

Bethel University 2021-22 All Year Student Enrollment

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Enrollment:

A total of 4,707 unduplicated students registered for classes at Bethel University during the 2021-22 academic year (fall 2021 through summer 2022), a decrease in enrollment of 5.2% from the prior year's enrollment. The decrease was due to the continuing COVID pandemic, the closure of the San Diego seminary location (BSSD, down an additional 77.4%), as well as, decreases in enrollment experienced by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS, down 4.2%), the Graduate School (GS, down 8.5%), and the St. Paul seminary (BSSP, down 6.6%). In contrast, College of Adult & Professional Studies (CAPS, up 1.0%) experienced an increase in enrollment due to the expanded PSEO program, as well as increased recruitment efforts.

College in the Schools (CIS) enrollment has fluctuated between 147 and 185 over the last 8 years and increased to 388 during the 2021-22 academic year. Given that these students are not a part of the CAS population (they are taught by high school teachers in high schools for Bethel credit), they continue to be reported separately from CAS enrollment figures.

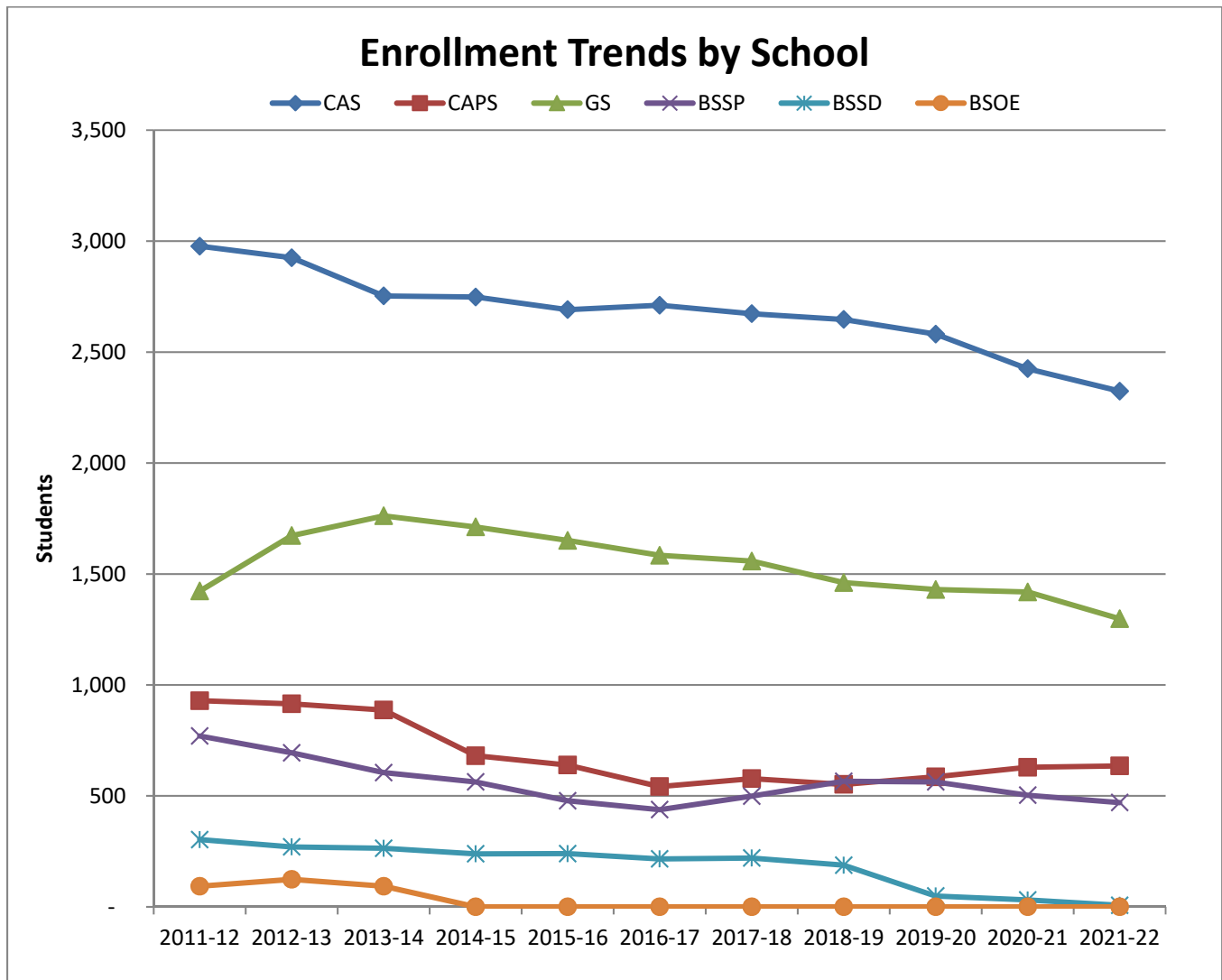
Bethel University All-Year Enrollment	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	1 year % Change
College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)	2,711	2,673	2,647	2,581	2,425	2,324	-4.2%
College of Adult & Professional Studies (CAPS)	542	578	552	586	629	635	1.0%
Graduate School (GS)	1,584	1,558	1,461	1,430	1,419	1,298	-8.5%
Bethel Seminary St. Paul (BSSP)	438	499	566	563	503	470	-6.6%
Bethel Seminary San Diego (BSSD)	216	220	188	49	31	7	-77.4%
Bethel Seminary of the East (BSOE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DUPLICATED TOTAL	5,491	5,528	5,414	5,209	5,007	4,734	-5.5%
Unduplicated Total	5,440	5,462	5,325	5,151	4,966	4,707	-5.2%

