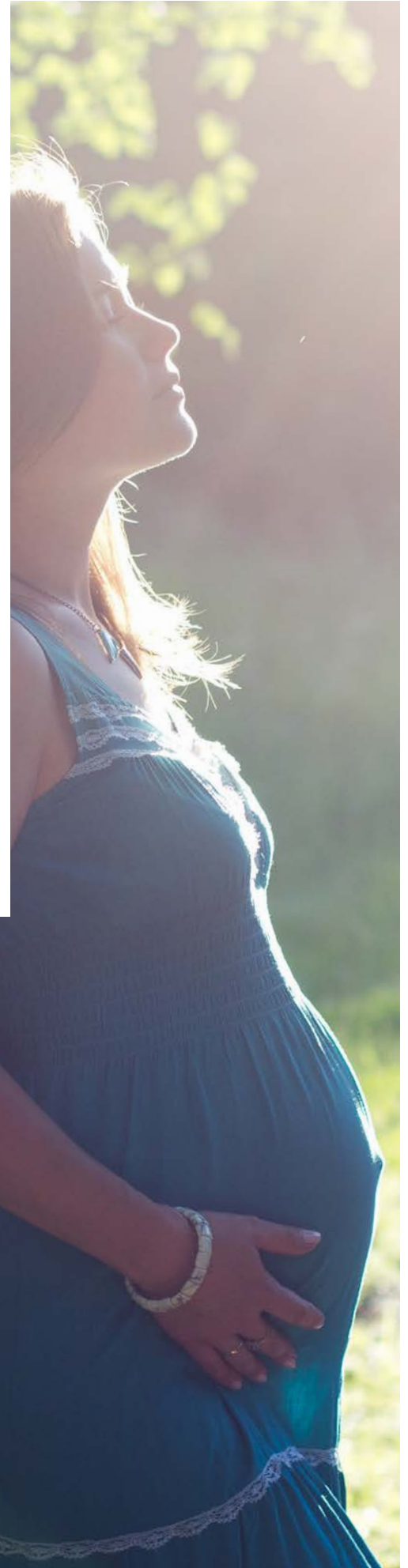
Home delivery is not possible at college, so you will need to leave Cornerstone for a period of time. This will be worked out in consultation, taking into consideration the particular situation you and the college are in.

All arrangements in relation to the birth (travel, finance, insurance, medical, etc) are the responsibility of the couple. There should be no expectations of staff or other students in relation to these practical matters.

We have accommodation for families of different 'sizes', but available spaces are limited. At the beginning of the year the accommodation is chosen to fit your particular situation, so we normally are unable to offer you alternative accommodation.

FINANCES

When you come to study and live at Cornerstone both parents pay the normal fees. To cover the cost of accommodation, food and other facilities, we also charge a yearly fee per child. For babies younger than one, the fee is minimal, for older children the fee is higher. Please check our full financial details for more information.



Bianca's Diary

(A typical day at Cornerstone for Roberto, Bianca and their three boys)



