



Bay Cities Bible College

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BAY CITIES BIBLE COLLEGE is an evangelical, inter-denominational theological college. It was founded in 1934 and incorporated under the laws of the state of California as a non-profit corporation in 1938. BCBC is not accredited. It operates under a religious exemption from the State of California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to grant the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degrees in Biblical Studies, Pastoral Ministry and Christian Education, and the Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in Biblical Studies.

Letter from the President

Bay Cities Bible College was founded in 1934 with the commitment to educate, equip and edify students in the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For over 60 years, we have been blessed with God's gracious provision of a committed and energetic faculty, and a continuous stream of serious students.

At BCBC, students and faculty grow together in their understanding of who God is and what He requires. BCBC is an environment where student and faculty interact in a life-changing atmosphere, both becoming better disciples. We believe that education is not a destination but a journey, and at BCBC we provide the student with a map and the tools for the trip. I'd like to invite you to join us in our travels.

This catalog contains information you need to understand the requirements of BCBC. We recognize that our students do not exist for us; we exist for them. Students are not an imposition; they are our purpose. Therefore, if you require further information, please call us at (510) 268-8060. We want you to get the most out of one of life's most important investments.

Yours in Christ,

Bradford Chew

President



Bradford B. Chew
President

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

HISTORY OF THE BAY CITIES BIBLE COLLEGE

The Bay Cities Bible College is founded on a rich history of evangelical and biblical scholarship. In 1934, a committed group of men and pastors in Oakland organized the school. These men of the Brethren movement utilized their spiritual heritage to point the school on a nondenominational path of sound doctrine.

A cooperative effort of evangelical believers in the East Bay Evangelistic Union brought together a group of young people who desired to study the Word of God. As a result of this continuing desire for the Word, the Educational Committee of the union unanimously resolved to organize a "Bible Institute with a Faculty organization." From that decision to organize on October 12, 1936, scattered Bible study classes became the Bay Cities Bible Institute whose unchanging purpose has been to educate women and men in the evangelical teaching of the Word of God. In 1938, the school became a nonprofit corporation.

Ivan C. Frickstad was the first president. He was supported by the then prominent East Bay pastors and church leaders who had first hand, personal associations with men of the historic faith, such as R. A. Torrey, Dwight L. Moody and Harry Ironside. R. A. Graves was pastor of the Fundamental Gospel Center, which became the Westbrae Bible Church in Berkeley, where Bay Cities was located from 1991 to 2002.

By the mid 1960's an effort was underway to initiate an expanded academic curriculum through the efforts of Robert Nellis. Under the presidential leadership of Arnold Owens, the school achieved a college level, degree granting status. When Robert Nellis succeeded to the presidency in the late 1970s, the school was offering a graduate program and independent studies.

Under the leadership of President Nellis, the school continued to develop its unique Bible-centered ministry. By maintaining its educational specialization in Bible and doctrine, the Institute has filled the unique gap between major Bible and Liberal Arts institutions. Students who were led to pursue a Bible and theology education for their ministry multiplied the enrollment as the Lord prospered the school. Bay Cities has remained a constant representative of evangelical doctrine and education over the years.

Under the presidential leadership of Dr. Donel Reedus, Bay Cities phased out the graduate and institute programs to focus on undergraduate education and began offering classes in Castro Valley and Santa Rosa.

In April 1998, Brad Chew became president. Under his leadership, we became the Bay Cities Bible College, received ACSI recognition and re-instituted the graduate program. We anticipate new milestones to the college as we develop programs for the Church in the twenty-first century. Maranatha!

STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Mission

The mission of Bay Cities Bible College is to provide formal content to the gifts of the ministry by equipping students for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ (the church) through instruction in the Scriptures and doctrine as they apply to contemporary society and culture. We seek to provide quality theological education at an affordable price.

Purposes and Objectives

As a Christian academic community, we are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the final authority of the Bible, and the importance of the local church. The College's well-balanced, systematic, and coordinated program of Biblical studies is designed to accomplish a threefold objective:

TO EDUCATE: It is our goal to assist the student in achieving a practical knowledge and understanding of the Bible and acquiring a thorough grasp of the foundational truths of the historic Christian faith.

TO EQUIP: Another goal is to assist the student in discovering and developing those abilities, tools, and skills necessary to insure a lifetime of profitable Bible study and fruitful ministry as a servant of God.

TO EDIFY: A further goal is to assist the student in developing a deep love for God's Work, cultivating an appreciation for its role in the life of the Christian community, and discovering the meaning of faithful discipleship, related to a world view and lifestyle rooted in Christ and the Scriptures, dependent upon the Holy Spirit, and applicable to personal experience.

Non-Discrimination

Bay Cities Bible College does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, handicap, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, student admissions, hiring of staff and faculty, or other programs administered by the school.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The faculty and staff share a common commitment to these historic Christian beliefs. This unified theological posture is reflected in the classroom instruction. We believe in:

The one, true and living God
 The Trinity: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 The inspiration, inerrancy and authority of the Bible as God's Word
 The literal, historical, grammatical interpretive approach to the Bible
 Man's sinfulness and separation from God
 The existence of Angels and Satan
 The full deity and humanity of Jesus Christ
 The sacrificial, substitutionary death of Christ on the cross for Man's sin
 The bodily resurrection and present exaltation of Christ
 Salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ
 The deity of the indwelling Holy Spirit
 The Lordship of Jesus Christ over His Church, the people of God.
 The importance of the local church
 The Great Commission to make disciples
 The priesthood of all believers
 The need for righteous living and godly works
 A pretribulation rapture of the Church
 The premillennial return of Jesus Christ
 Future life, bodily resurrection and judgment.

It is assumed that students who attend the school are in basic agreement with its evangelical doctrinal position. Those who may have theological differences with the school or its instructors, especially in controversial matters, are expected not to be a disruptive influence in the classroom.



APPROVAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Bay Cities Bible College is not accredited. The degrees granted by this institution qualify under religious exemption from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE (B.A.) IN BIBLICAL STUDIES may be granted for successful completion of 186 quarter units of academic credit. A MASTER IN BIBLICAL STUDIES DEGREE (M.A.) may be issued for successful completion of 57 quarter units of academic credit in the graduate program to students with an undergraduate degree in biblical studies. (Students with an undergraduate degree in a different field of study are required to take an additional 45 quarter units from the undergraduate program). Transfer credit in our degree program may shorten the length of training.

Instruction is in residence, with class size limited to 24 students. Instruction is highly specialized and basically intended for students with an academic objective related to the Christian faith. Distance education is not provided.

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement. Prospective students are encouraged to visit the school and discuss personal educational and occupational plans with school personnel prior to enrolling.

Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that has not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, California, 95833, by calling (916)431-6959 or sending a fax to (916)263-1897. Their website address is www.bppe.ca.gov.

Students seeking to resolve problems or complaints should first contact the instructor in charge. Requests for further action should be made to the President. A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (888)370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the Bureau's internet website www.bppe.ca.gov.

This school currently does not have scholarship programs, government or otherwise, to provide grants or pay for portions of tuition fees for students. We do not prepare students for any licensure exams. We have never sought accreditation by any accrediting agency, so our degrees may not be recognized by some employers and are not eligible for federal financial aid programs. Students obtaining a loan to pay for educational programs are required to repay the full loan amount plus interest.

Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at Our School

The transferability of credits you earn at Bay Cities Bible College is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the B.A. or M.A. degree you earn in Biblical Studies, Pastoral Ministry or Christian Education is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Bay Cities Bible College to determine if your B.A. or M.A. degree or academic credits will transfer.

AFFILIATIONS WITH E.T.A. AND A.C.S.I.

