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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Faith Bible College International is to prepare professional, Pentecostal servant-leaders who make a world of difference in fulfilling the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19, 20)

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Faith Bible College International holds *candidate status* with the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation, 5850 T. G. Lee Blvd., Ste. 130, Orlando, FL 32822, 407.207.0808. Candidate status is a pre-accreditation status granted to those institutions that meet the ABHE Conditions of Eligibility and that possess such qualities as may provide a basis for achieving accreditation status within five years.

ENDORSEMENTS

FBCI is recognized as a Non-Profit 501 I (c)(3) organization by the IRS in the State of Maine. The IRS considers all donations to be charitable contributions that can be used as deductions for income tax purposes.

FBCI is incorporated as Faith School of Theology and is “Doing Business As” Faith Bible College International. Faith School of Theology has been exempted by the State of Maine legislature from oversight by the Maine Department of Education. “Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10708, subsection 4, this institution is not required to obtain authorization from either the State Board of Education or the Maine State Legislature in order to: (1) use the name “junior college,” “college,” or “university,” (2) offer courses or programs for academic credit, or (3) confer degrees.”

FBCI is approved for the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to grant I-20s to international students who meet the criteria of the Admissions Committee.

FBCI is a member of the Evangelical Training Association (ETA) a nationally recognized agency for the promotion of higher standards for Christian teachers and church educators.

NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Faith School of Theology dba Faith Bible College International does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, disability, age, or veteran status in its admissions, educational programs, scholarships, and activities. Faith Bible College International maintains its Christian mission and reserves the right to discriminate on the basis of religion to the extent that applicable law respects its right to act in furtherance of its religious objectives.

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Section 1: General Information

Welcome

Thank you for choosing to view the Faith Bible College International catalog. For over 60 years, FBCI has done one thing, train leaders for ministry. Our graduates are reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world.

God is calling men and women from every culture to ministry leadership. However, many are not fulfilling their call due to a lack of proper training and the burden of college debt. When we lack leaders in the ministry, individuals, families, and communities will not hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. With trained ministry leaders, entire societies will have the opportunity to experience the difference Jesus Christ makes.

FBCI produces professional, Pentecostal servant-leaders who make a world of difference. We are committed to graduating our students Day 1, Debt-Free.

FBCI's Christ-centered atmosphere will allow students to receive a well-rounded professional education, develop social skills, and experience spiritual transformation and growth. This is done through chapel services, in-depth Bible classes, mentoring, and hands-on servant-leadership opportunities. FBCI graduates will be able to communicate and fulfill the Great Commission effectively through their specific purpose in ministry.

Mission Statement

The mission of Faith Bible College International is to prepare professional, Pentecostal servant-leaders who make a world of difference in fulfilling the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19, 20)

Vision Statement

FBCI is a single-focus institution of higher learning, instructing men and women in theological studies while preparing them to be pastors, evangelists, missionaries, educators, worship leaders, and more. In adhering to our mission, we champion our students to discover, develop, and fulfill their purpose in Christian ministry. Through inspired classes, anointed chapels, individual mentoring, and hands-on ministry experiences, the students will mature in their giftings. Furthermore, we endeavor to offer students a path to the blessing of ministry without the burden of debt.

Institutional Goals

Our mission and culture are enhanced by the following:

- FBCI is a single-purpose, learner-centered institution in biblical higher education, preparing professional Christian ministers in communicating and fulfilling the Great Commission.
- FBCI is a community that will minister to the whole student, addressing educational, Biblical, spiritual, and social needs in a multicultural environment.
- FBCI faculty and staff champion our students to discover, develop, and fulfill their purpose in Christian ministry through inspired classes, anointed chapels, individual mentoring, and hands-on ministry practices.
- FBCI endeavors to offer students a path to the blessing of ministry without the burden of debt.
- FBCI is a Christ-centered environment committed to institutional integrity.
- FBCI will embrace growth in student populations and programs through ongoing strategic planning and assessment.
- FBCI will offer Christ-honoring professional service in all operations of the college.

Institutional Core Values

Professional

The college will produce professional ministers who demonstrate integrity, skill, and competence in ministry settings.

Pentecostal

The college will produce ministers who understand and communicate Pentecostal doctrine and theology, value living a Pentecostal lifestyle and demonstrate the ability to minister in Pentecostal ministry settings.

Servant-Leaders

The college will produce exemplary servant-leaders who demonstrate biblical character and leadership qualities which are others-focused, mission-centered, and Christ-reflecting.

Holy Scriptures

FBCI values the Holy Scriptures. As such, we equip students with an education of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament as the complete and divine revelation of God to man. To accomplish this, the students learn how to interpret the Scriptures according to their normal grammatical-historical meaning and apply them to their personal lives.

Calling

FBCI places an emphasis on God's purpose and high calling.

FBCI values calling. As such, we aim to equip students with opportunities to discover, develop, and fulfill their purpose in ministry.

Education

FBCI is an educational institution preparing men and women for ministry. The classroom and Chapel offer opportunities for development.