06.45	Woke up my four sleepy 'men' at the sound of the alarm clock.
07.15	We Italians usually like to take our time over food - but breakfast in our small apartment is always a speedy affair. Eat, drink and off we go into another day...
08.10	It's great to see Matteo's eagerness to cycle to the local village school. So amazing how the staff there welcome the Cornerstone kids and more amazing still how Matteo can now communicate in Dutch.
08.25	I grabbed Gabriel with one hand and Manuel with the other. We made our way through the corridors to the Child Care Centre. Such a blessing. I have peace that while I'm studying the children's needs are cared for. It's such a bright environment and the carers do a great job.
08.30 - 09.00	Worship in the chapel is always so varied. 'Hmm, Lord keep me listening to you - Life gets busy here, I need to keep you at the centre.'
09.00 - 10.40	Following all the lectures this week. Really interesting discussion on ethical issues today. Enjoyed the group work. It's been a hard job deciding which assignment to choose this week, they all look interesting topics.
10.40 - 11.00	What a buzz of excitement as students, staff and volunteers connect over coffee and tea. Gabriel and Matteo screamed with delight to see me - we hugged - but it was no problem to let go and go our separate ways again.
11.00 - 12.25	Felt a bit tired today in class because I visited the Refugee Centre yesterday. Still the interactive style of teaching helps keeps me alert.
12.30 - 13.00	Lunch time is often a challenge for us as we eat together in the general dining room. The children were tired, and Matteo's lunch time was limited as usual. I'm not complaining though - it's great for me not to have to cook the main meal of the day!
13.00 - 18.00	While Manuel rested today I reviewed my 15 minute sermon for Preaching Class. I've no experience in preaching but I appreciate the opportunity to practise at Cornerstone. Roberto and I are learning to balance family life and studies. Wondering what to do on Friday afternoon - I'm responsible for leading our Mentoring group.
18.00 till bedtime	Made some Italian pasta! Nice to eat as a small family unit in our own apartment. Now we have lighter evenings Roberto can supervise the children on the trampoline outside. Once we got the children into bed, Roberto made for the library. He studies better there. As for me, I got started on my reading assignment. It's a challenge in English but I'm making progress. Praise the Lord! It's a full programme throughout the week at Cornerstone. I can still hear the words of Monday evening missionary speaker, 'It's easy in the busyness to neglect your time with God.' So, at the end of another busy day Lord, help me to fit everything in - and not forget spending time with you.

Health insurance at Cornerstone

As a Cornerstone student you must have proper healthcare insurance. A travel insurance is not enough. Below we provide you with information and options, but YOU remain responsible

for getting the health care coverage that you need. Cornerstone does not accept any liability in this matter.

1) DUTCH STUDENTS

Dutch citizens who are part of the regular health insurance, continue that insurance during their time at Cornerstone. We need to have a copy of your insurance policy before we can accept you as a student.

Please note that Cornerstone requires you to take out a travel insurance for the 3 weeks mission trip in the first year and the 6 weeks internship in the second year. Before travelling out we will ask you to hand in a copy of the travel insurance policy.

2) EU/EAA & SWISS STUDENTS WITH EHIC

EU/EAA & Swiss nationality students may be able to continue to be covered by their health insurance at home. You need to check this yourself. You can then apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from your healthcare system at home.

Please note! Your EHIC card does not cover all medical costs and it is YOUR responsibility to check this carefully before coming to Cornerstone. Before being accepted as a student, we need to receive a copy of your EHIC.

You can also get an insurance in The Netherlands to top up your EHIC coverage. Check out:

IPS <https://studentsinsured.com/en>

AON www.aonstudentinsurance.com.

See also the following websites for information:

<https://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/insurance>
<https://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/insurance/healthcare-insurance>

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and the 6 weeks internship in the second year. This may be covered if you have taken out a AON or IPS top up insurance. Before travelling out, we will ask you to hand in a copy of the insurance policy that covers you for travelling.

3) NON-EU STUDENTS AND EU/EAA & SWISS STUDENTS WITHOUT AN EHIC

If you do not have EU/EAA or Swiss nationality or if you are, but cannot get an EHIC, we can arrange a student insurance for you with AON. It is not allowed to join the regular Dutch healthcare system.

AON does not cover any expenses you have due to an existing medical condition nor is there a decent coverage during pregnancy. If you want coverage for an existing medical condition or for pregnancy, we advise you to find out if you can take out insurance for this in your home country.

You will also have to arrange a travel insurance for travelling to The Netherlands.

AON student insurance through Cornerstone

Cornerstone can arrange a special student insurance with AON, for one year. It will start on the day before travelling to Cornerstone and will end 365 days later.

It costs around € 500 per adult / € 720 per child - for the whole year.