The Bay Cities Bible College is a member of the **Evangelical Training Association (ETA)**, and is authorized to award the Standard Teacher Diploma to students who successfully complete 135 undergraduate quarter units, which include at least 18 quarter units in Bible and 23 quarter units in Christian Education. Students wishing to pursue the ETA Standard Teacher Diploma while enrolled at BCBC should contact the school office for more information.

Bay Cities Bible College is listed as a recognized college program by the **Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)** for teacher and administrator certification. Those pursuing teacher certification should contact ACSI for specific course requirements for their certification program.

FACILITIES

BUILDING. Classrooms include one large classroom with a seating capacity of 12-24 students and two smaller classrooms with seating for 8-16 students. About 50 students can comfortably be accommodated at any one time. In addition, rest rooms, library and office facilities are conveniently located in the same building.

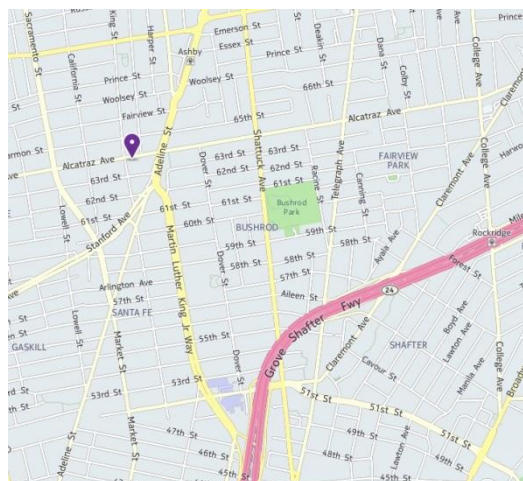
LIBRARY. The Library presently consists of well over 4500 volumes covering a wide range of Biblical subjects. The great libraries of the University of California and the Graduate Theological Union are within ten miles. Graduate Theological Union library privileges are available to faculty and students for \$25.00 per year.

This institution, the facilities it occupies, and the equipment it utilizes, comply with federal, state, and local ordinances and regulations, including those requirements as to fire safety, building safety and health.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION.

Located in Berkeley within walking distance of BART, the school is also adequately serviced by Alameda County Transit. The school is conveniently located near the Martin Luther King Jr. Way at the corner of King Street and Alcatraz Avenue in Berkeley

Courses may be offered at satellite locations in San Francisco and Fremont. Please check our website for locations, dates and times.



II. STUDENT LIFE

ATTENDANCE

The curriculum has been carefully designed to achieve the goals of the College for our students, enabling them to obtain maximum benefits from their studies. It is expected that each student, out of a sense of Christian stewardship, will attend class sessions, complete class requirements, and actively engage in additional school sponsored activities. Our small class sizes foster student interaction, and students are generally encouraged to form study groups outside of class.

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

BCBC endeavors to maintain a healthy environment, free from destructive elements that might hinder academic, personal and spiritual growth. Students are expected to abstain from obscene language, sexual immorality, intoxication, dishonesty, cheating, or any conduct that could lead to physical injury or property damage. Students are expected to treat all other members of our academic community with dignity and respect.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This committee establishes and maintains a continuing dialog of mutual trust and understanding between the student body and the faculty. It is composed of representatives from both the faculty and student body. The committee meets regularly to discuss and develop policy relating to student life. Student opinions play a vital part in the growth and harmonious operation of the school.

NO HOUSING NOR PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

This institution does not provide, find or assist in finding housing for its students. It also does not provide formal placement assistance to graduates. While our Bachelor of Arts degree program is designed to enhance our student's effectiveness in church ministry, it is not designed to prepare a student for any particular vocation, trade, or career field.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FINANCIAL POLICY

All financial obligations to the school must be met each quarter for the student to receive credit for classes taken and to register for the next quarter. Likewise all library books must be returned. Payment must be made on all fines and lost books. Arrangements for payment deferment are to be made with the school office before the quarter begins.

Although this school does not have the financial resources to subsidize a student's educational costs, methods for paying for classes are flexible. These matters are handled individually with a financial representative in the school office.

Payment of course fees are due on the day of registration unless arrangements have been made with the school. Course required textbooks are additional and may be purchased at registration. Textbooks must be paid in full before receiving them.

TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES

A three quarter-unit undergraduate or graduate course for academic credit is \$80.00 per unit, or \$240.00 per course per quarter. The student's spouse may take the same course at the same time for half price (\$40.00 per unit or \$120.00 per course).

Auditors may attend BCBC lectures without receiving academic credit. The audit fee for one three-unit course is \$210.00 per course per quarter. Auditors do not receive any course materials (e.g. audio tapes, course syllabi or other course handouts).

Registration fee is \$15.00 per quarter, for both credit and audit courses taken. This is per quarter, not per course, and is non-refundable. Students who register late will be charged an additional \$45.00 (non-refundable) late registration fee. Students enrolling for the first time are also required to fill out an application and pay a \$30.00 application fee.

All fees and charges are due on the day of registration. The cost of course-required textbooks is additional and may be purchased at the time of registration.

Bay Cities Bible College operates with minimal debt and has never filed for bankruptcy.

ESTIMATED COSTS PER QUARTER (effective 9/1/2018)

Undergraduate and Graduate Tuition (by quarter)

15 quarter units:	\$1200.00
Credit Cost/3 unit course	\$240.00
Spouse Cost/3 unit course	\$120.00
Audit Cost/3 unit course	\$210.00

General Fees (by quarter)

Registration Fee:	\$15.00
Library Card (GTU Library):	\$25.00 (once per year)
Total:	\$15.00-\$40.00

Special Fees (by quarter)

Application Fee	\$30.00
Late Registration Fee	\$45.00 additional
Late Payment of Fees	\$45.00 additional
Transcript Fee	\$15.00
CEU Certificate Fee	\$15.00
Late Examination Fee	\$15.00
Extension Fee (per quarter)	\$10.00
Graduation Fee (grads only)	\$100.00
Bounced Check Fee	\$15.00

Total Estimated Cost per Quarter (with no special fees):

Undergraduate and Graduate Students:	\$1,215 - \$1,240
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(Note: This estimate excludes the costs of books, housing and health insurance, all of which must be covered by the student.)

Estimate of Total Charges for Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts Degree: \$14,580 - \$14,880

Master of Arts Degree: \$7,290 - \$7,440



Chantee Adkins-Murphy
Office Manager

TUITION REFUND POLICY

All refund requests must be made in writing through the school Business Manager. A student is entitled to a full refund if a formal request is made for such before the second session of the classes for which a refund is requested. After the second class session, the following refund policy will apply:

After 2 class sessions (5.50 hours of class time):	90% refund.
After 3 class sessions (8.25 hours of class time):	75% refund.
After 4 class sessions (11.0 hours of class time):	60% refund.
After 5 class sessions (13.75 hours of class time):	50% refund.
After 6 class sessions (16.50 hours of class time):	40% refund.
After 7 class sessions there will be no refunds.	

This refund schedule is based upon attendance time, the time between the scheduled starting date of the class and the date on which the student formally cancels enrollment, whether or not the student actually attends the class.

Students dismissed from the school for reasons of conduct will receive a refund. If a course is canceled because of insufficient enrollment, the student is entitled to a full refund.

The State of California has established and maintains a Student Tuition Recovery Fund to relieve or mitigate losses suffered by any California resident who is a student at BCBC, prepaid tuition and suffered loss due to closure of this institution. For more information on this fund, pick up a copy of Article 14 of the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, available in the school office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF BCBC

Bay Cities Bible College receives no federal or state funding. As a California non-profit corporation, we rely on the gifts of concerned friends (individuals and institutions), as well as income from tuition and fees. Every gift is deductible for income tax purposes and is acknowledged by an official receipt.

