ABOUT US

Grace College and Seminary is an evangelical Christian community of higher education which applies biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence, and preparing for service.

Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary both have a rich history as partners in higher education. After its founding, Grace Theological Seminary quickly became one of the world's premier seminaries for master's through doctoral level study in evangelical ministry and theology. Likewise, Grace College, a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences has grown to its current position of academic prominence, offering more than 50 fields of study in the arts and sciences, business, education, and ministry.

Over the years, thousands of Grace Theological Seminary graduates have gone out to serve in various ministries in the United States and throughout the world. Concurrently, Grace College has been instrumental in helping thousands of undergraduates form a Christian worldview within a challenging and vibrant academic environment. The college encourages spiritual maturity as well as prepares students for successful careers, family life, and leadership in local churches.
HISTORY OF GRACE

Affiliated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Grace Theological Seminary was founded first, in 1937, and the college was established eleven years later in 1948. Coming from the Brethren tradition, the founders were shaped by a heritage that drew distinctive features from a variety of historic traditions. Influential among this group was Alva J. McClain, the institution’s first president. These historic traditions included Pietism, a centuries old movement of warm and experiential faith, as well as the Anabaptist and Calvinist branches of the Protestant Reformation. This heritage also included a commitment to remain free from worldly conformity yet relevant to the culture around them – a commitment that proved to be a challenging balancing act for the Brethren movement throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. As McClain, along with those around him, established the seminary and then the college, he sought to create an environment that was informed in meaningful ways by the eclectic heritage of the Brethren tradition while fashioning institutions that would thrive within American evangelicalism, which was, in the 1930s and 1940s, an increasingly robust and influential movement. This evangelical identity was enhanced by the location of the seminary and college, in Winona Lake, Indiana, a resort community that had become a center for Progressive Era social and political activity and, by the 1920s, a well-known location for evangelical Bible Conferences.

Throughout the ensuing decades, the enrollment of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College has grown exponentially and numerous buildings have been added to the 180-acre campus. The college and seminary have weathered storms and experienced periods of change as any institution does. But throughout its history, the institution has remained committed to its heritage, emphasizing biblical authority, a deep experience of community, living under the sovereignty of God and fostering experiential faith, even as it continues to offer an educational program that is rigorous, academically excellent, as well as practical. We are proud that the streams of our heritage flow back to the sixteenth and seventeenth century and also excited about the role Grace has played within American evangelicalism. Informed by our diverse heritage while committed to the values that unite us, we look to the future, offering quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs through six schools that constitute Grace College and Theological Seminary: the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Behavioral Sciences, the School of Business, the School of Education, the School of Ministry Studies, and the School of Adult and Community Education.

Our story is one that recognizes that spiritual development and academic excellence go hand in hand. For both undergraduates and graduate students, the Grace faculty and staff, the design and content of the Grace curriculum, and the entire Grace campus community contribute to an atmosphere where spiritual growth and scholarly inquiry are mutually enhancing.
OUR MISSION

Grace College is an evangelical Christian community of higher education which applies biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence, and preparing for service.

Grace Theological Seminary is a learning community dedicated to teaching, training, and transforming the whole person for local church and global ministry.

At Grace, the students, administration, faculty, and staff aim together to make Christ preeminent in all things. Students learn this by living, studying, working, worshiping and achieving academic success with other young people who share similar Christian ideals in a setting where the community lifestyle fosters devotion to serious academic inquiry, wholesome recreation and relaxation, and mature spiritual growth.

OUR EDUCATIONAL VALUES

At the heart of a Grace education are academically challenging courses that are specifically designed to foster a thirst for character, competence, and service within the hearts and minds of our students. Every student at Grace completes a series of general education courses (we call it the Grace Core) and thus enjoys a common experience that stretches across all the disciplines. Explicitly taught from a liberal arts approach, these courses are driven by the mission and evangelical heritage of the college, and have been created around four key human relationships: with God, with others, with self, and with the world, which includes both cultures and the environment.