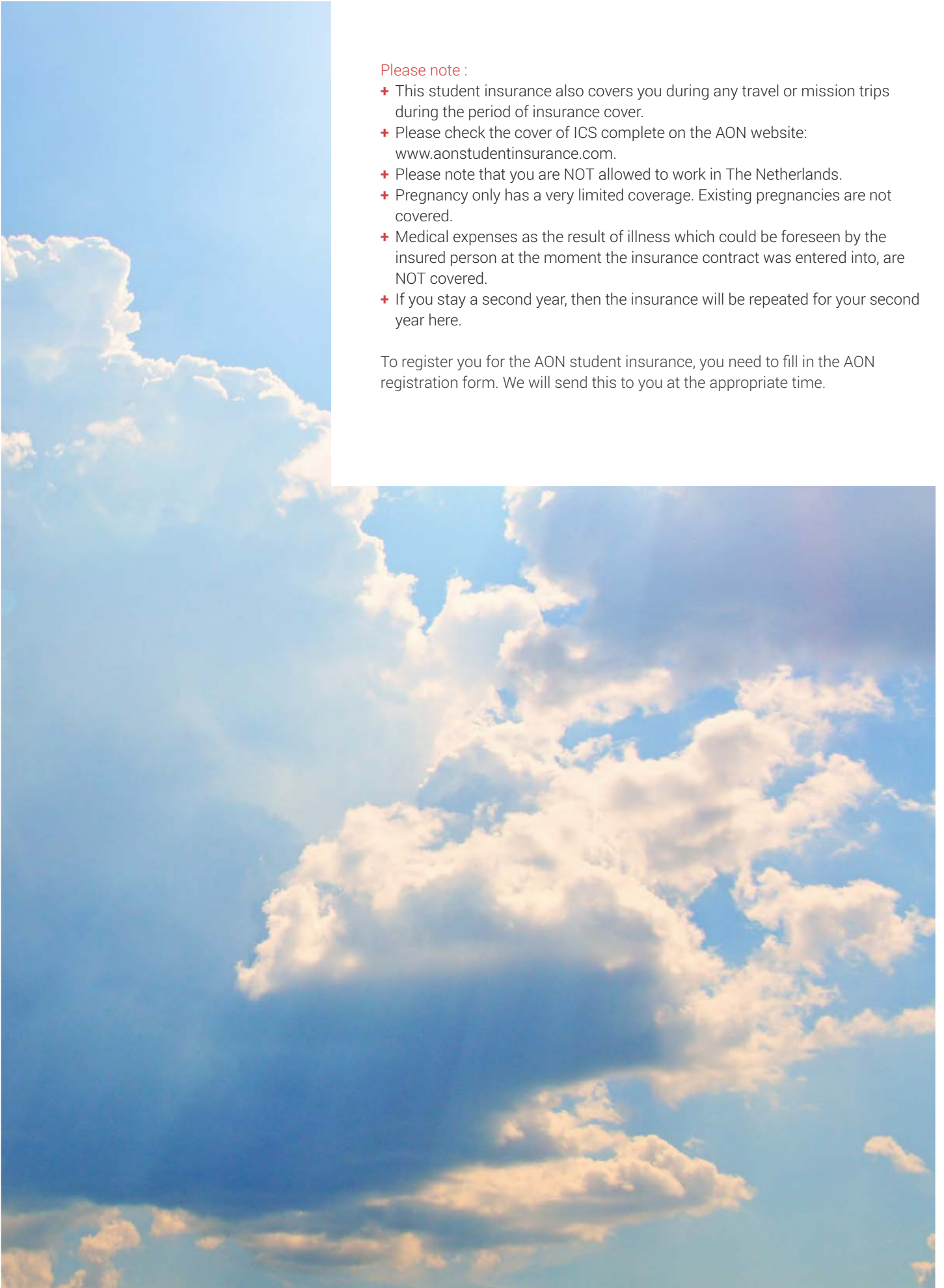
We will arrange this insurance for you. You can NOT do this directly at the site of AON.

