

# **50 Years and Beyond**

Dean's Discussion Forum: New Institutional Crest

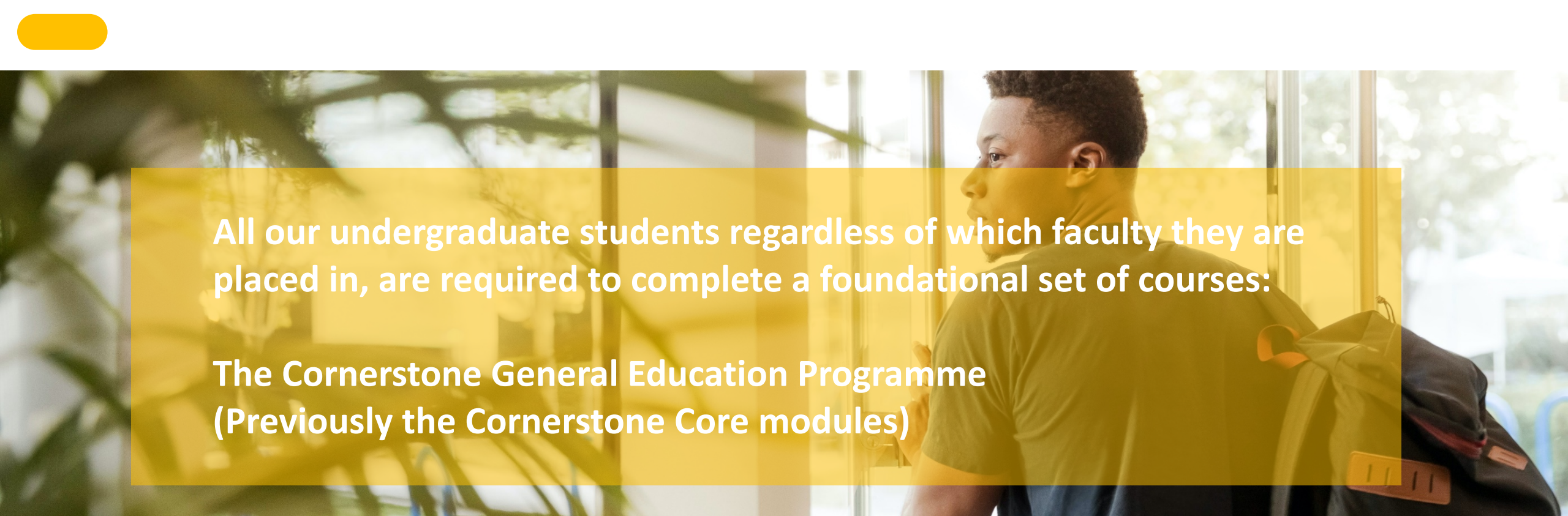
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# OUR VALUES

In service of our mission to grow ethical, dynamic leaders who act as responsible citizens in a global society.

- ✓ Inklusivity
- ✓ Excellence
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Unity
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Creativity



A young man with short dark hair, wearing a dark t-shirt, is seen from the side, looking out a large window. He has a backpack on his back. The background shows a blurred view of trees and a building. A semi-transparent yellow box is overlaid on the image, containing text.

All our undergraduate students regardless of which faculty they are placed in, are required to complete a foundational set of courses:

**The Cornerstone General Education Programme  
(Previously the Cornerstone Core modules)**

**Education**

**Psychology**

**Theology & Ethics**

**Sociology & Community  
Development**

**Leadership**

**Media Studies**

**Entrepreneurship**

**Business studies**

**Management**

# POINTS OF DEPARTURE



Cornerstone Institute was founded in 1970 on the Cape Flats at a time when prospective black theologians were excluded from attending universities – it is **deeply rooted in South African history** and local contexts.



As the Cape Evangelical Bible Institute (CEBI), we provided theological education for unqualified pastors, during Apartheid teaching black and white students together – we are a **transformative institution**.



With a revised crest we **continue our core identity** as a scholarly community, as well as our foundation of faith-based values, which forms part of its provenance.



Revisions and additions to the crest define its role as a **representation of our core values** and commitment to social justice for all communities.



The institute is historically grounded in an ethical ethos, emphasising inclusivity and service in the relationship between leadership and professional integrity – we are **an embracing institution** that focus on the development of leaders.







- ✓ The current crest represent our values in the main with the **Bible** (knowledge and wisdom), **shepherd staff** (leading), **cross** (values and transformation), and the **motto** (institutional mission).



- ✓ The new crest continue these themes in the main with the **open book** (knowledge and learning), **bowl** (leading together) and **flames** (values and transformation), and the **motto** (institutional mission).



## Additional symbols and meaning



### Nama translation:

The translation of our moto to Nama represents the intentional shift to draw on the **history of service to African communities**, and therein also align with the broader process in continental knowledge systems to **build an African voice in scholarship** among nations of the world.



### Wreaths of Wheat:

The ears of wheat **symbolises social, ecological and historical rootedness** and the promise of growth and achievement that comes from hard work and struggle. It symbolises the belief that care for and **healing of people and the world is the purpose of knowledge** and learning, rather than to be an end.



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### Flames:

The flames represent enlightenment, **truth and rebirth, and symbolises the promise of human becoming** the flows from endeavours to reflect on, gain knowledge for and enact justice and virtue. It is a symbol of the source of life, of light and the ultimate wholeness of humanity.



### Bowl:

The bowl from which the flames burn represents the tradition of **collective leadership and community togetherness** that characterise African heritage. It is a symbol of our commitment to **shared leadership in service of diverse communities**. Leading as a scholarly community to grow human dignity and social justice.





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### Book:

The open book represents human **endeavours to learn and gain the knowledge** and capabilities to change the world. One half of the book is written, which symbolises existing knowledge as a foundation of learning, while the other half is empty, which symbolises **the pursuit of new knowledge and becoming authors** of a new world.



### Est. 1970:

The year of our establishment represents **the contributions of each and every person**, community and organisation who over time contributed to building Cornerstone as a proud institution. Each one is significant and the banner represents **our gratitude to those that came before.**

## COMMENTS & DISCUSSION