Direct Donations: Friends and alumni are invited to make donations, which may be one-time gifts or pledges payable monthly or annually.

Estate Planning: Many Christians want to remember the Lord's work in their estate planning, and BCBC provides an opportunity for them to do so. BCBC can become a beneficiary of your estate with bequests of cash, securities, special collections, antiques and other assets. Charitable gifts can provide significant estate and income tax savings. We welcome inquiries concerning gifts, bequests and trusts.

IV. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Those students who desire to pursue a Bachelor's degree must have a high school diploma or its equivalent. Those students who desire to pursue a Master's degree must have a state-licensed or accredited Bachelor's degree (in any subject) or its equivalent. Courses are open to all interested students, regardless of degree intent.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

New students planning to enroll at B.C.B.C. must submit an application which may be secured directly from the school by phone, mail or visit and submit all documents specified on the application. Students must apply for admission at least thirty days prior to the quarter by sending in the completed application with all required supporting documents (including transcripts).

Entering students are required to take the **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)**. Students are also required to take the **Standardized Bible Content Test** of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges at the beginning and end of their academic program. In addition, students are required to write a one-page essay at the beginning and end of their academic program.

We are not equipped to admit students from foreign countries. We do not provide the I-20 or visa services, nor do we not provide any ESL (English as a Second Language) instruction. Students whose primary language is not English are expected to achieve a TOEFL paper score of at least 500. All classes at BCBC are taught in English.

REGISTRATION

All new and returning students must register at least two weeks prior to the beginning of classes. Late registration will cost an additional \$45. Students must pay for their tuition, fees and books by the first class session of each quarter. New students may enter the program at the beginning of any quarter.

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

The student body is divided for class organization on the basis of academic classification. Part-time and unclassified students participate in the activities of the class to which their accumulated hours would admit them were they full-time students.

Full-time: a student registered for twelve or more quarter hours.

Part-time: a student registered for fewer than twelve quarter-hours.

Undergraduate Classifications:

Freshman: a high school graduate or equivalent with less than 45 quarter hours.

Sophomore: a student who has completed 45 to 89 undergraduate quarter hours.

Junior: a student who has completed 90 to 134 undergraduate quarter hours.

Senior: a student who has completed at least 135 undergraduate quarter hours.

Graduate Classifications

First Year: a Post-Baccalaureate graduate with less than 45 graduate quarter hours.

Second Year: a Post-Baccalaureate graduate with at least 45 graduate quarter hours.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduating students must have satisfactorily completed all of the courses required for a particular program of study, maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 for all work completed, settle all financial obligations to this school, and pay a graduation fee. Formal graduation exercises are held in June.

The candidate must complete and submit a petition form for graduation one year before graduation.

All coursework must be completed within 9 years after being admitted into the degree program. Students considering a leave of absence or withdrawal should first consult with their academic advisor. In cases of extreme hardship, extensions may be given with approval from the academic dean.

COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Courses numbered 101-127 are undergraduate core courses required in all Bachelor of Arts programs. Courses numbered 128-160 are elective undergraduate courses in specialized areas.

Biblical Studies: Courses BI101-109

General Studies: Courses GS110-118

Systematic Theology: Courses ST119-127

Biblical Languages: Courses BL128-133

Pastoral Ministries: Courses PM134-136, PM146-148

Christian Education: Courses CE137-145

Christian Counseling: Courses CO151-156

Student Ministry: Course SM199

Courses numbered 201-299 are graduate courses offered in the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies program.

Biblical Studies: Courses BI201-209

General Studies: Courses GS210-218

Systematic Theology: Courses ST219-227

Biblical Languages: Courses BL228-233

Student Ministry: Course SM299

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

At BCBC, student ministry is an integral part of the total academic program. Students perform spiritual ministry that involves direct contact with people while supervised directly by field supervisors (normally the student's local church pastor). One unit of student ministry, requiring at least 3 hours/week for 10 weeks and weekly ministry reports, is required for every 15 academic quarter units taken at BCBC.

FACULTY

All the faculty of the school have been chosen on the basis of academic background, spiritual maturity, ministry experience, and teaching ability.

CALENDAR

The B.C.B.C. calendar is organized into three quarters (Fall, Winter, Spring) beginning in September and ending in June. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, and Easter holidays are observed. Other holidays may be declared.

CLASS STRUCTURE

Three quarters compose the academic year: Fall, Winter and Spring. Each quarter is 11 weeks in length. Most courses taught in a particular quarter are valued at 3 quarter units credit and meet once a week for 11 weeks. One quarter unit credit is 11 sessions of 50 minutes each. Therefore a 3-unit class meets once each week for 150 minutes (2½ hours). Class sessions are normally held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Students are advised to consult the Schedule of Classes for the specific time of each course.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night classes meet 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. No classes are taught on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. The school office is open from 6:30pm to 9:30pm on the evenings when classes in Berkeley are in session. The school is closed on Sunday and holidays.

WITHDRAWAL

Those students who withdraw from any class must complete and submit a course drop form (signed by the professor) to the school office in order to be formally dropped from enrollment.

GRADING SYSTEM

Academic achievement is measured on a standard four point system.

Academic Excellence	A	4 Grade Points
Above Average	B	3 Grade Points
Average	C	2 Grade Points
Below Average	D	1 Grade Point
Failure	F	0 Grade Points
Incomplete	Inc	0 Grade Points
*Withdrawal	W	0 Grade Points

Students who withdraw from a course or receive a failing grade must repeat the course to receive credit. An Incomplete (Inc.) may be changed to a letter grade if the course is completed within one calendar year. After one calendar year, an "Inc." will automatically be changed to an "F". Any assignments received late shall be lowered one full letter grade per each delinquent week.

STUDENT RECORDS

This institution maintains student records for a period of 30 years. A permanent record of the student's academic work will be maintained. Requests for transcripts of completed work should be made through the Registrar. Transcripts can be obtained through a written request at a fee of \$15.00 per transcript. Certificates of Completion for individual courses are available for continuing education through written request at a fee of \$15.00 per certificate.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

The maximum amount of college level credit that may be transferred into the undergraduate program of B.C.B.C. from other educational sources or life experience is 132 quarter units, regardless of subject matter. It is the student's responsibility to provide verification of such work for the Registrar, either by official transcript or some other acceptable document. The school reserves the right to evaluate all previous academic work to determine its acceptance. All students must complete at least 54 quarter units in residence at B.C.B.C.

The maximum amount of graduate level credit that may be transferred into the graduate program of B.C.B.C. from other educational sources or life experience is 9 quarter units, regardless of subject matter. It is the student's responsibility to provide verification of such work for the Registrar, either by official transcript or some other acceptable document. The school reserves the right to evaluate all previous academic work to determine its acceptance.

THREE-YEAR ROTATING CYCLE OF COURSES

The curriculum at B.C.B.C. is taught on a rotating three-year cycle.