We will deduct the cost for the insurance from your internal Cornerstone account.

Please note :

- + This student insurance also covers you during any travel or mission trips during the period of insurance cover.
- + Please check the cover of ICS complete on the AON website: www.aonstudentinsurance.com.
- + Please note that you are NOT allowed to work in The Netherlands.
- + Pregnancy only has a very limited coverage. Existing pregnancies are not covered.
- + Medical expenses as the result of illness which could be foreseen by the insured person at the moment the insurance contract was entered into, are NOT covered.
- + If you stay a second year, then the insurance will be repeated for your second year here.

To register you for the AON student insurance, you need to fill in the AON registration form. We will send this to you at the appropriate time.



Finances

Fees

The finances of Cornerstone are part of our journey of faith and trust in God. We are able to keep the fees at a low level, because we do not pay our staff. Just like most of our students, also our staff depends on God to supply their finances through the support they receive from their church, family and friends. The fees for 2025-2026 are:

Fees first years

Tuition	€ 3,580
Food & accommodation*	€ 3,410

Total: € 6,990

Fees second years

Tuition	€ 3,300
Food & accommodation*	€ 3,140

Total: € 6,440

Children of students per year (food & accommodation)

Children aged 0-1	€ 595
Child 1 year or older	€ 2,095

*Subject to change, check website up-to-date information

Fees cover

Tuition & use of study facilities, food and accommodation (including weekends), and travel expenses to weekly learning activities.

Fees do not cover

staying at Cornerstone during holiday breaks, and other additional costs like: books, laundry, telephone etc. Also the mission trips in the first year (3 weeks) and the second year (6 weeks) are not part of your fees. You will have to pay for all the cost relating to both of these mission trips.

Non-resident students

Because of intercultural training, students normally live on the campus. In exceptional circumstances it is possible to study as a non- resident student. Please contact us.

Debts & refunds

Transcripts, Diplomas or Certificates will be withheld unless all debts with the college have been paid. This does not apply to Cornerstone student loans. If a student leaves for any reason during a semester (half a year), the following will be refunded:

Up to and including the first 3 weeks :
65 % of a semester's fee
 Between 3 weeks – and 2 months:
35 % of a semester's fee
 After that : **no refund**



Bursaries

At Cornerstone we highly value the rich cultural mix of our college community. We are convinced that the best way to prepare for cross cultural work is to study, eat, work, and live with people of many different cultures. We hope that our bursaries will help to maintain this cultural mix. The awarding of a bursary is not guaranteed and depends on funds available. If you want to help us support our students financially, see our website information on donations.

Bursary 1 : First year holiday and visa bursary

Holiday residency (free stay during breaks, except summer)	€ 150
Visa cost (for you as a student, it does not cover children)	€ 240
Total value:	€ 390

Bursary 2 : Second year holiday bursary

Holiday residency (free stay during breaks, except summer)	€ 120
Visa cost (for you as a student, it does not cover children)	€ 150
Total value:	€ 270

Bursary 1 & 2 are available for students who do not hold an EU/EEA or Swiss passport. You can apply for this bursary with your application.

Bursary 3 : Eastern European Bursary

The board of Cornerstone has created an Eastern European Fund. Over the years we have received donations for this fund and we have been able to support applicants from Eastern Europe. The bursary covers half of your fees (for the first year of your studies only). If you have an Eastern European passport and are resident in Eastern Europe, you can apply for this bursary with your application.

Non-EU students

Students from outside the EU are required by the Dutch government to transfer more money than what we as college charge you. The total amount they require for you to transfer is as follows:

Cost of living (fixed amount set by Dutch government)	€ 11,125
Tuition fee Cornerstone	€ 3,515
Total:	€ 14,640

This means that as a non-EU student you need to transfer this total amount to the Cornerstone bank account before you can be fully accepted as a student. When you arrive at Cornerstone, this is what we will do with your money

Total amount transferred to Cornerstone	€ 14,640
Tuition fee Cornerstone	€ -3,515
Food & accommodation for 1 year at Cornerstone (excl. holidays)	€ -3,345
TB test in The Netherlands	€ -50
AON student insurance for one year	€ -500
Left over:	€ 7,230

The amount that is left over will be available to you. We will require you to open a bank account in The Netherlands and will transfer the left over money to that account for all your other expenses.