FBCI values the educational process. As such, students are provided learning opportunities for rigorous academic preparation, application, practical experience, writing, effective communication in general and of the Gospel, and critical thinking. Students will become lifetime learners. They will become familiar with how to utilize academic resources, evaluate and assess the learning process, and develop good study habits for professional ministry.

Ministry

FBCI aligns with the Biblical model of the 5-fold ministry: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher, for the equipping of believers for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12). FBCI values ministry. As such, we provide students with experience in diverse perspectives of ministry and help them to be more effective in making a difference in the world around them.

Family Atmosphere

FBCI facilitates a welcoming family atmosphere where everybody discovers a sense of belonging.

FBCI values a family atmosphere. As such, we are a diverse body with various backgrounds. Relationship development is facilitated through community living. Faculty, staff, administration, and students participate in opportunities to develop healthy relationships and unity.

Institutional Learning Objectives (ILOs)

- A. Students will be able to explain the contexts and theology of the Holy Bible
- B. Students will develop skills to use in ministry
- C. Graduates will be serving in churches or other ministries after graduating
- D. Students will be exposed to ministry within another culture
- E. Students discover gifts and calling for a life of service in the kingdom of God
- F. Students demonstrate constancy in spiritual disciplines

History

In 1959, Faith Bible College International began under the name Faith School of Theology. It was established as a direct act of obedience by founder Dr. Russell K. Pier to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In June of 1958, the Lord put a vision in Dr. Pier's heart of a ministry college in Maine. By September of that same year, the Holy Spirit confirmed this word through seven different people who had no idea what the Lord had been speaking to Dr. Pier:

“There must be a Bible College in the state of Maine.”

Faith Bible College International was breathed into existence by the Lord and continues to fulfill the mission to prepare professional, Pentecostal servant-leaders who make a world of difference in fulfilling the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1958, Dr. Pier founded Faith Bible College International began as Faith School of Theology in Old Orchard, Maine. Founder and first President, Dr. Pier, served for 44 years.

In 1967, the institute was moved to a larger campus in Brooklin, Maine; but in 1975, the Brooklin facilities were filled to capacity, and the need for a larger campus was evident.

In 1975, Faith School of Theology directors acquired Higgins Classical Institute in Charleston, Maine, providing a campus worth millions for only a fraction of the cost.

In 2003, after Dr. Jeffrey A. Bell had served in multiple roles for over 25 years, Dr. Pier passed the torch of leadership to Dr. Bell.

In 2015, Dr. Bell and the Board of Trustees appointed Rev. Matthew M. Ward as the next president, and Dr. Bell would continue to serve as Chancellor and Dean of Academics.

In 2016, the Board of Trustees changed the institution's name to Faith Bible College International.

In 2018, FBCI began to pursue educational accreditation with the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE).

In 2020, FBCI was granted applicant status by the ABHE.

In 2024, FBCI was granted candidate status by the ABHE.

Today, FBCI continues to train men and women worldwide for service in the five-fold ministry. For the full history of Faith Bible College International, [click here](#).

Tenets (Statement) of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. Our Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all we believe. However, we believe that the Statement of Faith accurately represents the teachings of the Bible and therefore is binding upon all members, staff, and volunteers. All print or electronic literature published by the school shall completely agree with the Statement of Faith. All activities permitted or performed in any facilities owned, rented, or leased by the College or engaged in by any member of the College staff (volunteer or paid) and all decisions of the College's administration shall not conflict with the Statement of Faith. In all conflicts regarding the interpretation of the Statement of Faith, the President and Board of Trustees shall have the final authority.

A. The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God. The Scriptures are inerrant, infallible, and God-breathed and therefore are the final authority for faith and life. The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament are the complete and divine revelation of God to man. The Scriptures shall be interpreted according to their normal grammatical-historical meaning. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

B. The Godhead

We believe in the one true and living God revealed to man as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God, infinite and eternal in His wisdom, power, holiness, justice, and truth. (Deut. 6:4; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 14:10).

C. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

1. His virgin birth (Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35)
2. His sinless life (Heb. 7:26; I Peter 2:22)
3. His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38)
4. His substitutionary work on the cross (I Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21)
5. His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt. 28:6; Luke 24:39; I Cor. 15:47)
6. His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:3)

D. The Total Depravity of Man.

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin, the human race fell, inherited a sinful Nature, and became alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved, and of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:22-23; 5:12; 6:23; Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17-19).

E. The Salvation of Man.

We believe that man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph. 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

2. The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit. The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Rom. 8:16; Titus 2:12; Eph. 4:24).

F. The Work of the Holy Ghost

1. We believe that the Holy Ghost convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration (John 16:8-11; Rom. 8:9).

2. We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who assists believers to understand and appropriate the Scriptures.

3. We believe all believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, and the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; I Cor. 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 15:7-9). With the baptism of the Holy Spirit come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

4. The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-6). The speaking in tongues in these instances is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (I Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

G. Sanctification

1. We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and, that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and association is commanded by God (Rom 12:1-2; 14:13; 2 Cor. 6:14, 7:1; II Tim 3:1-5).

2. Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Ghost (Rom 6:1-11, 13; Rom 8:1,2, 13; Gal 2:20; Phil. 2:12, 13, I Pet.1:5).

H. The Second Advent of Christ.

We believe in that "blessed hope," personal, imminent return of Christ Who will rapture His Church prior to the seven-year tribulation period. At the end of the Tribulation, Christ will personally and visibly return with His saints, to establish His earthly Messianic Kingdom which was promised to the nation of Israel (Ps. 89:3-4; Dan. 2:31-45; Zech. 14:4-11; I Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; Rev. 3:10, 19:11-16, 20:1-6).

I. The Eternal State

1. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46; John 5:28, 29; 11:25-26; Rev. 20:5-6, 12-13).

2. We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss, they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord (Luke 24:34; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil 1:23; 3:21; I Thess. 4:16-17; Rev. 20:4-6).

3. We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious punishment and torment until the second resurrection, when with soul and body reunited they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment and torment (Matt. 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-26; 2 Thess. 1:7-9, Jude 6-7; Rev. 20:11-15).

J. Divine Healing.

We believe that God provides healing for the physical body and that any true child of God may claim the promise of such in the Scriptures (Is. 53:4,5; Matt. 8:16,17; James 5:14-16).

K. Human Sexuality

1. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman. (Genesis 1:27; 2:24; 5:1-2; 19:5,13; 26:8-9).

2. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, pornography, and child molestation are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex (Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).

3. We believe that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman (Gen. 2:24, Matthew 19:4-5; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23; 5:31).

4. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Genesis 1:27; 5:1-2; Leviticus 18:1-30; Mark 10:6; Deuteronomy 22:5, 1 Corinthians 14:33).

L. Divorce.

We believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. (Mal. 2:14-17; I Tim. 3:2, 12)

M. Abortion.

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:14-16; Is. 44:24; 49:1,5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Lu.1:44).

N. Lawsuits Between Believers.

We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the church-school to resolve personal disputes between members. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as the claim is pursued without malice or slander (I Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31-32)

Location

FBCI is in central Maine, surrounded by trees and rolling hills, but not too far from almost everything: beaches, shopping, mountains, lakes, and oceans. We get to experience all four seasons, which allows opportunities for boating, kayaking, swimming, fishing, and fun in the sun during the warmer late summer months; campfires, hiking, moose watching, and the change in foliage in the fall; snowboarding, skiing, snowmobiling, tubing, and playing in the snow during the winter months; four-wheeling, mudding, and baseball in the spring. Bangor is just 30 minutes from us, where you can find shopping malls and stores galore, movie theaters, restaurants, concerts, sporting events, and much more!

For more information on our great state check out www.visitmaine.com.

Campus Map



1 HIGGINS CLASSICAL INSTITUTE BUILDING

Basement Level: Music Room, Game Room, Staff & Faculty Offices

First Floor: Reception Area, Bookstore, Student Lounge, Mail Area, Staff & Faculty Offices, President's Office

Second Floor: Classrooms, Bertha Andrews Memorial Library, Academic Offices

2 FAITH AUDITORIUM

Fitness Room, Maintenance, Gymnasium

3 ELVA P. VALERIUS CHAPEL

4 TRACY HALL

Basement Level: Dining Hall, Kitchen, FBCI Snack Bar (Hooper's Corner Café)

First Floor: Men's Dormitory, Guest Apartment

Second Floor: Men's Dormitory

Third Floor: Ladies' Dormitory

5 CHANCELLOR'S HOME

6 JERICHO

Staff & Student Rental Units

Also located on the campus: Tennis Court, Ball Fields, Ebenezer (Staff & Student Rental Units)

Facilities & Grounds

Campus Grounds

Situated on more than 40 acres, the campus of FBCI allows students to enjoy the beauty of Maine.

The “Fellowship Five-Hundred” allows students to walk the front portion of the campus early in the morning, between classes, after meals, and in the evening. Students can sit under the large maple trees, enjoying a snack or studying.

A large field across the road from the main campus is large enough to accommodate a full-size football or soccer field and is complete with a little league-sized baseball field. Students enjoy flag football, Wiffle ball, baseball, softball, soccer, and many other activities. The campus also has a tennis court located behind the Chancellor’s Home.

Campus Facilities

The main buildings of the campus consist of the Institute Building, the Chapel, the Faith Auditorium, and the Tracy Dormitory Building. These buildings are all interconnected, making travel within the buildings conveniently possible during inclement weather.

The Higgins Classical Institute Building, named after the original inhabitant of the campus, is the oldest building on campus, constructed in 1901. It has the charm of a historic building, bright and airy with large windows, high tin ceilings, and open spaces, but it has been modernized to appeal to students and visitors alike. The Institute is the hub of the academic experience for students, encompassing the classrooms, Bertha Andrews Memorial library, student lounge, bookstore, music room, and game room, along with staff and faculty offices.

The Elva P. Valerius Chapel is a beautiful, modern sanctuary accommodating 200 people. Chapel services occur regularly (see Section 4: Chapel Services for more information) and are shared via Livestream through Facebook and YouTube (visit www.faithbci.org for more details). Students have access to the Chapel for times of prayer and worship individually and collectively (see the Student Handbook for more information).

