

The faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. *(Jude 1:3)*



As an interdenominational Christian university, Grand Canyon University has built a community based upon diverse traditions and denominations that grew from biblical roots. We express our vibrant faith and concern to honor and emulate Jesus Christ in all we say and do. Our Christian convictions, Christ-focused curriculum and faith-based service provide

a foundation that is the bedrock of our community and basis for working together. This foundation, known as One Foundation, serves as a reminder of who we are and a statement about who we strive to be. One Foundation guides our learning and communities toward faithfulness, excellence and service to God and our neighbors.

The university conducted a survey in 2025 to learn more about how One Foundation impacts our community. The results are listed below.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Our survey found that nearly 80% (12,316) of GCU students identify as Christian.

TRADITIONAL STUDENTS¹
Christian 84.6% (2,169)
Non-Christian 15.4% (396)



NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS²
Christian 78.4% (10,145)
Non-Christian 21.6% (2,797)

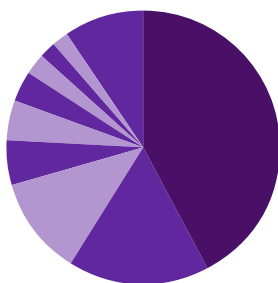


DENOMINATION³

Across all denominations, GCU students mostly consider themselves to be non-denominational.

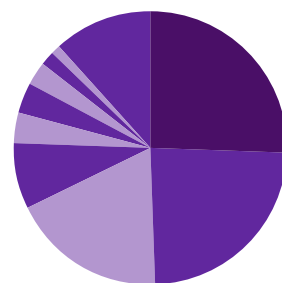
TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Non-Denominational 42.4% (660)
Catholic 16.5% (256)
Baptist 11.7% (182)
Lutheran 5.3% (83)
Assembly of God 4.6% (72)
Pentecostal 3.7% (58)
Evangelical Free 2.6% (40)
Reformed 2% (31)
Presbyterian 1.7% (27)
All Other 9.4% (147)



NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Non-Denominational 25.6% (2,102)
Baptist 23.9% (1,962)
Catholic 18.4% (1,517)
Pentecostal 8% (656)
Assembly of God 3.5% (288)
Methodist 3.5% (286)
Lutheran 3% (250)
Presbyterian 1.6% (131)
Evangelical Free 1.1% (90)
All Other 11.5% (944)



¹ On campus

² Online and evening

³ Denomination results are rounded to the nearest whole number and exclude "blank" responses

BY THE NUMBERS

FAITH AND INTEGRATION

We are pleased with our survey feedback showing that over 91% of students have a positive perception of GCU’s faith integration. In Fall 2024, GCU has a total enrollment of over 123,000 — with more than 26,400 students on campus and over 98,300 learning online.⁴ As our scale as a university increases, so does our ability to integrate faith effectively and more deeply into the experience of our students.

TRADITIONAL

91.4%

(1,938) Positive
(Agree and Strongly Agree)

NON-TRADITIONAL

93.6%

(10,751) Positive
(Agree and Strongly Agree)

CHRIST-CENTERED CULTURE

We are excited to see that GCU continues to grow in its mission to create a faith-based culture for its students. Survey results showed that over 92% of students feel GCU has developed a positive, Christ-centered culture for students beyond the classroom through extra-curricular opportunities.

93.2%

(1,976) Positive

92.3%

(10,599) Positive

FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

We were satisfied to find that over 85% of all students feel that their faith has grown and that they have developed spiritually in positive ways during their time at GCU.

85.7%

(1,816) Positive

85.3%

(9,798) Positive

FAITH INTEGRATION AND UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

Positive survey responses indicated that over 91% of all students felt well supported in our process of integrating faith, learning and work, which shows we have improved in our faith initiative since 2017.

91.3%

(1,935) Well-Supported

93%

(10,673) Well-Supported

SUMMARY

Our One Foundation survey results illustrate the positive impact of GCU’s distinct Christian worldview and faith integration. We’re inspired as a university and missional community to continue to empower students to honor God while serving others for the greater good.



⁴Includes all traditional students who have a last date of attendance at least three weeks into the Fall 2024 semester, students who participated in a campus evening class in September or October of 2024 and students who have participated in an online class in August or September 2024.