College in the Schools (CIS; formerly included in CAS above)	156	127	134	185	183	388	112.0%
DUPLICATED TOTAL (with CIS)	5,647	5,655	5,548	5,394	5,190	5,095	-1.8%
Unduplicated Total (with CIS)	5,575	5,562	5,459	5,336	5,149	5,068	-1.6%
BUILD	21	27	28	30	24	28	16.7%

Twenty-seven students were enrolled in more than one school, as follows. These students could be enrolled concurrently in more than one school (e.g. “dual enrollment”) or sequentially (e.g. finish an undergraduate degree in the fall, and continue to graduate school in the spring). This metric has declined during the pandemic.

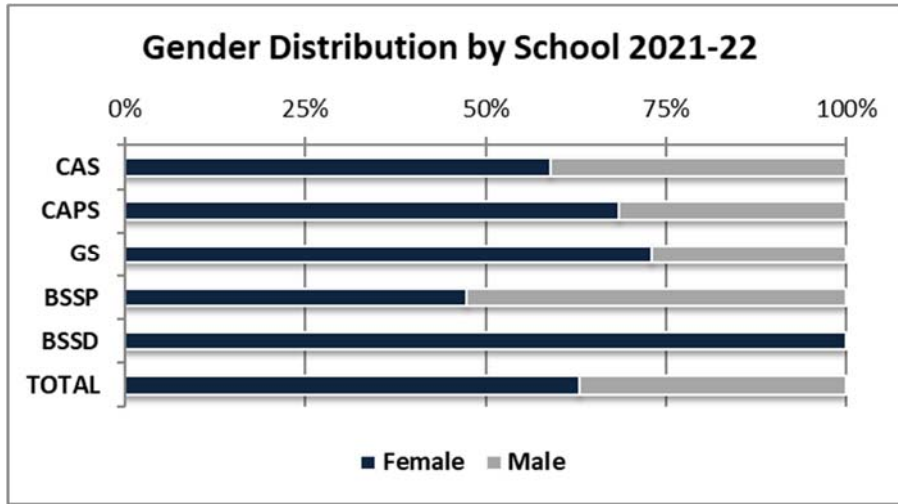
- 9 students in CAPS and GS
- 7 students in CAS and CAPS
- 11 students in CAS and GS

Total duplicated enrollment at Bethel University for 2021-22 was 5,007. (This counts each student once for each school in which they were enrolled).



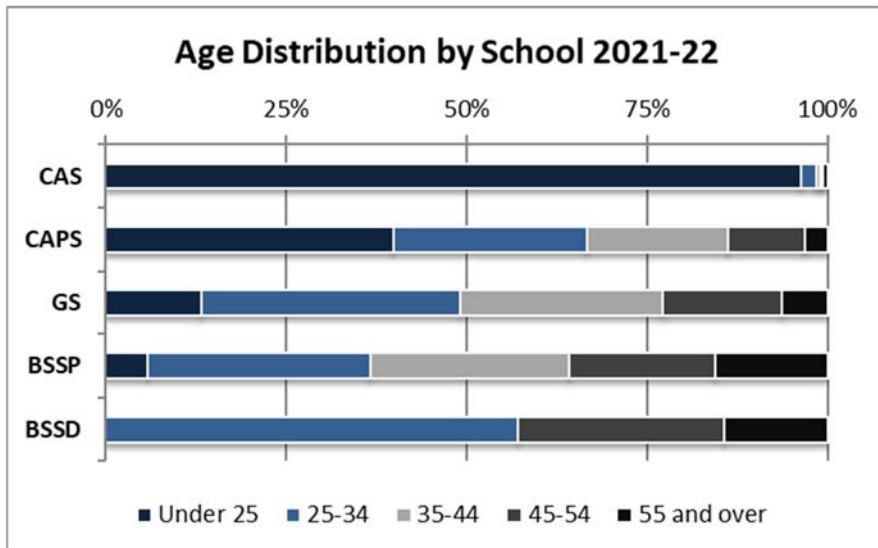
Gender:

Gender balance for 2021-22 was 63.0% female, down slightly from the 63.8% female the year before. While CAS showed a decrease from 60.6% to 59.0%, in female enrollment, CAPS and GS showed small increases in the percentage of enrolled females. BSSP displayed a larger increase in enrolled females from 44.9% to 47.2%. BSSD females experienced another increase from 83.9% of the population to 100%, likely due to BSSD only educating the remaining teach-out students studying Marital & Family Therapy.



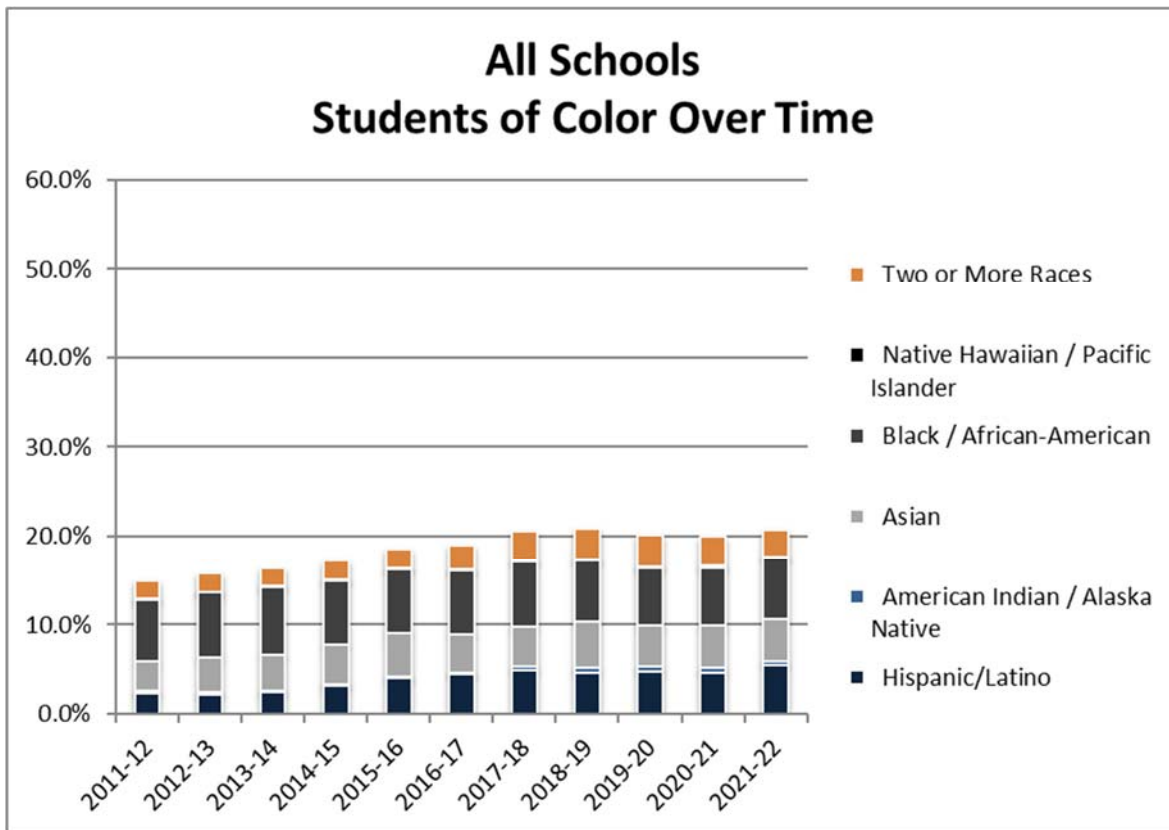
Age:

CAS continues to maintain a median age of 20, with about 96% of students being under the age of 25. Median ages for the remainder of the schools are in the upper 20's to the upper 30's. At a median age of 28 (down from 31 in the previous year), CAPS is the site with the youngest population after CAS.