ROTATING SCHEDULE: GRADUATE COURSES

Year	Fall	Winter	Spring
2025-26	Greek Exegesis I	Greek Exegesis II	Greek Exegesis III
	OT Theology	NT Theology	Dispensational Issues
	Recommended: Hebrew I, II, III for students without Hebrew		
2026-27	Hebrew Exegesis I	Hebrew Exegesis II	Hebrew Exegesis III
	Adv. Hermeneutics	History of Israel	Research Methods
2027-28	Bible Exegesis I	Bible Exegesis II	Bible Exegesis III
	OT Introduction	NT Introduction	Biblical Criticism
	Recommended: Greek I, II, III for students without Greek		
Any Year	Thesis I	Thesis II	Thesis Defense

ROTATING SCHEDULE: UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Schedule: 2025-2026 Academic Year

<u>Fall Quarter</u>	<u>Winter Quarter</u>	<u>Spring Quarter</u>
BI104 The Major Prophets	BI105 The Minor Prophets	BI109 Bible Interpretation
BL131 OT Hebrew 1	BL132 OT Hebrew 2	BL133 OT Hebrew 3
ST119 Doctrine of God	ST120 Doctrine of Christ	ST121 Doctrine of Holy Spirit
GS110 Bible Introduction	GS116 Christian Evidences	GS111 Ancient Near East

Schedule: 2026-2027 Academic Year

<u>Fall Quarter</u>	<u>Winter Quarter</u>	<u>Spring Quarter</u>
BI106 The Four Gospels	BI107 Acts/Pauline Epistles	BI108 Gen Epistles / Rev
GS117 Early Church History	GS118 Mod Church History	GS112 Dispensations
ST122 Doctrine of Scripture	ST123 Doctrines of Man/Sin	ST124 Doctrine of Angels
PM134 Biblical Preaching 1	PM135 Biblical Preaching 2	PM136 Biblical Preaching 3

Schedule: 2027-2028 Academic Year

<u>Fall Quarter</u>	<u>Winter Quarter</u>	<u>Spring Quarter</u>
BI101 The Pentateuch	BI102 Historical Books	BI103 Poetic Books
BL128 NT Greek 1	BL129 NT Greek 2	BL130 NT Greek 3
ST125 Doctrine of Salvation	ST126 Doctrine of Church	ST127 Doctrine End Times
GS113 Christian Lifestyle	GS114 Christian Witness	GS115 Christian Mission

With the exceptions of NT Greek, OT Hebrew and Preaching, there are no prerequisites for undergraduate courses. Courses BL128-130 (NT Greek), BL131-133 (OT Hebrew) and PM134-136 (Preaching) must be taken in sequence and require course BI109 (Bible Interpretation), which is offered only in Spring Quarter.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

B.C.B.C. offers the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Biblical Studies and the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Biblical Studies.

Undergraduate Degree Programs

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in Biblical Studies has optional areas of concentration in Pastoral Ministry and Christian Education. Students pursuing the Bachelor's degree are classified as undergraduate students. The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree requires the completion of 186 quarter units of course work, which include the Bible/Theology Core (54 units), General Education Requirement (54 units), Student Ministry Requirement (normally 6 non-academic student ministry credits) and an optional Concentration Core (27 units). The remaining units needed to graduate are to be supplied through additional courses offered by BCBC or through transfer credit from other educational sources.

STUDENT MINISTRY REQUIREMENT

All students are required to complete one student ministry credit for every 15 academic quarter units taken at BCBC. Each student ministry credit represents at least 3 hours per week of supervised ministry service over a minimum of 10 weeks per quarter, with weekly written reports submitted to the Student Ministry director at the school office.

BIBLE/THEOLOGY CORE

The following courses constitute the Bible/Theology core courses:

Biblical Studies Courses:

101	Pentateuch (Genesis - Deuteronomy)	3
102	Historical Books (Joshua - Esther)	3
103	Poetic Books (Job - Song of Solomon)	3
104	Major Prophets (Isaiah - Daniel)	3
105	Minor Prophets (Hosea - Malachi)	3
106	Four Gospels (Matthew - John)	3
107	Acts/Early Epistles (Acts, Romans – 2 Thess.)	3
108	Later Epistles (1 Timothy - Revelation)	3
109	Principles of Bible Interpretation	3

Systematic Theology Courses:

119	Doctrine of God (Theology Proper)	3
120	Doctrine of Christ (Christology)	3
121	Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)	3
122	Doctrine of the Scriptures (Bibliology)	3
123	Doctrines of Man and Sin (Hamartiology)	3
124	Doctrines of Angels and Demons (Angelology)	3

125	Doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology)	3
126	Doctrine of the Church (Ecclesiology)	3
127	Doctrine of Last Things (Eschatology)	3

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

A student pursuing this degree from B.C.B.C. must complete some general education courses from other educational sources prior to the awarding of the degree. These courses may be taken before enrolling at B.C.B.C., while enrolled at B.C.B.C., or after completing the required coursework for a Biblical Studies major at B.C.B.C. To fulfill the general education requirement from the B.A. degree the student must successfully complete 54 quarter units of general education as follows:

BCBC General Studies Core Courses (27 units)

GS 110: How We Got Our Bible (Bible Introduction)	3 units
GS 111: History of the Ancient Near East (Biblical World)	3 units
GS 112: Dispensations and Covenants (God in History)	3 units
GS 113: Christian Lifestyle	3 units
GS 114: Christian Witness	3 units
GS 115: Christian Missions	3 units
GS 116: Apologetics/Christian Evidences	3 units
GS 117: Early/Medieval Church History	3 units
GS 118: Reformation/Modern Church History	3 units

English Reading and Composition (at least 6 units)

English 001 A/B Composition and Reading (taken at a local community college)

Distribution Requirement: (at least 21 units)

At least one 3-unit course from each of three areas:

Humanities/Fine Arts: 1 course minimum

Literature	Logic	Philosophy	U.S. History
Music	Geography	Foreign Language (minimum 1 year)	

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 1 course minimum

Anthropology	Psychology	Sociology	Communication/Media
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Natural Sciences/Mathematics: 1 course minimum

Biological Sciences	Physical Sciences	Mathematics
Computer Science	Statistics	

A community college is an excellent resource for the English and Distribution courses.

The following BCBC courses may count toward distribution requirements:

Humanities/Fine Arts:

BL128-130	New Testament Greek I, II, III	9 units
BL131-133	Old Testament Hebrew I, II, III	9 units

At the present time, BCBC does not offer any courses in Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

Students are encouraged to spend their first year of undergraduate study concentrating on general education requirements to prepare them for their Biblical and Theological studies at BCBC. In particular, we recommend that English composition and reading (e.g. English 1A and 1B) be taken in the first year.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies (with no area of concentration) is the basic degree program offered at BCBC. It provides the greatest flexibility in allowing students to choose among the various practical ministry electives.

All students pursuing this degree are required to take the Bible and Theology core (54 units), the General Studies core and General Education distribution courses (54 units), 1 unit of student ministry for every 15 BCBC academic units, and enough electives to total at least 186 units.

If the student wishes to complete his/her degree within four years, the following table illustrates how to accomplish that goal.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES
Recommended Four-Year Schedule: 2024-2028

<u>Autumn 2024</u>		<u>Winter 2025</u>		<u>Spring 2025</u>	
English 1A	5	English 1B	5	General Ed Req	15
General Ed Req	10	General Ed Req	10		15
	15		15		
<u>Autumn 2025</u>		<u>Winter 2026</u>		<u>Spring 2026</u>	
Major Prophets	3	Minor Prophets	3	Bible Interpret	3
Bible Introduction	3	Apologetics	3	Ancient Near East	3
Doctrine of God	3	Doctrine of Christ	3	Doc Holy Spirit	3
General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3
BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Electives	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16
<u>Autumn 2026</u>		<u>Winter 2027</u>		<u>Spring 2027</u>	
Four Gospels	3	Acts/Pauline Epis	3	Gen. Epistles/Rev	3
Early Church Hist.	3	Mod Church Hist.	3	Dispensations	3
Doctrine Scripture	3	Doctrine Man/Sin	3	Doctrine Angels	3
General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3
BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Elective	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16
<u>Autumn 2027</u>		<u>Winter 2028</u>		<u>Spring 2028</u>	
Pentateuch	3	Historical Books	3	Poetic Books	3
Christ. Lifestyle	3	Christ. Witness	3	Christ. Mission	3
Doctrine Salvation	3	Doctrine Church	3	Doc End Times	3
General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3
BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Elective	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

BCBC offers optional areas of concentration in Pastoral Ministry and Christian Education. Each of these areas generally requires additional units of specialized study.