We believe that worshiping God, growing as individuals, relating with others and serving in our world are the key to unlocking an academic experience that strengthens character, sharpens competence, and prepares for service.

We also believe that an education that emphasizes the integration of faith and learning lays the foundation for and is in perfect concert with our mission. At Grace, we are committed to a life of worship and spiritual growth, and actively look for reflective and practical ways the Christian faith intersects with the disciplines we teach in the classroom. The integration of faith and learning is based on the shared understanding that the extent to which we do our work consciously as Christians, our professional lives become an offering of worship to God, and our faith gives greater significance to the questions we struggle with in our work and in our lives. In other words, we are whole individuals and recognize the deficiency of a compartmentalized life. Based on this foundation, our faith informs our work and makes it distinctive.
FAST FACTS

- 180-acre campus located in the historic resort town of Winona Lake, near Warsaw, Indiana
- 19 to 1 student to faculty ratio
- Academic depth and breadth with 45 majors and more than 50 areas of study
- Over 70% of full-time faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees
- Accreditation with Higher Learning Commission and member of North Central Association
- Emphasis on a biblical worldview, student development, and personal faith-fluency that rightly handles the scriptures as the inerrant and verbally inspired word of God
- Average ACT composite of entering freshman: 24
- Average SAT (math and critical reading): 1055
- 15 primary student organizations and many academic clubs
- 15 varsity men’s and women’s sports and intramurals
- 2 week application decisions
- Approximately 1,200 undergraduates | Approximately 300 new students
- 95% of undergraduates receive financial aid (financial aid is a combination of loans and grants)
- Students who maintain a 3.0 GPA qualify for the accelerated bachelor’s degree option and can graduate in 3 years
- All of our degrees offer the 3-year Accelerated Degree Option
- Student families who opt for the 3-year accelerated degree can reduce the cost of their education by 50% saving a year of tuition, room and board, and earning an extra year of income* by graduating early
  *$30,000 – The average starting salary of the top six graduating majors from Grace College (NACE Salary Survey 2009)
- Grace Placement Promise: Students who meet certain criteria and who do not find employment or gain acceptance to graduate school within 6 months of graduation may be eligible to earn an additional year of undergraduate education tuition-free
F.A.Q.

When was Grace established?
Grace Theological Seminary was founded in 1937 to educate leaders to serve in churches, missions, and other ministry positions.

In 1948, Grace College opened on the same campus to offer undergraduate degrees in the arts and sciences.

What is Grace’s religious affiliation?
Grace College and Theological Seminary is associated with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Is Grace accredited? By whom?
Grace College and Theological Seminary is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
Grace Theological Seminary is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools
The School of Education at Grace College is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
The School of Education is approved by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Indiana Professional Standards Board
The School of Business is accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education and is actively involved in the Christian Business Faculty Association
The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs has granted full accreditation for the M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Grace is an active member of:
The Council of Independent Colleges
The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
The Indiana Conference of Higher Education
The Independent Colleges and Universities of Indiana
The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
Grace Theological Seminary is an associate member of the Association of Theological Schools

**What is the student population?**
In its 70 years of service, Grace has grown to an enrollment of approximately 1,600 students (including undergraduate, graduate and seminary students) from 36 states/territories and 8 foreign countries.

**How many athletic teams are at Grace?**
Grace offers men’s and women’s sports.

Men’s:
Baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, and track.

Women’s:
Basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, track, and volleyball.

**Where is Grace located?**
The 165-acre Grace College campus is located in the community of Winona Lake, Indiana, approximately 36 miles west of Ft. Wayne. The Village at Winona is just off campus on the lakefront

**AWARDS AND RANKINGS**

Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind., has again been named one of the “Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the Midwest” according to U.S. News and World Report. Grace ranked 35th out of the schools listed.

Colleges are ranked according to several criteria, including academic reputation, retention rates, graduation rates, faculty, admissions practices, financial resources, and alumni contributions.

For the past several years, the Princeton Review has also recognized Grace as one of the Midwest’s best colleges, citing academic excellence as well as high ratings in student opinion surveys.