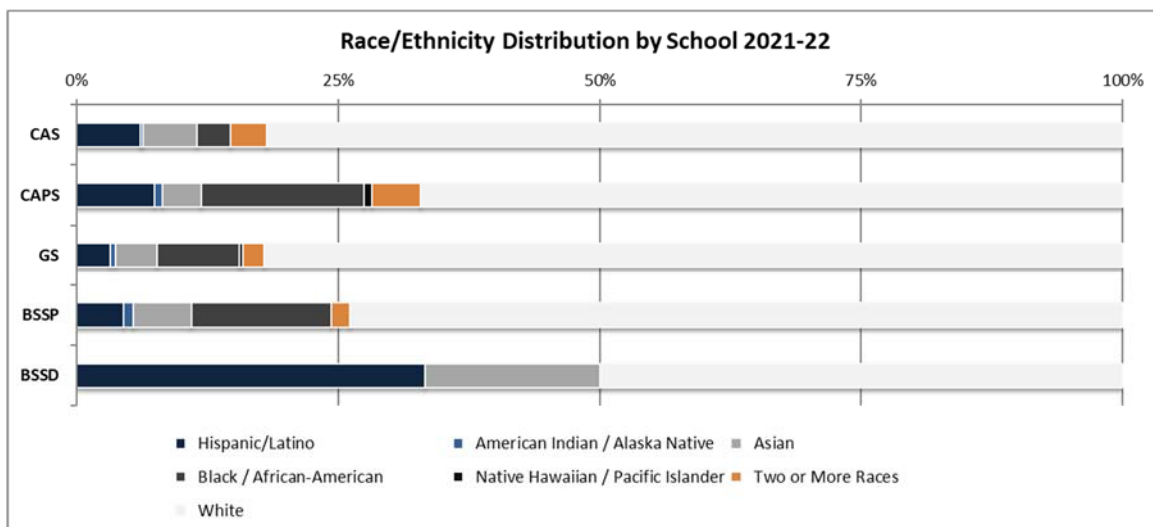


Race/Ethnicity:

The percent of students of color at all Bethel schools increased from 19.9% in 2020-21 to 20.7% of students with a known race/ethnicity (excluding non-resident aliens).