CONCENTRATION IN PASTORAL MINISTRY:

1. One year of a Biblical Language (NT Greek or OT Hebrew):
 - BL 128-130 New Testament Greek I, II, III 9 units or
 - BL 131-133 Old Testament Hebrew I, II, III 9 units
2. One year of Expository Preaching courses:
 - PM 134-136 Biblical Preaching I, II, III 9 units
3. Any three of these courses in Practical Church Ministry:
 - PM 146-147 Pastoral Ministries I, II 6 units
 - PM 148 Pastoral Ministries Seminar 3 units
 - CE 137 Building Leaders for Church Education 3 units
 - CE 138 Organization and Administration of Christian Ed. 3 units

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY (NT Greek Language Option)

Recommended Four Year Schedule: 2024-2028

<u>Autumn 2024</u>	<u>Winter 2025</u>	<u>Spring 2025</u>
English 1A 5	English 1B 5	
General Ed Req 10	General Ed Req 10	General Ed Req 15
15	15	15
<u>Autumn 2025</u>	<u>Winter 2026</u>	<u>Spring 2026</u>
Major Prophets 3	Minor Prophets 3	Bible Interpret 3
Bible Introduction 3	Apologetics 3	Ancient Near East 3
Doctrine of God 3	Doctrine of Christ 3	Doc Holy Spirit 3
General Ed Req 3	General Ed Req 3	General Ed Req 3
BCBC Elective 3	BCBC Elective 3	BCBC Electives 3
Student Ministry 1	Student Ministry 1	Student Ministry 1
16	16	16
<u>Autumn 2026</u>	<u>Winter 2027</u>	<u>Spring 2027</u>
Four Gospels 3	Acts/Pauline Epis 3	Gen Epistles/Rev 3
Early Church Hist. 3	Mod Church Hist. 3	Dispensations 3
Doctrine Scripture 3	Doctrine Man/Sin 3	Doctrine Angels 3
BCBC Elective 3	BCBC Elective 3	BCBC Elective 3
Preaching I 3	Preaching II 3	Preaching III 3
Student Ministry 1	Student Ministry 1	Student Ministry 1
16	16	16
<u>Autumn 2027</u>	<u>Winter 2028</u>	<u>Spring 2028</u>
Pentateuch 3	Historical Books 3	Poetic Books 3
Christ. Lifestyle 3	Christ. Witness 3	Christ. Mission 3
Doctrine Salvation 3	Doctrine Church 3	Doc End Times 3
Pastoral Min 1 3	Pastoral Min 2 3	Pastoral Min Sem 3
NT Greek I 3	NT Greek II 3	NT Greek III 3
Student Ministry 1	Student Ministry 1	Student Ministry 1
16	16	16

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY
(OT Hebrew Language Option)
Recommended Four Year Schedule: 2024-2028

<u>Autumn 2024</u>		<u>Winter 2025</u>		<u>Spring 2025</u>	
English 1A	5	English 1B	5	General Ed Req	15
General Ed Req	10	General Ed Req	10		15
	15		15		
<u>Autumn 2025</u>		<u>Winter 2026</u>		<u>Spring 2026</u>	
Major Prophets	3	Minor Prophets	3	Bible Interpret	3
Bible Introduction	3	Apologetics	3	Ancient Near East	3
Doctrine of God	3	Doctrine of Christ	3	Doc Holy Spirit	3
BCBC Elective	3	General Ed Req	3	BCBC Electives	3
OT Hebrew I	3	OT Hebrew II	3	OT Hebrew III	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16
<u>Autumn 2026</u>		<u>Winter 2027</u>		<u>Spring 2027</u>	
Four Gospels	3	Acts/Pauline Epis	3	Gen. Epistles/Rev	3
Early Church Hist.	3	Mod Church Hist.	3	Dispensations	3
Doctrine Scripture	3	Doctrine Man/Sin	3	Doctrine Angels	3
BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Elective	3
Preaching I	3	Preaching II	3	Preaching III	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16
<u>Autumn 2027</u>		<u>Winter 2028</u>		<u>Spring 2028</u>	
Pentateuch	3	Historical Books	3	Poetic Books	3
Christ. Lifestyle	3	Christ. Witness	3	Christ. Mission	3
Doctrine Salvation	3	Doctrine Church	3	Doc End Times	3
Pastoral Min 1	3	Pastoral Min 2	3	Pastoral Min Sem	3
BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Elective	3	BCBC Electives	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16

CONCENTRATION IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

CE 137	Building Leaders for Church Education	3 units
CE 138	Organization and Administration of Christian Ed.	3 units
CE 139	Educational Program of the Church	3 units
CE 140	Principles of the Teaching and Learning Process	3 units
CE 141	History and Philosophy of Christian Education	3 units
CE 142	Introduction to Christian Education	3 units
CE 143	Christian Education of Children	3 units
CE 144	Christian Education of Youth	3 units
CE 145	Christian Education of Adults	3 units

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Recommended Four Year Schedule: 2024-2028

<u>Autumn 2024</u>		<u>Winter 2025</u>		<u>Spring 2025</u>	
English 1A	5	English 1B	5		
General Ed Req	10	General Ed Req	10	General Ed Req	15
	15		15		15
<u>Autumn 2025</u>		<u>Winter 2026</u>		<u>Spring 2026</u>	
Major Prophets	3	Minor Prophets	3	Bible Interpret	3
Bible Introduction	3	Apologetics	3	Ancient Near East	3
Doctrine of God	3	Doctrine of Christ	3	Doc Holy Spirit	3
General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3
Building Leaders	3	Org./Admin. CE	3	Educ. Program	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16
<u>Autumn 2026</u>		<u>Winter 2027</u>		<u>Spring 2027</u>	
Four Gospels	3	Acts/Pauline Epis	3	Gen. Epistles/Rev	3
Early Church Hist.	3	Mod Church Hist.	3	Dispensations	3
Doctrine Scripture	3	Doctrine Man/Sin	3	Doctrine Angels	3
General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3
Teaching/Learning	3	History/Philos. CE	3	Intro to CE	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16
<u>Autumn 2027</u>		<u>Winter 2028</u>		<u>Spring 2028</u>	
Pentateuch	3	Historical Books	3	Poetic Books	3
Christ. Lifestyle	3	Christ. Witness	3	Christ. Mission	3
Doctrine Salvation	3	Doctrine Church	3	Doc End Times	3
General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3	General Ed Req	3
CE of Children	3	CE of Youth	3	CE of Adults	3
Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1	Student Ministry	1
	16		16		16

Graduate Degree Programs

The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Biblical Studies is available for graduate level students with an undergraduate Biblical degree. To earn the master's degree, they must complete at least 57 quarter units as follows: 15 graduate level core courses for 45 quarter units, prepare and defend an acceptable thesis/project for 6 quarter units, compete 3 quarters of Student Ministry (1 unit per five academic courses at BCBC, requiring active involvement in Christian service under the mentorship of a local pastor for a minimum of 30 hours of service/quarter. Students without undergraduate Hebrew or Greek must make up the Hebrew and/or Greek requirements as a prerequisite to entering the graduate program.

A Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Biblical Studies is also available for graduate level students with an undergraduate degree in a subject other than Biblical Studies. To earn the master's degree, they must complete at least 57 graduate quarter units as follows: 15 graduate level core courses for 45 quarter units, prepare and defend an acceptable thesis/project for 6 quarter units, compete 6 quarters of Student Ministry (1 unit per five academic courses at BCBC, requiring active involvement in Christian service under the mentorship of a local pastor for a minimum of 30 hours of service/quarter. In addition, they must also complete 45 undergraduate quarter credits as follows: 12 quarter units in Biblical Studies (including Bible Interpretation), 9 quarter units in Systematic Theology, 9 quarter units of introductory NT Greek and 9 quarter units in introductory OT Hebrew.

Graduate Core Courses:

At least six of the following courses in Bible Exegesis:

FALL QUARTER	WINTER QUARTER	SPRING QUARTER
Greek Exegesis I	Greek Exegesis II	Greek Exegesis III
Hebrew Exegesis I	Hebrew Exegesis II	Hebrew Exegesis III
Bible Exegesis I	Bible Exegesis II	Bible Exegesis III

And include each of the following:

FALL QUARTER	WINTER QUARTER	SPRING QUARTER
Old Testament Theology	New Testament Theology	Dispensational Issues
Old Testament Introduction	New Testament Introduction	Biblical Criticism
Ministry Elective I*	Ministry Elective II*	Ministry Elective III*
Advanced Hermeneutics	History of Israel	Research Methods
Thesis I	Thesis II	Thesis Defense

*Electives may include the three remaining Bible Exegesis courses, or tailored electives based on the interest of the individual student.

Emphasis in New Testament:

Greek Exegesis I, II, III	9 units
Bible Exegesis I, II, III	9 units
OT & NT Theology, Disp	9 units
OT & NT Intro, Bib Critic	9 units
Ministry Electives	9 units
Research & Thesis	6 units
Student Ministry	<u>3 units</u>
Total:	57 units

Emphasis in Old Testament:

Hebrew Exegesis I, II, III	9 units
Bible Exegesis I, II, III	9 units
OT & NT Theology, Disp	9 units
OT & NT Intro, Bib Critic	9 units
Ministry Electives	9 units
Research & Thesis	6 units
Student Ministry	<u>3 units</u>
Total:	57 units

Emphasis in Biblical Exegesis

Greek Exegesis I, II, III	9 units
Hebrew Exegesis I, II, III	9 units
Bible Exegesis I, II, III	9 units
OT & NT Theology, Disp	9 units
OT & NT Intro, Bib Critic	9 units
Research & Thesis	6 units
Student Ministry	<u>3 units</u>
Total:	57 units

Ministry Electives:

Biblical Preaching I, II, III	9 units
Christian Education courses	9 units

THESIS PREPARATION

The Master of Arts (M.A.) program in Biblical Studies is primarily a research degree. Students must be able to analyze relevant material and be able to interact on a scholarly level with the present level of information. Students will be evaluated throughout the degree as to their level of research and advised accordingly.

The thesis should be an ongoing process throughout the Graduate Program. From their entrance into the program, students should already be thinking critically about their final research assignment. Thus there will be deadlines to be met in completing the required thesis. The grading system for the thesis will be an ongoing process, with grades given for each part in the thesis development.

After six completed courses at the Graduate Level (1/3 complete):

The student should propose a thesis topic to the Graduate Studies department. This thesis proposal should include a title proposal, an idea of where the research will lead the student, and evidence of research already carried out on the proposed topic.

The student will then be interviewed based on the proposal, and the topic modified or changed according to the student's ability. Upon acceptance of the topic, a thesis adviser will be assigned for the student. This adviser will guide the student through the thesis process.

After twelve completed courses at the Graduate Level (2/3 complete):

The student will sit down with the advisor and discuss progress made towards the thesis. The student should present a more detailed proposal into his thesis in the form of a five-page abstract. This abstract should show the direction of the student's present research. The student should include an outline for the thesis as part of this abstract.

After completion of the required course work at the Graduate level:

The student should show a substantial level of research in terms of the development of a bibliography. Each of the chapters of the thesis should now be in outline form. This outline should be presented to the advisor for final approval. An additional faculty thesis reader will now be assigned to the student.

Thesis Preparation I

At the end of the first quarter of thesis preparation, the student should present the first two chapters to the Graduate studies office. The advisor and reader will fine tune the thesis and give a grade based on the student's present research.

Thesis Preparation II

By the end of this second quarter of thesis preparation, the student should have completed a first draft of the entire thesis. This draft must be approved by the advisor and reader before proceeding.

Thesis Defense

Upon presentation of an acceptable final draft of the thesis, the student will schedule a defense of his work at which time the student will explain his thesis, his research methods, and his conclusions. A grade will then be given for the entire process.



UNDERGRADUATE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

UNDERGRADUATE CORE COURSES

BIBLICAL STUDIES		<u>Units</u>
101	Pentateuch (Genesis - Deuteronomy)	3
102	Historical Books (Joshua - Esther)	3
103	Poetic Books (Job - Song of Solomon)	3
104	Major Prophets (Isaiah - Daniel)	3
105	Minor Prophets (Hosea - Malachi)	3
106	Four Gospels (Matthew - John)	3
107	Acts/Early Epistles (Acts – 2 Thess, Philemon)	3
108	Later Epistles/Revelation (1 Timothy – Rev.)	3
109	Hermeneutics (Principles of Bible Interpretation)	3

GENERAL STUDIES		<u>Units</u>
110	How We Got Our Bible (Bible Introduction)	3
111	History of the Ancient Near East (Biblical World)	3
112	Dispensations and Covenants (God in History)	3
113	Christian Lifestyle	3
114	Christian Witness	3
115	Christian Missions	3
116	Apologetics/Christian Evidences	3
117	Early/Medieval Church History	3
118	Reformation/Modern Church History	3

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY		<u>Units</u>
119	Doctrine of God (Theology Proper)	3
120	Doctrine of Christ (Christology)	3
121	Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)	3
122	Doctrine of the Scriptures (Bibliology)	3
123	Doctrines of Man and Sin (Hamartiology)	3
124	Doctrines of Angels and Demons (Angelology)	3
125	Doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology)	3
126	Doctrine of the Church (Ecclesiology)	3
127	Doctrine of Last Things (Eschatology)	3

UNDERGRADUATE ELECTIVE COURSES

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES		<u>Units</u>
128	New Testament Greek I	3
129	New Testament Greek II	3
130	New Testament Greek III	3
131	Old Testament Hebrew I	3
132	Old Testament Hebrew II	3
133	Old Testament Hebrew III	3

PASTORAL MINISTRY		<u>Units</u>
134	Biblical Preaching I	3
135	Biblical Preaching II	3
136	Biblical Preaching III	3
146	Pastoral Ministries I	3
147	Pastoral Ministries II	3
148	Pastoral Ministries Seminar	3

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		<u>Units</u>
137	Building Leaders for Church Education	3
138	Organization and Administration of Christian Ed.	3
139	Educational Program of the Church	3
140	Principles of the Teaching and Learning Process	3
141	History and Philosophy of Christian Education	3
142	Introduction to Christian Education	3
143	Christian Education of Children	3
144	Christian Education of Youth	3
145	Christian Education of Adults	3

GRADUATE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

BIBLICAL STUDIES		<u>Units</u>
201	Bible Exegesis I: Exegesis in Narrative Literature	3
202	Bible Exegesis II: Exegesis in Prophetic Literature	3
203	Bible Exegesis III: Exegesis in Poetic Literature	3
206	Old Testament Introduction	3
207	New Testament Introduction	3
208	Introduction to Biblical Criticism	3
209	Advanced Biblical Hermeneutics	3
GENERAL STUDIES		<u>Units</u>
211	History of Israel	3
213	Introduction to Research Methods	3
214	Thesis Preparation I	3
215	Thesis Preparation II	0
216	Thesis Defense	3
THEOLOGY		<u>Units</u>
220	Introduction to Old Testament Theology	3
221	Introduction to New Testament Theology	3
222	Modern Dispensational Issues	3
BIBLICAL LANGUAGES		<u>Units</u>
228	New Testament Greek Exegesis I	3
229	New Testament Greek Exegesis II	3
230	New Testament Greek Exegesis III	3
231	Old Testament Hebrew Exegesis I	3
232	Old Testament Hebrew Exegesis II	3
233	Old Testament Hebrew Exegesis III	3

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

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Bradford B. Chew, Professor of New Testament

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BI 101 THE PENTATEUCH - 3 units

The five books of Moses are treated as God's initial revelation in His redemptive program for man. Particular emphasis will be given to Israel's place in that program as it is unfolded in the Pentateuch.