The Faith Auditorium is a multi-purpose space used often for physical activities like volleyball and basketball. Still, it can easily be converted into a lovely space for banquets and activities FBCI holds during the semesters. The Auditorium has a cardio and heavy weight area for those interested in greater physical fitness.

Tracy Hall, our main dormitory building, is a student’s home away from home. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors are where students reside. Each floor has a communal lounge area with refrigerators, washers, dryers, comfortable furnishings, and more. Students can prepare additional food while studying or watching television, all while completing a load of laundry.

The lower level of Tracy Hall is home to the Dining Hall and Hooper’s Corner Café, known to all as the FBCI Snack Bar. A favorite social place for students, visitors, staff, and faculty, the snack bar offers reasonably priced burgers, fries, sandwiches, and specialty items.

Section 2: Student Life

Overview

In uniformity with the FBCI's mission, the Student Life Department provides various opportunities to help cultivate and sharpen the life skills of every learner, allowing students to graduate with the life skills necessary to make a world of difference wherever they go. For more information, consult the [student handbook](#).

Residence Life

Orientation

Orientation helps integrate students into the culture of FBCI while aiming to see them succeed in the transitions that come with college life. Freshmen will complete the orientation process before classes begin. The orientation process consists of virtual and in-person sessions. It explains the spiritual and educational objectives of Faith, outlines the academic program, and provides instruction on school procedures, norms, and campus life. All students will attend an orientation session at the beginning of each semester.

Conduct

FBCI is serious about training leaders. To provide optimum ministerial preparation that produces disciplined, effective leaders, FBCI has created a uniquely structured learning environment. The school's conduct code is based upon the lifestyle principles of consideration for others and discipline in all areas. Students must become familiar with the Student Handbook and cheerfully abide by the norms.

Employment

Students may hold off-campus employment if their work schedule does not interfere with school activities. On-campus employment is available for eligible students through the Work-Study Program. (See Section 3: Finance for more details on the Work-Study Program)

Student Housing

Students planning to attend FBCI full-time are allowed to live in Tracy Hall, the college's dormitory building. Each room is furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, shelving, and a closet for each side of the room. Students are typically assigned a dorm roommate and share a community bathroom. Occasionally there are apartments on campus that students may choose to rent. Any student interested in renting from the school should contact the Director of Facilities for current availability.

Student Lounge

The popular student lounge, located on the main level of the Institute Building, is an excellent place for co-educational fun during free periods and other times. It offers board games, a soda machine, a Keurig for hot drinks, a snack vending machine, television, and a great place for fellowship. There is also a game room on the basement level of the Institute Building that offers ping-pong, board games, and video game systems for students to enjoy.

Other Lounge Areas

There is one lounge on each floor of Tracy Hall. These in-dorm lounges provide a relaxing environment and a place to prepare snacks. Each has a kitchenette with a refrigerator, microwave, and washers and dryers.

Vacations

Students are expected to leave campus during all breaks (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break, and Summer Vacation); however, they may feel free to keep their belongings in their dorm rooms until summer vacation.

Spiritual Life

FBCI is dedicated to the spiritual development of each learner. Chapel services, dedicated prayer times, and encouragement for each student to develop a life of intimacy with God are all promoted and encouraged by the staff and faculty at FBCI.

Chapel Services

Chapel services are an integral part of the FBCI experience. Once a month, a split chapel gives opportunities for students to meet together for prayer and deal with issues related to their respective sex. Tuesday and Thursday chapel services allow students to sit under the anointed preaching of ministers (pastors, evangelists, and missionaries) and faculty.

Special chapel services featuring guest speakers are conducted as the schedule allows.

Prayer Emphasis

Since spiritual growth is a key to dynamic ministry, each student is expected and encouraged to develop and maintain a personal devotional time. On days when chapel is not held, the community gathers for corporate prayers.

Student Development

Groups, Organizations, and Clubs

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the liaison between students and administration. Through the SGA, students can submit proposals for policy changes. The

SGA provides an opportunity for students to develop in leadership. The SGA offers a variety of social activities for student involvement.

Prayer groups, intramural sports, and various activities hosted by the SGA are all available for students to enjoy their time outside of the classroom while attending FBCI. Students seeking to form a new group or student organization must see the Director of Student Life concerning the guidelines for establishing an organizational charter. See the [Student Handbook](#) for more information.

Mentoring

One of the unique experiences that a student will receive at Faith Bible College International is mentoring. Mentors often prove to be experienced and trusted advisors to students as they navigate the challenges of balancing life, college, and ministry. The mentor will meet the students both in a group situation and individually. Some of the students develop long-term relationships with their mentors.

Ministry Formation

Ministry Formation is designed to provide students with experiential opportunities in diverse areas of ministry. Ministry Formation uses weekly ministry opportunities, both on and off-campus, as well as an extended period each semester where students are immersed in a church/ministry for the purpose of practical training and impartation of wisdom and experience. These opportunities will give students a well-rounded perspective of ministry and help them to be more effective in making a difference in the world around them.