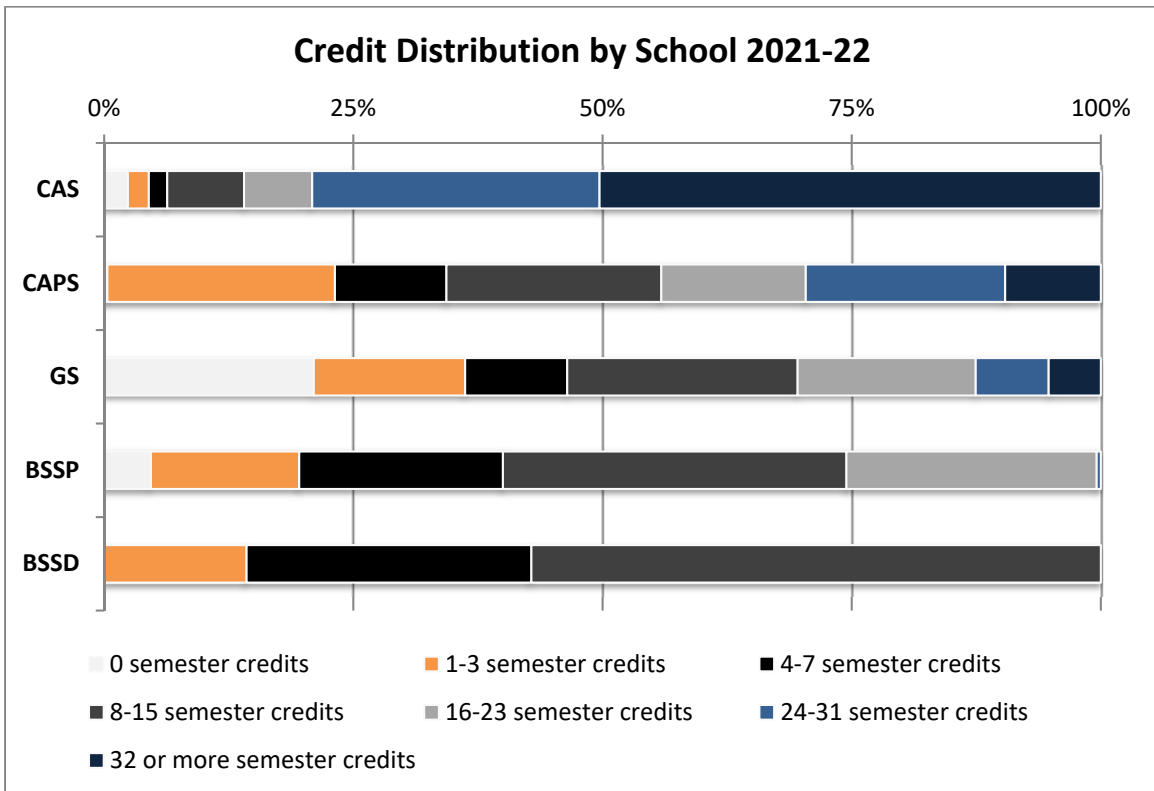


The overall increase in racial and ethnic diversity at the university (excluding non-resident aliens) was driven by increases in CAPS (up from 30.3% to 32.9%) and GS (up from 17.0% to 17.9%). CAS diversity displayed another increase, growing from 17.2% to 18.1% largely attributed to the continuation of the ActSix program, the strong retention of its participants as well as an increased focus on overall enrollment of student so color.



Credit Levels:

Total registered credits for the entire university fell 9% from the prior year. CAPS experienced a 3% decrease in credits after experiencing a 20.8% increase in credits the previous year primarily due to the shift of Maranantha PSEO students from CAPS to CAS. In CAS, the 8% decrease in registered credits was driven primarily by decreased enrollment assumed to be partially related to the lingering COVID pandemic, with average credits per student remaining stable. BSSP's median credit level decreased from 11.0 to 10.0 and the overall registered credits were 11% lower than the previous year. There was a decrease in overall credits at the seminary due to the decrease in enrollment at BSSD and the COVID pandemic.

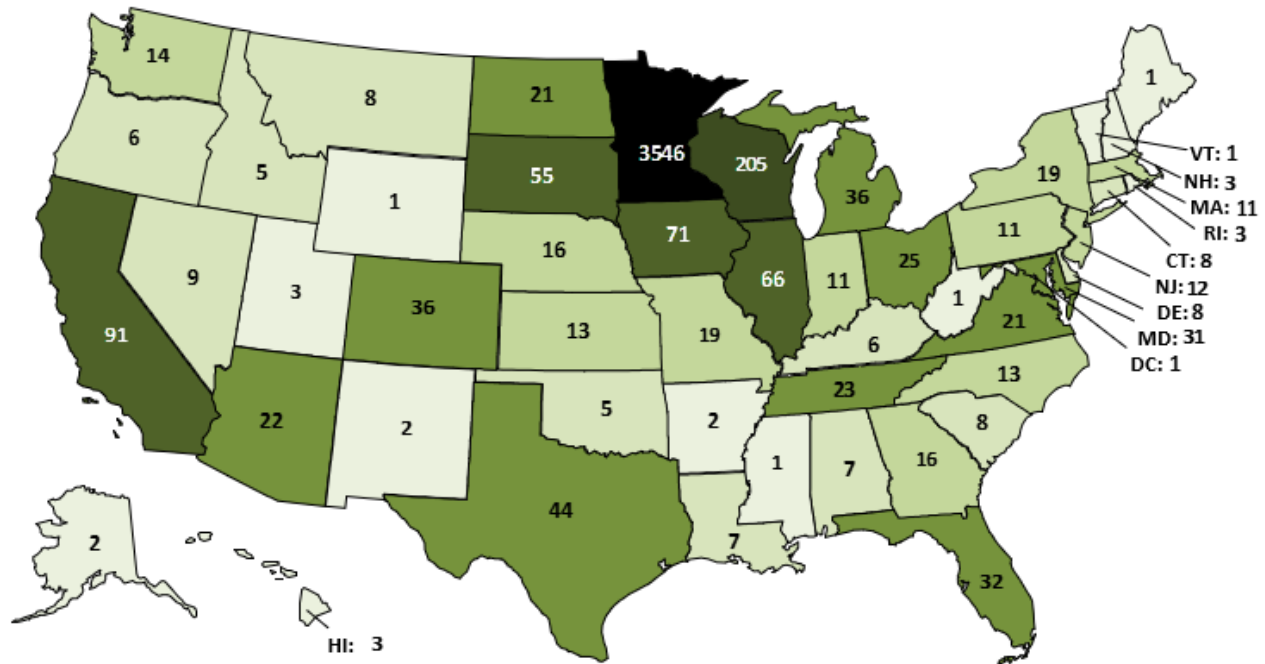


Please note that zero credit students are most often SMEP (music) students in CAS and either master's thesis or doctoral dissertation continuation students in GS, BSSP and BSSD.

