



Mission Statement

Collegium Intermarium University (CIU) aims to recapture the highest ideals of the university by building an academic community that is rooted in the Western tradition of Latin civilization and bound together by common Christian ethics and the patriotic values of the European peoples. Pedagogy and research are grounded in the heritage of Christian faith, the legal culture derived from Roman law, and the classical philosophical tradition originating in ancient Greece, together comprehending the ideals of goodness, truth, and beauty. CIU will be a place to educate students in a spirit of pursuing truth about the world and man and promoting continuous intellectual and civic growth.

CIU is primarily a post-graduate institution, offering instruction and research in both academic and applied fields, all rooted in the Western liberal arts. Its program aims to complement and build upon the traditional undergraduate liberal arts curriculum with a post-graduate program providing more specialized competence and expertise to the well-rounded graduate. The model incoming student will possess a firm grounding in the classical education of the Western tradition, upon which he/she will build through CIU's unique curriculum, which emphasizes cooperative learning in the form of tutoring between lecturer and student. This curriculum aims to create a professionally skilled and publicly serviceable graduate, whose formation continues to respect the classical Western tradition.

The name of the University serves to indicate our goal of service to the peoples of the Inter-Sea countries. CIU as an institution will exercise leadership in Poland, the Intermarium region, and internationally and will encourage similar leadership from its staff and students. We seek to be an active presence in Polish and international society by contributing the benefits of research and pedagogy to the larger society. In addition to classroom instruction, it will sponsor public lectures, seminars, conferences, debates, interviews, and other events, as well as publications, to serve and benefit the community.

To further complement its academic offerings, CIU will reach out and form cooperative partnerships with civil communities, including, business, law, houses of worship, civil society organizations, media, governments, and other educational institutions, in Poland, the Intermarium region, and beyond.

CIU will not compromise its quality, its principles, and its dedication to the disinterested pursuit of truth by espousing dogmas and ideologies that are inconsistent with dispassionate research and instruction. At the same time, CIU seeks to contribute substantially to the wider culture and to the quality of public life. This includes a mandate to elevate the quality of public debate on important issues of the day. We seek to inform public debate by providing a context of the highest philosophical, historical, ethical, legal, theological, and theoretical ideas, and encourage discussions that are grounded in enduring principles, beliefs, and convictions, rather than momentary opinions. We encourage our scholars to follow similar principles and serve as public intellectuals, and to test and debate propositions which, while making clear that their views and scholarship do not necessarily



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reflect an official position of CIU, are worthy of public consideration. To this end, it will sponsor a robust discussion on how far, and in what circumstances, active engagement in public affairs by scholars and students is appropriate and consistent with the ideals with dispassionate learning and inquiry within the university.

The University is guided by the principles of freedom for members of the academic community engaged in teaching and research.

CIU will always be receptive to suggestions, advice, and constructive criticism from our colleagues throughout the academic community and from people of good will outside it. We believe that self-assessment and self-criticism is an important dynamic providing for healthy intellectual exchange, renewal, and improvement. We will aim to cultivate critical minds, but not critical spirits. CIU is also committed to actively defend its mission, its principles, its personnel, its students, and other constituencies it serves against unwarranted and malicious attack and against any attempts at intimidation for reasons of ideology conformity, pecuniary gain, negative publicity, or any other threats to the integrity or safety of our people and programs.

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