Ministry Formation is required for all full-time students (an eight semester minimum). If a student transfers in from a different college, the student will participate each semester until graduation. It is optional for part-time students; however, if part-time students desire to graduate, at some point, they will need to complete two semesters of Ministry Formation. Detailed expectations and requirements of Ministry Formation can be found in the Ministry Formation Handbook provided to all students upon enrollment at FBCI.

Student Leadership Opportunities

Students are encouraged to demonstrate leadership through the various student-leadership positions available on campus. Some positions are class positions such as president, vice-president, and secretary; Student Government Association positions such as president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and class representatives; various worship team roles; and resident assistants serving in the dorm. These positions are designed to help the student gain valuable hands-on leadership experience under the supervision of an advisor. More information about the student-leadership opportunities offered at FBCI can be found in the [Student Handbook](#).

Student Services & Conveniences

Bookstore

The FBCI Bookstore stocks a variety of books and convenience items such as notebooks, pens, gifts, stamps, snacks, and more. FBCI merch is also available to purchase in the bookstore.

Christianbook Affiliate

FBCI is an affiliate member of [Christianbook](#) and is the primary means students can purchase their textbooks.

Logos Bible Software

FBCI partnered with Logos Bible Software to offer students a custom Bible study package. Students will benefit from its powerful features, time-saving tools, and books for their studies. After attending for four years and graduating with a bachelor's degree, students will receive a permanent license to help them in ministry (library valued over \$3500). Training sessions for using Logos are offered periodically to the student body. Students should plan to have a computer that meets [Logos system requirements](#).

Learning Resources: The Bertha Andrews Memorial Library

The third floor of the Institute is home to the Bertha Andrews Memorial Library. The library's airy, bright, open environment is conducive to quiet study and contains over 16,000 volumes to aid students. Most resources are theological, such as commentaries and Bible study sources. The library is open weekdays and most weeknights. Students may print papers or have photocopies made in the BAM Library for a modest charge of \$.10 per side/copy.

Food Services

Students are free to enjoy meals provided to our staff and students at the scheduled meal times.

Gymnasium

FBCI has a full-court basketball court for regular activities such as basketball and volleyball. Additionally, there is a ping pong table, foosball table, and other games in the gym area for students' use. The gymnasium also contains weight equipment and cardio machines to help students stay physically fit while attending FBCI.

Internet

Students with wireless ability on their personal computers may access the coded Internet from almost anywhere on campus. There are computers in the library that allow students to access the internet and perform research when in the library. Please see the [student handbook](#) on policies concerning internet usage.

Laundry Facilities

Coin-operated laundry machines are located in men's and women's dormitories. Public laundromats can be found in the nearby towns of Corinth and Dover-Foxcroft.

Mail

Student mailboxes are located off the lounge in the Institute Building. For mail, students should use the following address: student's name, 29 Main Road, Charleston, ME 04422. Students should check their mailboxes often for on-campus communications. The Charleston post office is within walking distance. UPS and FedEx regularly deliver Monday through Friday.

Ministry Placement Services

The Ministry Department coordinates a ministry placement service helping connect students and graduates with temporary and permanent ministry positions. Positions are often posted on campus and social media to inform current students and alumni about available opportunities. Any questions about open positions can be directed to the Director of Ministry.

Snack Bar

Located just off the dining hall in Tracy Hall, the snack bar is open during lunch and other scheduled hours. Its atmosphere is conducive to good fellowship, and the menu offers a variety of reasonably-priced items such as hamburgers, chicken burgers, French fries, mozzarella sticks, and more.

Section 3: Financial Information

F24/S25 Fee Structure

As a faith-based college with the purpose of graduating students Day 1, Debt-Free, our tuition and dormitory fees are kept to a minimum. The fees and schedule are estimated for a full-time, on-campus student for the F24/S25 college year. Actual student billings may differ as FBCI reserves the right to adjust fees accordingly under the board of trustees' discretion.

FIRST SEMESTER		SECOND SEMESTER	
Registration	\$125.00	Registration	\$125.00
Tuition	\$1,500.00	Tuition	\$1,500.00
Dormitory	\$1,935.00	Dormitory	\$1,935.00
Fall Activity Fee	\$190.00	Spring Activity Fee	\$190.00
ID Fee	\$25.00	Banquet Fee	\$30.00
Room & Key Deposit (<i>per yr</i>)	\$200.00	Textbooks (<i>per semester</i>)	\$300.00
Textbooks (<i>per semester</i>)	\$300.00		
TOTAL	\$4,275.00*	TOTAL	\$4,080.00*
Approximate total cost for 2024/2025 \$8,355.00			
OTHER FEES			
Application Fee			\$35.00
Banquet Fee			\$30.00
Degree Replacement Fee			\$25.00
Graduation Fee			\$100.00
ID Fee			\$25.00
Late Enrollment Fee			\$125.00
Late Financial Arrangement Fee			\$75.00
Late Payment Fee			\$25.00
Late Registration Fee			\$75.00
Transcript Fee - US			\$15.00
Transcript Fee - International			\$25.00
Tuition Fees			
Audit (per credit hour)			\$62.50
Part-Time (per credit hour)			\$125.00

Description of Fees

All fees are considered non-refundable except for Tuition, Dormitory, and Room & Key Deposit (see Discounts, Refunds, & Withdrawals).