BI 102 HISTORICAL BOOKS - 3 units

A study of Israel's history from Joshua through Esther. The historical significance of the period in its bearing upon proper understanding of the whole of divine revelation are given special attention.

BI 103 POETIC BOOKS - 3 units

A study of Job through Song of Solomon, with an emphasis upon the doctrinal and devotional values of this great section of God's Word.

BI 104 MAJOR PROPHETS - 3 units

A study of Isaiah, Jeremiah (including Lamentations) and Ezekiel. The books will be studied in their historical context and prophetic outlook. The great Messianic passages receive careful attention.

BI 105 MINOR PROPHETS - 3 units

The Minor Prophets and Daniel are to be studied within the framework of their historical context and relation to Israel. Their place within the entire scope of Biblical prophecy will receive careful attention.

BI 106 THE FOUR GOSPELS - 3 units

A synthetic study of the contents and major problems of the four Gospels. Included will be the intertestamental period, the major themes of the four Gospels and the synoptic problem.

BI 107 ACTS AND PAUL'S EARLY EPISTLES - 3 units

A synthetic study of the contents and major problems of Acts and the epistles Paul wrote during that period (Romans – 2 Thessalonians, Philemon). The emphasis will be on doctrine and practice.

BI 108 LATER EPISTLES, GENERAL EPISTLES & REVELATION - 3 units

A synthetic study of the contents and major problems of epistles Paul wrote after Acts, the Epistle to the Hebrews and the general epistles of James, John, Peter and Jude. A synthetic study of the contents and major problems of the book of Revelation. The problem of a chronology of the book and the problem of the symbolic language in the book will be covered.

BI 109 PRINCIPLES OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION - 3 units

An inquiry into the history, principles and methods of biblical interpretation. The interpretation of types, prophecy and parables is considered.

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BI 201 BIBLE EXEGESIS I: EXEGESIS IN NARRATIVE LITERATURE - 3 units

In depth exposition of Old and New Testament biblical narrative literature from the English text, focusing on outlining passages, determining common themes and identifying key theological ideas in narrative literature.

BI 202 BIBLE EXEGESIS II: EXEGESIS IN PROPHETIC LITERATURE - 3 units

In depth exposition of prophetic literature from the English text, focusing on outlining, common themes, and the differences between Old and New Testament prophetic passages.

BI 203 BIBLE EXEGESIS III: EXEGESIS IN POETIC LITERATURE - 3 units

In depth exposition in Old and New Testament poetic literature, focusing on direction and flow of thought as well as the flow of theological themes throughout poetic passages.

BI 206 OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION - 3 units

A study of the background of the Old Testament, focusing on introductory problems, authorship, and date, along with an examination of higher critical issues inherent in the Old Testament.

BI 207 NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION - 3 units

A study of the background of the New Testament, focusing on introductory problems, authorship and date of writing.

BI 208 INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL CRITICISM - 3 units

An introduction to various critical approaches in biblical study including textual, narrative, rhetorical, historical and form criticism, and how modern criticism affects exegesis and theology.

BI 209 ADVANCED BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS - 3 units

A detailed study of the literal-grammatical-historical system of biblical interpretation focusing on practical experience in following a correct hermeneutic method.

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL STUDIES

Darren Lim, Professor of Applied Theology, Department Chair
Christopher Sansano, Associate Professor of Applied Theology
Ted B. Anderson, Professor of Old Testament
Sid Baker, Professor of Systematic Theology

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GS 110 HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE (Bible Introduction) - 3 units

A concise and non-technical study of the essential areas of Old and New Testament Introduction. A short introduction to each of the books of the canon will be undertaken in the order of their appearance.

GS 111 HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST (Biblical World) - 3 units

An examination of the geographical and historical background of the Bible. Special attention is given to the ancient nations of the near east as they came into contact with the nation of Israel.

GS 112 BIBLICAL DISPENSATIONALISM (God In History) - 3 units

An examination of the dispensations of Scripture with an emphasis on Law, grace and the kingdom. The covenants are studied as a basis for premillennialism.

GS 113 CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE - 3 units

This course seeks to prepare the student to live out the Christian faith and life in a consistent manner. There is an emphasis on the content of salvation, prayer and Bible study leading to the absolute assurance of salvation.

GS 114 CHRISTIAN WITNESS - 3 units

This course provides the student with the practical methods for the winning of the lost to Christ. It will equip the student to witness with grace and confidence. Emphasis is given to dealing with special problems and with the cults.

GS 115 CHRISTIAN MISSIONS - 3 units

An examination is made of the biblical basis for missions together with a world survey of present day missionary endeavors.

GS 116 APOLOGETICS/ CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES - 3 units

A study of the foundation of the Christian Faith. An examination of the evidence, internal and external, which undergirds our Holy Faith.

GS 117 EARLY/MEDIEVAL CHURCH HISTORY - 3 units

The history of Christ and the Christian church are studied from about 100 A.D. through the period of the Renaissance. The events of secular history that affected the church are included.

GS 118 REFORMATION/MODERN CHURCH HISTORY - 3 units

This course includes the reformation and the rise and development of Protestantism. The rise and development of denominationalism is considered within the framework of secular history.

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GS 211 HISTORY OF ISRAEL - 3 units

This course will examine the history of Israel in the context of the Ancient Near East. Recent theories of Israel's origins based on higher critical studies will be discussed in opposition to the Biblical development of Israel's past.

GS 213 INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS - 3 units

This required course introduces the student to resources available to do extended research.

GS 214 THESIS PREPARATION I - 3 units

At the end of the first quarter of thesis preparation, the student should present the first two chapters to the Graduate studies office. The advisor and reader will fine tune the thesis and give a grade based on the student's present research.

GS 215 THESIS PREPARATION II

By the end of this second quarter of thesis preparation, the student should have completed a first draft of the entire thesis. This draft must be approved by the advisor and reader before proceeding.

GS 216 THESIS DEFENSE - 3 units

Upon presentation of an acceptable final draft of the thesis, the student will schedule a defense of his work at which time the student will explain his thesis, his research methods, and his conclusions. A grade will then be given for the entire process.



Darren Lim



Christopher Sansano

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY

Sid Baker, Professor of Systematic Theology, Department Chair
Ted Anderson, Professor of Old Testament

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ST 119 DOCTRINE OF GOD (Theology Proper) - 3 units

The existence, nature and attributes of God are the subject of study. His decrees and works are studied. The Doctrine of the Trinity is proven from Scripture.

ST 120 DOCTRINE OF CHRIST (Christology) - 3 units

The Doctrine of Christ. His pre-existence, incarnation and the hypostatic union of His two natures are studied. His present session and high priesthood are given their proper attention.

ST 121 DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Pneumatology) - 3 units

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. The deity, personality and the work of the Holy Spirit are studied in this course.

