

Northwest **CHRISTIAN** University  
Our Christian Identity

At Northwest Christian University we seek to highlight our Christian identity in ways that unite Christians everywhere, and not in ways that tend to cause division between various groups of Christians. In this spirit,

- We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and we proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.
- We receive the Bible as Holy Scripture, and we expect God to speak to the world today through the words of Scripture by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We understand the Church in all its diversity to be the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit as God's agent of reconciliation in the world.
- We believe the love of God, expressed in Jesus Christ, accessed by faith, has the power to change lives.

Frequently asked Questions:

- Are Faculty and Staff at NCU all Christians?
  - All full time faculty members are expected to demonstrate “a maturing Christian faith.” The overwhelming majority of part time faculty and NCU staff are Christians as well. Whenever we conduct a job search to fill a position, we ask candidates to submit a ‘statement of faith’ in which they describe their own Christian experience and how they relate that experience to their work.
- What do we mean by ‘integrating faith and learning’?
  - Christian faith is not restricted to a single compartment of our lives, reserved for times of worship or other special ‘religious’ activities. Rather, our faith informs and should bear upon every aspect of life, including academic pursuits. Different professors find various ways to integrate faith in the classroom, sometimes through devotion & prayer times, sometimes through focused discussion, sometimes through service learning projects and other assignments, etc. Most often, the integration of faith and learning is simply a part of the natural ‘environment’ of NCU, as all faculty and staff strive to model Christ-like integrity through their own lives and the way that they approach their work and subject matter.
- What does NCU mean when it talks about ‘ethics’ and ‘ethical leadership’? How does this relate to Christian Faith?
  - Our ethical standards are the way we behave, respond, and interact with others. As a Christian University we strive to respond to people who are a part of our campus community, our city, and the greater world in a manner that reflects the heart and actions of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our ethical principles are informed by the standards established in the Bible. The members of the NCU community are called to lead with moral standards of truthfulness, integrity, and honesty. In turn we will exhibit

behaviors that would make our homes, workplaces, communities, and world a better place and bring glory to God.

- Is NCU affiliated with a specific church group?
  - The NCU community is comprised of individuals who come from a variety of Christian backgrounds and represent a wide range of Christian denominational diversity. NCU's historical roots are in a Christian heritage that today is represented by The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), The Christian Churches, and The Churches of Christ. Members of this 'heritage' constituency account for a number of students, faculty, and staff. Keeping with this heritage, NCU also has an ecumenical interest and offers its resources to students and congregations of many church traditions. These students are affiliated with denominational and non-denominational groups, such as Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Foursquare, Lutheran, Nazarene, Episcopal, Assembly of God, Catholic, Community Churches, etc.
  
- Do I have to be a Christian to attend NCU?
  - No. We welcome students who have no faith commitment or are from other faith commitments. NCU is not a 'church', nor do we require students to be Christians or to subscribe to any faith statement. At the same time, all students should be prepared to be exposed daily to a Christian world-view and to be encouraged to a Christian faith commitment. As a community, we are committed to living out our middle name!
  
- Do I have to attend chapel services?
  - Weekly chapel attendance (chapel is held two to three times per week) is required of all traditional undergraduate students who are enrolled for 12 or more credits per semester. Though not a requirement for graduation, chapel attendance is monitored and included on official transcripts with a grade of 'pass' or 'no pass' for each semester of full time enrollment.
  
- Will my faith be challenged if I attend NCU?
  - We sure hope so!!! ... It is the goal of our Christian community to help each other all grow in our knowledge, love, and obedience to Jesus Christ.