Please take note of those other expenses (see also additional cost page):

- + Cost of staying at Cornerstone during holidays
- + Three weeks mission trip (1st year)
- + Books (for example 100 EUR)
- + Laundry cost
- + Travel costs
- + Other personal expenses (staying during holidays, 3 weeks mission trip, books, personal expenses, etc.)
- + Return travel to home country

If you stay a second year, please note that the fees for the second year are increased each year and will be slightly more than the second year fees mentioned above. In the second year you will also go on a six weeks internship, which you will have to pay for. That trip is not covered by the second year fees.

Cornerstone offers some bursaries to which you can apply as part of your application procedure.

The costs on this page are for 2024-2025, they are subject to change - see latest information on Cornerstone's website.

Additional costs

2024-2025*

Guest student

Tuition (lessons) per day	€	31.00
First night stay (of a visit)	€	20.00
Night stay (following nights of the same visit)	€	10.00
Meals (breakfast, warm meal and a light evening meal) per day	€	9.00
Pick up from Boxmeer, Weeze or Goch		see below
Childcare centre cost per child, per day	€	3.00

For food & lodging of children: see visitors prices below

Other costs may incur for guest students - such as printing, laundry, hiring a bike, etc. Missionaries with low income may request for a special rate. In exceptional cases, children of visitors/guest students may attend the childcare centre. If permission is granted, a daily fee applies.

Students during breaks / Team Placement / Internship

Adult per night	€	7.00
Children 1-12	€	3.00
Children 0-1		free

The above costs are based on students helping out by doing a duty each day. If students stay more than 7 nights (within one break), then for the additional nights, a reduction of 50% will apply, for accommodation cost only. (Adults 3.50, and children 1.25 per night). Meals stay at the cost listed below:

Visitors

Per person per night	€	10.00
Set of college linen (compulsory)	€	10.00
Children 0-1		free
Children 1-12	€	5.00
Childcare centre cost per child, per day	€	3.00

missionaries & people on low income pay as students during breaks

Meals for visitors

Breakfast	€	2.00
Lunch (hot meal)	€	5.00
Evening Meal	€	2.00
Children 1-12		half price
Children 0-1		free

Visitors staying in the rooms of students pay the same prices. Following lessons for more than one day and transport costs. Please use the visitor's payment form.

Charges

Washing machine - per load	€	1.50
Tumble drier - per load	€	1.50
Car wash on College Property	€	1.50
College cars - cost per kilometre	€	0.33
College 7 seater - cost per kilometre	€	0.38

*EXTRA COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



Payment:

Once we have let you know that you are accepted as a student, we will send you an invoice specifying the money you need to transfer. You confirm your choice to come to Cornerstone by transferring 200 EUR towards your fees. This amount is non-refundable.

Non-EU: You need to transfer the rest of the required amount for your 1st year by: 15th June

EU: You need to transfer the rest of the total fees for the first year by: 15th August

Please transfer it to the bank account mentioned below, include in the description: Fees and your full name and invoice number.

BANK ACCOUNT

Bank: Rabobank

Name: St. WEC NL Cornerstone

City: Beugen

IBAN: NL16RABO0107109107

BIC: RABONL2U

Please note: Only transfer from your own bank account. Because of immigration, tax and charity regulations, we require you to transfer the fees from your own bank account, clearly registered in your own name.

Please note: No personal gifts. If your church, family or friends want to support you, they can NOT send money directly to Cornerstone. Any money sent by others intended for you or any other individual at Cornerstone will be returned to the giver, with deduction of any bank charges. For German students: you can contact WEC Germany to ask about possibilities for people to sponsor you through WEC Germany (www.wec-international.de).

