

STATEMENT OF FAITH AND LIFESTYLE

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary seeks applicants who demonstrate commitment to Christ and who affirm the foundational doctrines in the GRTS Confession for Students.

We believe the Bible is God's inspired word, our infallible and final authority for faith and life.

We believe in the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who is holy, loving, good, wise and almighty. He created all things by his word out of nothing and he provides for and rules over all things.

We believe God created men and women in his image, and that the union of Adam and Eve as man and woman models God's design for marriage and perpetually stands as God's loving and righteous will for all sexual intimacy.

Tragically, our first parents forfeited their original righteousness when they rebelled against God's revealed will. As a result, every human is born in sin, totally depraved, alienated from God, and destined to death.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who added full humanity to his perfect deity, obeyed God perfectly, died for our sins on the cross, rose again to defeat Satan, and returned to heaven to intercede for his people and pour out the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We believe the triune God has provided a great salvation for those who repent of their sins and trust Christ and his finished work. He calls, regenerates, unites to Christ, adopts, forgives, justifies, sanctifies, and will ultimately glorify those who believe in him.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who has come to build Christ's church, gift us for ministry and perfect our great salvation.

We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the bodily resurrection and final judgment of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

Students, by virtue of their enrollment, agree to live within the framework of the school's standards of conduct. While some may not have personal convictions concerning all of these standards, agreeing to them obligates the student to assume responsibility for honorable adherence to them while enrolled at the seminary. It should, of course, be understood that any behavior, either on campus or away, which indicates that a student has disregard for the spirit of the school's standards would be sufficient reason to ask him/her to withdraw from the school.

Students of Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, agree to:

1. Honor biblical teaching in order to maintain a right relationship with God, people, and creation. Exhibit integrity in academic pursuits, professional work, personal finances and relationships.
2. Practice discernment in the areas of media and entertainment. Avoid behaviors clearly prohibited in Scripture including but not limited to drunkenness, immoral sexual behavior, lying, and stealing.
3. Support Cornerstone University's commitment to maintain an alcohol-free and tobacco-free campus. This means that the consumption of alcohol or use of tobacco will be prohibited in, on, and around all campus properties and at University events. Due to the public and personal health hazards posed by tobacco, students shall avoid the habitual use of tobacco.
4. Actively participate in a local evangelical church.