Activity Fee

The Activity Fee each semester enhances the students' educational and social experience at FBCI. It covers a Library Learning & Technology fee, an internet & television usage fee, Grammarly, Student Government Activities, and a general fee.

Application Fee

The application fee is to assist in the processing of a student's request for admission to FBCI.

Banquet Fee

The banquet fee covers the cost of a ticket for the end-of-the-year Awards Banquet. It is required of all enrolled students.

Degree Replacement Fee

The degree replacement fee covers the cost of replacing a degree for a graduate (see Transcript Request & Degree Replacement Policy for more information).

Dormitory Fee

The dormitory fee is charged to on-campus students each semester and covers the cost of living in the dormitory building.

Graduation Fee

The graduation fee is applied to the account of students who complete the Graduation Request. It covers the processing of a student's request to graduate and the cost of the student's regalia.

ID Fee

The ID fee is charged to all enrolled students. It covers the cost of a student ID and key card.

Late Financial Arrangement Fee

The late financial arrangement fee is applied to the accounts of students who do not complete the Financial Payment Arrangement (FPA) and/or the Financial Assistance Application (FAA) by the deadlines.

Late Enrollment Fee

The late enrollment fee is applied to the accounts of returning students who enroll after 8/1 for the fall semester or after 1/1 for the spring semester.

Late Payment Fee

The late payment fee is applied to the accounts of students who do not pay their monthly arrangement by the 15th of the month.

Late Registration Fee

The late registration fee is applied to the accounts of students who do not complete the registration process by paying the Registration Fee and enrolling in courses during Registration Week.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is charged to students each semester to cover costs associated with enrolling in courses at FBCI. It is due upon acceptance for new students and during Registration Week for returning students. A late registration fee of \$75 will be applied to the accounts of those returning students who do not pay during Registration Week.

Room & Key Deposit

If no damage is done to the room, all personal items are removed, the room is cleaned, and the key is returned, the deposit will be credited to the student's account each year and returned to students after their time at FBCI. Rooms are subject to inspection.

Textbooks

Before the first class starts, students must purchase textbooks for the courses they enroll in at FBCI. A list of textbooks is provided to students before the start of each semester and can also be found in the syllabi for the course. There are typically required copies and library copies. A required copy is a book the student must purchase. A library copy is a book that the student can use in the library. Textbook costs vary. Books may be purchased through Christian Book Distributors or independent sources.

Transcript Fees

The transcript fees cover the cost of processing and sending transcripts for students and alumni within the US and Internationally. All student/alumni financial obligations to the school must be met before transcripts will be sent. School policy prohibits official transcripts from being sent directly to the student/alumnus. (See Transcript Request & Degree Replacement Policy for more information).

Tuition

The tuition fees cover the cost of a full-time course load. A student who takes less than 12 credit hours is considered a part-time student and is charged per credit hour. A student who desires to audit a course is charged at a lesser rate per credit hour. Both part-time and audit students may be billed other fees in addition to tuition.

Employment & Work-Study

Students may hold off-campus employment if their work schedule does not interfere with school activities. On-campus employment is available for eligible students through the Work-Study Program. Work-Study is available to qualified students after their first year at FBCI. Work-Study consists of various on-campus jobs including but not limited to kitchen helpers and dishwashers, janitorial positions, snack bar cooks, maintenance workers, and some office positions. To be eligible for Work-Study, a student must complete the In-Service requirement of

60 hours of on-campus community service and display a need through completion of the Financial Assistance Application.

Housing

Housing is available for single full-time students in the Tracy Dormitory Building. The Dormitory Fee covers the cost of housing for on-campus, full-time students. Limited housing is available on campus for married students with or without children. This housing consists of various rental units at different rates.

Payment Arrangements

The student has several options for payment: payment in full for a semester or a monthly payment plan for a semester. Once accepted at FBCI, students will receive information regarding setting up a payment plan. A \$75 late fee will be applied to the accounts of students failing to comply with setting up payment arrangements by the deadline.

Payment Arrangement Expectations

Upon acceptance, the student should expect the following payment arrangement procedure:

- Payment of Registration Fee - secures the student's enrollment, due upon acceptance.
- Payment of Room & Key Deposit - secures the student's room in the dormitory, due upon receipt of the student billing statement.
- Minimum down payment of \$500 due before campus arrival (see college year calendar).
- A monthly arrangement if the student cannot pay in full, due by the 15th of each month.

Returning students should expect the following payment arrangement procedure in the fall semester:

- Payment of Registration Fee - secures the student's enrollment, due Registration Week.
- Payment or Credit (from the previous year) of Room & Key Deposit - secures the student's room in the dormitory, due on receipt of the student billing statement.
- Minimum down payment of \$500 due before campus arrival (see college year calendar).
- A monthly arrangement if the student cannot pay in full, due by the 15th of each month.