If an individual trip is > 100 km, then 20% discount over total cost of the trip. For trips > 500 km, ask for special rates.

Bicycle hire - cost per day	€	1.00
Pick up from Goch station	€	15.00
Pick up from Weeze airport	€	20.00
Lost or mislaid library card	€	5.00
Key deposit – main keys	€	25.00
Key deposit – room	€	15.00
Cleaning fee – single & married couple	€	150.00
Cleaning fee – family	€	250.00

Prices for copies and supplies

Copy on white or coloured paper – single sided	€	0.10
Copy on card paper	€	0.15
Plastic rings for binding	€	0.30
Laminating sheet or OHP sheet	€	0.30
Colour laserprinter per page	€	0.30

Volunteer contributions

Volunteer full-time monthly	€	50.00
Volunteer part-time (working 50%)	€	100.00

Other Cost you ought to be aware of

Nominal fee primary school, per child per year

Health insurance (to be arranged before your arrival)

Cost for staying at Cornerstone during holidays

Books, laundry, travel, personal expenses, etc.

AND VISA COSTS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Admissions

Entry Requirements

Students from outside the EU are required by the Dutch government to transfer more money than what we as college charge you. The total amount they require you to transfer is as follows:

- + You are a committed Christian and can give testimony to your Christian faith and life.
- + You have been actively involved in a local church for at least one year.
- + Although there may be exceptions, we normally expect that your church supports your decision to go and study at Cornerstone.
- + You can accept Cornerstone's statement of faith.
- + You have decided to go into cross cultural mission work, or are seriously considering this.
- + You have the qualifications necessary to enter into Higher Education studies or you can give evidence that your life experiences have prepared you to cope with the intensive Cornerstone training programme.
- + You are at least 20 years old.
- + You can provide a police clearance certificate.

Level of English

- + Native English speakers & those educated in English. If you are a native English speaker or if you can show that your school education has been through the medium of the English language, there are no additional requirements.
- + Dutch nationals If you are Dutch you will be able to demonstrate your level of English during your interview at Cornerstone. During your visit you will also be required to sit an English test. Depending on the result, we will let you know whether you need further English study before coming.
- + All other nationalities. If you do not fall into the two categories described above, Dutch government regulations require that you send us a copy of an official certificate which shows that your English is at the IELTS level 6.0 or equivalent (see table below)*.

If you are unsure about any of the requirements, please contact us so that we can explain them to you. (*Some end of school exams are accepted as well. Contact us for details.)

English language requirement for international students:

Online tests taken at home are not accepted.

IELTS Academic and an overall band score	TOEFL iBT Traditional & Paper Edition (test to be taken in an examination centre)	TOEIC The threshold values must be achieved for both elements	Cambridge English grades & scale	LanguageCert Academic	Pearson PTE Academic
6.0	80	Listening & Reading: 865 Speaking and Writing: 335	First (FCE) - Grade B (scale 173 - 175) First (FCE) - Grade C (scale 169 - 172)	65	61

Application procedures

For 1st and 2nd Year programmes

Please note: If you are still studying for an English exam, we advise you to start the application procedure already before. The result of the English exam needs to be handed in by latest 15th June.