ST 122 DOCTRINE OF THE SCRIPTURES (Bibliology) - 3 units

The Doctrine of the Scriptures. The biblical claims for revelation and inspiration are examined in this course of study. The canonicity of the books of the Bible are the subject of study.

ST 123 DOCTRINES OF MAN AND SIN (Anthropology/Hamartology) - 3 units

The doctrines of man and sin. The origin and the nature of man are considered in this course. The fall of man and its consequences are studied.

ST 124 DOCTRINE OF ANGELS AND DEMONS (Angelology) - 3 units

Angelology will be a study of the orders of spirit-beings, their works and methods. Demonology and Satanology will be included.

ST 125 DOCTRINE OF SALVATION (Soteriology) - 3 units

The doctrine of salvation will be studied on the basis of the Biblical revelation. The death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ will be considered as they relate to the unlimited scope of His work on the cross in its finished aspects.

ST 126 DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH (Ecclesiology) - 3 units

The doctrine of the church includes the time of its origin and conclusion and the revelation of the Body of Christ as it relates to the local church. Special emphasis will be given to the spiritual gifts as they relate to the government, offices and ministry of the local church.

ST 127 DOCTRINE OF LAST THINGS (Eschatology) - 3 units

The doctrine of last things. The main emphasis of the class will be given to the doctrine of last things in the premillennial system, considering the respective places of the Church, the Gentiles and Israel.

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

TH 220 INTRODUCTION TO OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

This course will include a discussion of the Biblical Theology movement and the differences between biblical and systematic theology, surveying major contributors to biblical theology. Students should be prepared to develop a proposal for biblical theology based on proper exegetical and hermeneutical principles.

TH 221 INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

This course will discuss the theologies of Paul, John and the gospel writers, examining their similarities and differences. Students should be prepared to examine New Testament theology in connection to the Old Testament, to develop a complete understanding of biblical theology. (OT Theology required).

TH 222 MODERN DISPENSATIONAL ISSUES

A study of the origins and distinctions of dispensational theology and its distinction from other systems, with a focus on modern refinements in dispensationalism.



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DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

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UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BL 128 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK I - 3 units

A study of New Testament Greek grammar with intensive drill in vocabulary, conjugations, declensions and grammatical constructions. Recommended: BI 109.

BL 129 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK II - 3 units

A detailed study of the elements of Greek grammar emphasizing the functional elements of the various parts of speech. Pre-requisite: BL 128 or equivalent.

BL 130 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK III - 3 units

The principles of New Testament Greek are applied to Biblical exposition, thus developing the skills of the student in the exegesis of the New Testament text. Pre-requisite: BL 129 or equivalent.

BL 131 OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW I - 3 units

The study of the Hebrew alphabet, grammar, vocabulary and sentence structure. Recommended: BI 109.

BL 132 OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW II - 3 units

A continued study of Hebrew grammar with emphasis on verb conjugations and sentence structure. Pre-requisite: BL 131 or equivalent.

BL 133 OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW III - 3 units

The use of Hebrew reference tools together with word analysis and exegesis, concluding with an exegetical paper on a selected Old Testament passage. Pre-requisite: BL 132 or equivalent.

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BL 228: NEW TESTAMENT GREEK EXEGESIS I - 3 units:

Exegesis in the Gospel of John and the Epistles of John; focusing primarily on the problems of narrative, with consideration of interpretive and theological problems. (One year Greek required)

BL 229: NEW TESTAMENT GREEK EXEGESIS II - 3 units

Exegesis in the Greek text of selected Pauline epistles with a focus on exegetical problems specific to Pauline writings. Also considered: interpretive and theological issues. (One year Greek required)

BL 230: NEW TESTAMENT GREEK EXEGESIS III - 3 units

Exegesis in the Greek text of selected general epistles with a focus on exegetical problems and interpretive and theological issues. (One year Greek required)

BL 231: OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW EXEGESIS I: THE PENTATEUCH - 3 units

Exegesis in the Hebrew text of the Pentateuch; focusing on the specific interpretive and theological problems of biblical legal texts. (One year Hebrew required)

BL 232: OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW EXEGESIS II: THE PROPHETS - 3 units

Exegesis in both the Former and Latter prophets; focusing on the specific interpretive and theological problems of narrative and prophetic literature. (One year Hebrew required)

BL 233: OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW EXEGESIS III: THE WRITINGS - 3 units

Exegesis in the poetic books of the Old Testament; focusing on interpretive and theological problems of biblical poetic literature. (One year Hebrew required).



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DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

Dana Mitchell, Professor of Pastoral Ministry, Department Chair



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PM 134 BIBLICAL PREACHING I - 3 units

A study of the techniques of expository preaching and the organization and analysis of biblical content for preaching. Pre-requisite: Course 109.

PM 135 BIBLICAL PREACHING II - 3 units

Expository preaching techniques applied to narrative literature and preaching for special occasions. Introduction to methods of leading worship settings. Practice preaching by members of the class followed by evaluation. Pre-requisite: Course 134.

PM 136 BIBLICAL PREACHING III - 3 units

Problem-centered sermons and first-person narrative sermons are developed using expository preaching. Practice preaching and worship leading occupies a large segment of class time with constant evaluation by the professor and members of the class. Pre-requisite: Course 135.

PM 146 PASTORAL MINISTRIES I - 3 units

This course studies the role of the pastor, whether the student is in an existing or future ministry context, to better understand themselves, the process of their personal leadership style and explore personal and private areas of their life that they may not be aware of in an ever-changing world.

PM147 PASTORAL MINISTRIES II - 3 units

This course explores the pastor's role in the church from their call to a local church and the role of pastoral care in the ministry. Areas of emphasis in pastoral care shall include effective ways of shepherding church leaders and laity and practical solutions to perplexing challenges in pastoral leadership.

PM148 PASTORAL MINISTRIES SEMINAR - 3 units

This course surveys current issues and trends that affect the pastoral ministry and the local church from a practical and biblical perspective.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Darren Lim, Professor of Applied Theology, Department Chair

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CE 137 BUILDING LEADERS FOR CHURCH EDUCATION - 3 units

An introduction to basic leadership characteristics, skills and dynamics for effective results in the Christian Education program of the church.

CE 138 ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM - 3 units

A course which explores application of the philosophy of Christian leadership. A study of principles and techniques of organization, administration and supervision of the education program of the church.

CE 139 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH - 3 units

A study of the characteristics of a complete educational program in the local church. The student will develop an integrated Christian Education ministry, including Sunday School for all ages, club and small group activities, discipling and training programs.

CE 140 PRINCIPLES OF THE TEACHING AND LEARNING PROCESS- 3 units

An overview of the teaching-learning process. Includes principles of learning, teaching techniques and methods. Prepares students to achieve measurable learning results.

CE 141 HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - 3 units

A survey of the historical context in which Christian Education has developed within various cultures and historical eras and how this relates to our educational principles and practices in the church today.

CE 142 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - 3 units

A survey of Christian Education at work in the local church. An overview of the aims, principles, leadership, organization and agencies of a Biblical program of Christian Education for all age groups.

CE 143 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF CHILDREN - 3 units

A practical look at all aspects of children's ministry in the local church. This course will provide a Biblical framework for Children's ministry, including use of the Bible, the settings in which Children's ministry is focused and varied approaches in teaching.

CE 144 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF YOUTH - 3 units

An examination of the physical, psychological and cultural factors affecting the spiritual development of youth in relationship to their basic needs in today's society. Dynamics of staffing, programming, teaching methods and facilities are emphasized.

CE 145 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF ADULTS - 3 units

Guidance in organizing, administering and developing a ministry program adequate to meet the needs of adults. A survey of problem areas with a view toward resolutions through Christian nurture, worship, curriculum, study, service, recreation and Christian fellowship.

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