Returning students should expect the following payment arrangement procedure in the spring semester:

- Payment of Registration Fee - secures the student's enrollment, due Registration Week.
- Minimum down payment of \$250 due before campus arrival (see college year calendar).
- A monthly arrangement if the student cannot pay in full, due by the 15th of each month.

Financial Payment Arrangement Form (FPA)

This form is due on August 1st for the fall semester and December 1st for the spring semester, and information will document the student's financial intentions. If a student misses the deadline for the FPA, a late fee of \$75 will be applied to the student account. Depending on a student's interest in Financial Assistance, Work-Study, Discounts, & Scholarships, a student will

complete a Financial Assistance Application (FAA), described in the next section on Student Financial Services.

Refunds & Withdrawals

Refunds

All fees are considered non-refundable, except for Tuition, Dormitory, and Room & Key Deposit. FBCI reserves the right to offer refunds at the college's discretion.

Withdrawals

If a student who has paid in full leaves FBCI during the first four weeks of the semester, they will receive a 50% refund on tuition and dormitory fees. No refund will be made after that. FBCI reserves the right not to refund/discount students who have not paid in full and withdraw early. This policy does not cover administrative dismissals, which are not entitled to refunds of institutional charges.

Student Financial Services

The Office of Student Financial Services exists to help students who need financial assistance to pursue a college education. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Most aid is awarded to students based on financial needs. The premise of the financial aid program is that the primary responsibility for meeting college expenses rests with the student. Where appropriate, parents and spouses are considered when determining resources available to meet educational expenses.

The total amount of aid a student is awarded will not exceed the student's cost of attendance.

Financial Aid falls into three categories:

1. Discounts, aid applied in the form of a discount directly applied to qualifying student accounts.
2. Scholarships, also referred to as gift aid because it does not need to be paid back.
3. Work-study, which is part-time employment, also referred to as self-help aid.

Financial Assistance Application (FAA)

Each student enrolled at FBCI who is interested in being considered for Financial Aid will be required to complete a Financial Assistance Application each year along with verification each semester. This application will provide FBCI with information on the student in determining financial need, eligibility for scholarships, discounts, and Work-Study. This application is due August 1st for the fall semester and December 1st for the spring semester. If a student misses the deadline for the FAA, the administration will determine if they are still allowed to apply. A late fee of \$75 will be applied to the account of any student who misses the FAA application deadline.

Students Applying for Aid must:

1. Be admitted into a program at Faith Bible College International.

2. Be a full-time student during the semester(s) assistance is requested.
3. Submit a typed essay expressing how financial assistance will help the student reach academic/ministry goals.
4. Submit current income tax forms for the responsible financial party.
5. Submit a current reference form.

Discounts

FBCI reserves the right to offer discounts at the college's discretion. The following discounts are available for students who qualify through the Financial Assistance Application process.

Alumni Discount

A Dormitory Fee discount is offered to the children of FST/FBCI alumni. Alumni are defined as graduates of FST/FBCI or those who attended for one year or more. Each semester, this request should be made by the student to the finance office in writing via the Financial Assistance Application and should include the following:

- Parent name
- Year(s) of attendance/graduation

Employee Discount

A Tuition discount is offered to FBCI employees, their spouse, and children. This is a percentage-based discount and varies on certain criteria set by the Finance Committee. Each semester, the student should make this request to the finance office in writing via the Financial Assistance Application.

Married Discount

A Tuition discount is offered to students who are married and both attend FBCI full-time. Each semester, the student should make this request to the finance office in writing via the Financial Assistance Application. Each spouse should make the request and include the following:

- Spouse Name
- Spouse Grade Level at FBCI (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

Minister's Discount

A Dormitory Fee discount is offered to the unmarried children of active, full-time ministers. Each semester, this request should be made by the student to the finance office in writing via the Financial Assistance Application and should include the following:

- Parent name
- Ministry Involved In
- Position Held in Ministry

Sibling Discount

A Dormitory Fee discount is offered to the siblings of the same family enrolled full-time at FBCI. Each semester, the student should make this request to the finance office in writing via the Financial Assistance Application. Each sibling should make the request and include the following:

- Sibling Name

- Sibling Grade Level at FBCI (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

Scholarships

Scholarship candidates should have a minimum GPA of 2.0 unless otherwise specified. Some scholarships are based on demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAA. Other scholarships may be offered at various times based on private contributions. Some scholarships may be awarded by a “luck of the draw.”

Campus Days Scholarship

Each semester, an applicant who applied during Campus Days is awarded a scholarship for attendance at FBCI. The luck of the draw determines these awards.

Departmental Scholarships

Academic scholarships are awarded annually to select qualified students within each concentration department at FBCI. The scholarship committee and academic committee evaluate eligible candidates based on merit. Students who have chosen a concentration may apply for Departmental Scholarships through the Financial Assistance Application.