- + YOU complete your application form (including your personal Christian testimony and medical information) and send it to us, together with the following:
(In some cases, we will ask for a Medical Report from your doctor.)
Copy of your passport
A digital profile photo (similar to a passport photo) with a neutral background.
Copies of your qualifications
Copy of your English IELTS test or equivalent (latest by 15th June).
Non-refundable application fee of EUR 25.00 (transfer to our bank account).
- + WE contact your three referees, one of which needs to be the pastor of your church.
- + YOUR referees will fill in the reference forms online.
- + WE remind referees, if we have not yet received their reference.
- + WE contact you to arrange an interview – either at Cornerstone or in the case of overseas applications we will arrange an interview in your own country or by Zoom/Teams
- + WE as staff will read your papers and after prayer and discussion take a decision on your application. If you are still working on your English, we can accept you provisionally.
- + WE send you a confirmation of the result of your application and to non EU applicants we send information about the visa application
- + YOU send us a copy of your IELTS score (or equivalent) if you have not done so already
- + WE confirm the receipt of your English test score and your full acceptance
- + WE send you (for non EU) a form in which you agree that we will register you with the local authorities and that we will inform the immigration department of your study progress
- + WE send you a form regarding health insurance
- + YOU send us a confirmation that you accept your place as a student and transfer 200 Euro per adult towards your fees (within 4 weeks from your acceptance). This is non-refundable.
- + YOU send us (for non-EU) the signed agreement form regarding the local authorities & the immigration department
- + WE send you an invoice specifying the total amount still to be transferred
- + YOU EU and non EU students transfer the specified amount to our account (non EU latest by 15th June/ EU latest by 15th August)
- + YOU send us a copy of your police clearance certificate
- + YOU send us the filled in form regarding health insurance & the necessary copies
- + WE send you a confirmation of the arrival of your fees and a proof of admission as a student at Cornerstone