State and Country:

In 2021-22, Bethel University enrolled students from 50 states and 10 foreign countries. The state with the largest contingent of Bethel students continues to be Minnesota (74.9% of all enrollment), followed by Wisconsin (4.3%), California (1.9%), Iowa (1.5%), Illinois (1.4%), and South Dakota (1.2%) with similar percentages to prior years in these states.

Number of Students Enrolled by State – All Schools



Marital Status:

Marital status is no longer thoroughly collected and recorded for a majority of Bethel University students with increasing unknown statuses in CAS, CAPS and GS. Detail can be found in the appendix of this report.

Denomination:

The percentage of Bethel University students affiliated with Converge Worldwide decreased from 11.9% in 2020-21 to 10.6% in 2021-22. While there has been a 10-year trend downward from nearly 25% in 2007-08, there is evidence we have reached a plateau. Some of the drop may be attributed to the fact students do not necessarily know the denomination of the church they attend. Affiliation with Lutheran and Catholic denominations have surpassed that of Converge Worldwide, with 19.8% identifying as Lutheran and 11.2% identifying as Catholic. The total number of students who identify as “Baptist” is 22.6%.

Note:

Additional data and graphs for all of the above categories, including longitudinal data back to the 2003-04 academic year, is in a separate Excel document, available upon request.

Appendix – Data Detail for 2021-22:

	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
TOTAL Enrollment	2324	635	1298	470	7	4734	
TOTAL Enrollment Unduplicated						4707	

GENDER	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Female	1370	435	948	222	7	2982	
Percent of Total	58.95%	68.50%	73.04%	47.23%	100.00%	62.99%	
Male	954	200	350	248	0	1752	
Percent of Total	41.05%	31.50%	26.96%	52.77%	0.00%	37.01%	
TOTAL	2324	635	1298	470	7	4734	

MARITAL STATUS	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Single	73	12	72	50	2	209	39.1%
Married	35	22	163	87	3	310	57.9%
Divorced/Separated	2	0	9	2	1	14	2.6%
Widowed	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.4%
TOTAL Known	110	34	244	141	6	535	
Unknown	2214	601	1054	329	1	4199	

AGE (as of Jan 1, 2022)	CAS (minus CIS)	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Mean	20.6	30.4	36.4	40.6	40.0	29.8	
Median	20	28	35	39	33	25	
Under 25	2230	253	172	27	0	2682	56.8%
25-34	47	171	465	145	4	832	17.6%
35-44	13	123	365	130	0	631	13.4%
45-54	11	68	212	95	2	388	8.2%
55 and over	13	20	83	73	1	190	4.0%
TOTAL Known age	2314	635	1297	470	7	4723	
Unknown	10	0	1	0	0	11	

DENOMINATION	CAS	CAPS	GS	BSSP	BSSD	TOTAL	
Converge Worldwide (BGC)	43	6	30	54	0	133	10.4%
Other Baptist (sub total)	71	12	39	55	1	178	13.9%
American	25	4	12	6	0	47	3.7%
Conservative	14	2	5	2	0	23	1.8%
G.A.R.B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Independent	21	1	5	7	1	35	2.7%
North American	6	4	2	3	0	15	1.2%
Other	1	1	7	30	0	39	3.0%
Southern	4	0	8	7	0	19	1.5%
Assembly of God	47	1	19	22	0	89	6.9%
Catholic	65	5	64	7	0	141	11.0%
Christian & Missionary Alliance	12	3	10	11	0	36	2.8%
Covenant	43	2	23	21	1	90	7.0%
Evangelical Free	66	7	26	22	0	121	9.4%
Lutheran	122	15	77	35	1	250	19.5%
Mennonite	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
Methodist	10	2	13	6	0	31	2.4%
Non-Denominational	4	2	8	40	1	55	4.3%
Presbyterian	7	2	8	17	1	35	2.7%
Other Protestant	29	11	38	45	2	125	9.7%
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Buddhist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL Known Denominatio	519	68	356	335	7	1285	
Unknown	1805	567	942	135	0	3449	

RACE/ETHNICITY							
Hispanic/Latino	139	40	37	20	2	238	5.3%
American Indian / Alaska Native	6	4	6	4	0	20	0.4%
Asian	117	20	46	25	1	209	4.7%
Black / African-American	73	84	91	59	0	307	6.9%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0	4	4	0	0	8	0.2%
Two or More Races	77	25	23	8	0	133	3.0%
Non-Resident Alien	7	1	26	12	1	47	1.1%
Sub-Total	419	178	233	128	4	962	21.6%
White	1859	361	949	328	3	3500	78.4%
TOTAL Known Ethnicity	2278	539	1182	456	7	4462	
Percent of Color/International	18.4%	33.0%	19.7%	28.1%	57.1%	21.6%	
Unknown	46	96	116	14	0	272	

ENROLLMENT						
Total Registered Semester Credits for Year (Quarter Credits converted to Semester	66018	9445	14661	4948	57	95129
Median Credit Load	32	12	12	10	10	19
Avg. per enrolled student	29.1	14.9	14.3	11.0	8.1	20.0

Number of students who registered for:						Duplicated	Unduplicated
32 or more semester credits	1169	61	68	0	0	1298	1292
24-31	670	127	95	2	0	894	886
16-23	159	92	232	118	0	601	594
8-15	179	137	300	162	4	782	778
4-7	43	71	133	96	2	345	344
1-3	49	145	197	70	1	462	461
0	55	2	273	22	0	352	352
TOTAL	2324	635	1298	470	7	4734	4707

STATE	CAS		CAPS		GS		BSSP		BSSD		TOTAL	
Alabama	1	0.0%	4	0.6%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%			7	0.1%
Alaska	1	0.0%			1	0.1%					2	0.0%
Arizona	10	0.4%	1	0.2%	4	0.3%	7	1.5%			22	0.5%
Arkansas			1	0.2%	1	0.1%					2	0.0%
California	12	0.5%	8	1.3%	16	1.2%	49	10.4%	6	85.7%	91	1.9%
Colorado	28	1.2%	1	0.2%	6	0.5%	1	0.2%			36	0.8%
Connecticut			2	0.3%	3	0.2%	3	0.6%			8	0.2%
D.C.							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
Delaware			8	1.3%							8	0.2%
Florida	10	0.4%	6	0.9%	7	0.5%	9	1.9%			32	0.7%
Georgia	2	0.1%	3	0.5%	4	0.3%	7	1.5%			16	0.3%
Hawaii	1	0.0%					2	0.4%			3	0.1%
Idaho	2	0.1%			2	0.2%	1	0.2%			5	0.1%
Illinois	40	1.7%	9	1.4%	6	0.5%	11	2.3%			66	1.4%
Indiana	1	0.0%	6	0.9%	1	0.1%	3	0.6%			11	0.2%
Iowa	40	1.7%	3	0.5%	12	0.9%	16	3.4%			71	1.5%
Kansas	4	0.2%	3	0.5%	3	0.2%	3	0.6%			13	0.3%
Kentucky	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	2	0.2%	2	0.4%			6	0.1%
Louisiana			4	0.6%	3	0.2%					7	0.1%
Maine							1	0.2%			1	0.0%
Maryland	4	0.2%	3	0.5%	20	1.5%	4	0.9%			31	0.7%
Massachusetts	1	0.0%	4	0.6%	3	0.2%	3	0.6%			11	0.2%
Michigan	13	0.6%	5	0.8%	11	0.8%	7	1.5%			36	0.8%
Minnesota	1899	81.7%	472	74.3%	964	74.3%	211	44.9%			3546	74.9%
Mississippi					1	0.1%					1	0.0%
Missouri	8	0.3%	5	0.8%	3	0.2%	3	0.6%			19	0.4%
Montana	6	0.3%			1	0.1%	1	0.2%			8	0.2%
Nebraska	10	0.4%			1	0.1%	5	1.1%			16	0.3%
Nevada	4	0.2%	1	0.2%	3	0.2%	1	0.2%			9	0.2%
New Hampshire	1	0.0%					2	0.4%			3	0.1%
New Jersey			7	1.1%	4	0.3%	1	0.2%			12	0.3%
New Mexico			2	0.3%							2	0.0%
New York	2	0.1%	2	0.3%	10	0.8%	5	1.1%			19	0.4%
North Carolina			3	0.5%	4	0.3%	6	1.3%			13	0.3%
North Dakota	12	0.5%	2	0.3%	4	0.3%	3	0.6%			21	0.4%
Ohio	3	0.1%	15	2.4%			7	1.5%			25	0.5%
Oklahoma	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.4%			5	0.1%
Oregon	3	0.1%			1	0.1%	2	0.4%			6	0.1%
Pennsylvania	2	0.1%			4	0.3%	5	1.1%			11	0.2%
Rhode Island					1	0.1%	2	0.4%			3	0.1%
South Carolina	1	0.0%	4	0.6%	1	0.1%	2	0.4%			8	0.2%
South Dakota	38	1.6%	3	0.5%	12	0.9%	2	0.4%			55	1.2%
Tennessee	1	0.0%	12	1.9%	6	0.5%	4	0.9%			23	0.5%
Texas	14	0.6%	4	0.6%	11	0.8%	15	3.2%			44	0.9%
Utah	1	0.0%			1	0.1%	1	0.2%			3	0.1%
Vermont	1	0.0%									1	0.0%
Virginia	3	0.1%	4	0.6%	2	0.2%	12	2.6%			21	0.4%
Washington	8	0.3%	1	0.2%	2	0.2%	3	0.6%			14	0.3%
West Virginia					1	0.1%					1	0.0%
Wisconsin	126	5.4%	15	2.4%	40	3.1%	24	5.1%			205	4.3%
Wyoming	1	0.0%									1	0.0%
Sub-total, US	2316	99.7%	625	98.4%	1184	91.2%	450	95.7%	6	85.7%	4581	96.8%
Military - Europe					1	0.1%	1	0.2%			2	0.0%
Military - Pacific												
Puerto Rico							2				2	0.0%
Foreign Address*	1	0.0%	9	1.4%	87	6.7%	5	1.1%			102	2.2%
International (Visa)	7	0.3%	1	0.2%	26	2.0%	12	2.6%	1	14.3%	47	1.0%
TOTAL Known	2324	100.0%	635	100.0%	1298	100.0%	470	100.0%	7	100.0%	4734	100.0%
Total Number of Sta	35		35		42		41		1		58	