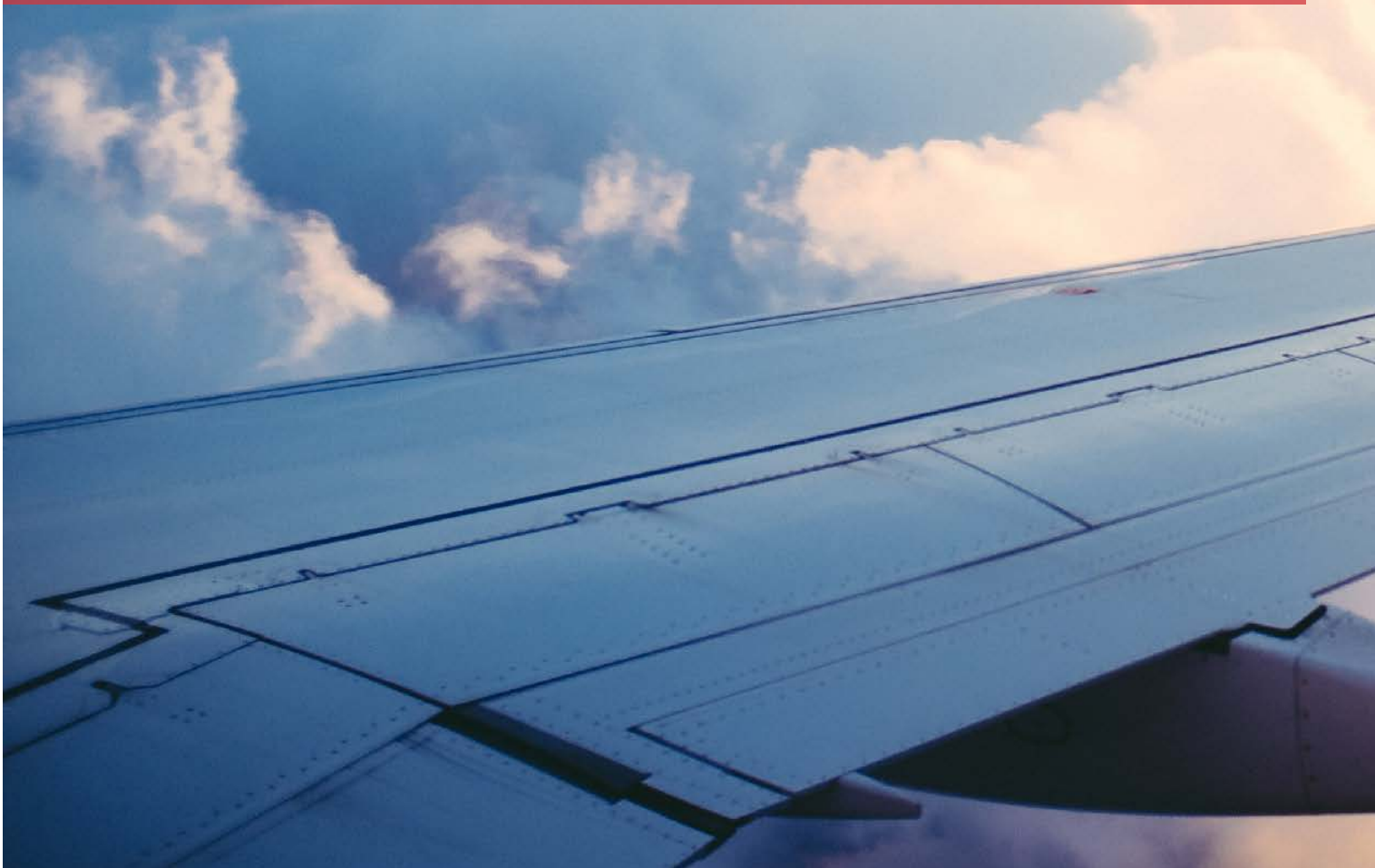
Visa application non-EU nationals

Visa applications for non EU nationals must always be initiated by Cornerstone. Please do not start any procedures of your own. The Dutch government regulations lead to the following requirements for the visa application:

- + An international birth certificate.
- + If applicable, a legalised copy of your marriage certificate.

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We believe that mission is rooted in the Bible, therefore at Cornerstone the study of the Bible and Christian Theology form the foundation of our curriculum.



- + You are expected to transfer 14,640 EUR to us before a visa is granted (this value is for 2024-2025 and is changed annually)
- + (see finance section for more detailed information)
- + A signed declaration that you agree that Cornerstone will:
 - register you with the local authorities and will deregister you as soon as you have completed or stopped your training at Cornerstone.
 - inform the immigration department of your study progress.

Please note: your visa is a student visa. If you are more than 50% behind or have stopped studying, we will inform the immigration department and your visa will be cancelled.

Once you are accepted as a student, we will send you all the information with an updated list of all the documents you need to send us.

Visa costs

We do not charge you for the administrative work that is done by us on your behalf, but we will charge you for the cost of the visa itself. You also pay the yearly renewal fee. If you lose your resident permit, you will also be charged. Visa costs change every year. Check our finance and additional cost information sheets.

Latest application date

We always seek to complete the application procedure as efficiently as possible. We recommend applications by:

Families: we advise you to apply as soon as possible as family accommodation is limited.

Non-EU applicants: end of March.

EU applicants: end of May.

Applications may be open after these dates depending on availability. of space.



Contact and travel information

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5835 BD Beugen
The Netherlands
+31 (0)485 369130

www.cornerstonecollege.eu
info@cornerstonecollege.eu



How to get to Cornerstone

Travelling by car from within the Netherlands

From the A50, take the A73 direction Venlo. Take the A77 direction Köln. Take the exit Boxmeer/Beugen. Turn right. Go straight on past two roundabouts. Then take the first turn to the left into Hagelkruisstraat. Our building is on the left hand side of the street, approx. 100 metres from the corner.

From Belgium

From the A67 (from Eindhoven), take the A73 direction Nijmegen. Take the A77 direction Köln. Take the exit Boxmeer/Beugen. Turn right. Follow the direction given above.

Travelling by train

Take a train to Boxmeer - 7 minutes drive from us. Try to get a taxi hopper. If not available, phone the college (0485 369130) and someone will pick you up.

By air

The airport Niederrhein near Weeze (NRN), is just across the German border, and offers cheap flights from many European destinations. It is only 20 km away from Cornerstone and you can ask to be picked up by car by us (you pay for the petrol). From Eindhoven airport (EIN) and from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) Cornerstone can be reached by train (see above)

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