Foreign Address includes only US citizens and permanent residents who do not have a US address. US citizens and permanent residents with US addresses are included in appropriate state or territory above.

Country	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Visa	Other	Combined TOTAL
	CAS		CAPS		GS		BSSP		BSSD		TOTAL		
Albania													0
American Samoa													0
Argentina													0
Australia													0
Austria													0
Bahamas													0
Belize													0
Brazil													0
Cambodia													0
Canada	1		6		1	2	2				2	10	12
Cayman Islands													0
China					3	3					3	3	6
Colombia													0
Cook Islands													0
Egypt					1						1		1
El Salvador													0
Ethiopia													0
France													0
Gambia													0
Germany			1								1		1
Ghana													0
Great Britain													0
Greece													0
Hong Kong													0
India													0
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Italy													0
Japan						2					2		2
Jordan													0
Kazakhstan													0
Kenya					1						1		1
Liberia													0
Malaysia													0
Mexico													0
Moldova													0
Myanmar													0
Nepal													0
Netherlands													0
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Nigeria					2						2		2

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Pakistan													0
Paraguay													0
Philippines													0
Portugal													0
Qatar													0
Russia													0
Saudi Arabia													0
Sierra Leone													0
Singapore						4						4	4
South Africa													0
South Korea				1	1						1	1	2
Spain													0
Sweden													0
Switzerland													0
Taiwan													0
Tanzania, United Republic													0
Thailand													0
Turkey													0
Uganda						60						60	60
Ukraine													0
United Arab Emirates													0
United Republic of Tanzania													0
Venezuela													0
Vietnam													0
Zaire													0
TOTALS	1	0	0	7	9	72	0	2	0	0	10	81	91
Unduplicated Totals:													0
Country Count:	1	0	0	2	6	6	0	1	0	0	6	7	10

The Left-hand (Visa) columns indicate students who are not US citizens and have visas to be in the US for a temporary time period (includes Visa statuses of F-1, B-2, J-2, etc.)

The Right-hand (Other) columns indicate students who are not US citizens but are permanent residents, presumed permanent residents, or other eligible non-citizens (such as refugees). This column also includes US citizens who have a foreign address (this would include many M.K.'s)