Christian Education Department

Missions Department

Pastoral Theology Department

Worship & Music Department

Revs. Bill & Marcy Pier Memorial Scholarship

A memorial scholarship has been set up in honor of Rev. Bill & Rev. Marcy Pier. They devoted their lives to the mission field and winning souls for the Kingdom. They taught at Faith School of Theology for a number of years. They had hearts after God and were role models for many. Their reward in Heaven will be great as they accumulated very little on earth. This scholarship is available to those students pursuing the Missions or Pastoral Theology Concentrations and to International students. Each year, the student should make this request to the finance office in writing via the Financial Assistance Application. This scholarship is awarded annually.

Need-Based Scholarships

Need-based scholarships are awarded based on financial need. The number of need-based scholarships awarded varies depending on the availability of scholarship funds and are not guaranteed to be granted annually. Students can apply for need-based scholarships through the Financial Assistance Application.

Section 4: Academic Information

Admissions

Faith Bible College International is an institution of higher education and ministry training. Students pursuing a degree at FBCI will receive a biblical education and character development in preparation for Christian leadership. The admission process is inclusive, and we seek to facilitate the acceptance of sincere applicants who agree with the beliefs and doctrines of Faith Bible College International.

Application Requirements

Faith Bible College International requires all applicants to meet specific basic spiritual and educational requirements for admission. Applicants must:

- be a born-again Christian
- have Christian character supported through unrelated references
- be in agreement with the Tenets of Faith (p. 11)
- have a high school diploma, a passing grade on the General Education Development (GED) test, or a transcript from an accredited institution of higher education

Though the student may be accepted, to attend, the student must:

- be age 17* or older

*All students under 18 must agree to FBCI's minor policies and have parental/guardian consent before attending. [Parental Waiver for Minors](#)

General Admissions Procedure

FBCI has a policy of open enrollment, allowing prospective students to apply at any time. An application submitted too late for one semester will automatically be considered for the following semester. One may choose to apply online at <https://faithbci.org/apply-online/> or download the [Application Form](#) and [Reference Form](#). FBCI requires the following application materials to be submitted to consider the applicant for admission:

- A completed general application form
- A current photo of the applicant
- Three completed unrelated reference forms:
 - Current pastor
 - Recent educator/employer
 - Christian friend
- A copy of the applicant's high school transcript, GED, or college transcript
- A copy of the applicant's ACT/SAT scores (if unavailable, the applicant is required to take the Classic Learning Test (CLT) at cltexam.com)
- A 250-300 word personal essay
 - Detail salvation experience
 - Include the basis of assurance of salvation and eternal life
- A \$35 application fee

FBCI's Acceptance Committee reviews all admission applications for acceptance. Further interviews or documentation may be requested. Once an application is accepted, the applicant will be notified by mail or email concerning acceptance.

To allow for adequate processing time, applicants are encouraged to consider the following application schedule:

Semester	Preferred Deadline	International Deadline
Fall	July 1 st	June 1 st
Spring	December 1 st	October 1 st

International Admissions Procedure

FBCI has a policy of open enrollment, allowing prospective students to apply at any time. An application submitted too late for one semester will automatically be considered for the following semester. One may choose to apply online at <https://faithbci.org/apply-online/> or download the [Application Form](#) and [Reference Form](#). FBCI requires the following application materials to be submitted to consider the applicant for admission:

- A completed general application form
- A current photo of the applicant
- 3 Completed unrelated reference forms:
 - Current pastor
 - Recent educator/employer
 - Christian friend
- A copy of the applicant's high school transcript, GED, or college transcript
- A copy of the applicant's TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo test scores
- A 250-300 word personal essay
 - Detail salvation experience
 - Include the basis of assurance of salvation and eternal life
- A \$35 application fee

Once the applicant receives the formal notice of acceptance into Faith Bible College International, the applicant begins the student visa application process.

Faith Bible College International will issue the accepted applicant an I-20. This document proves the applicant has been accepted to Faith Bible College International. The applicant must take this document to the visa interview.

The student must provide the following for the I-20 paperwork:

- Copy of passport
- Completed I-20 Information form
- Letter of Sponsorship
- \$120 processing fee

After receiving the I-20, the accepted international applicant must pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) and book a student visa interview with their

local embassy. The embassy's government official decides to approve or deny the request for a student visa.

Re-admission

Formally withdrawn students who desire to complete their education at the college may do so by forwarding the application fee with a letter of intent, along with a pastoral recommendation. Any former student wishing to enroll after a two-year separation must follow the new-applicant procedure.

Transfer Students

FBCI defines 'transfer' as a student's movement from one educational institution to this college and the process by which courses, degrees, or other credentials are either accepted or not accepted. FBCI adheres to the following standards of transfer of credits.

- Credits transferred must be from CHEA-recognized higher educational institutions and submitted as an official transcript from the sending institution.
- All transferred courses will be evaluated by comparing each course's nature, content, and learning experience level.
- FBCI will not transfer credits unrelated to the student's desired program.
- The grade point average for the requested courses must be 2.0 or a letter grade of C and higher.
- A portfolio will be submitted to the Academic Committee for transferability purposes. It must contain all transcripts and course outcomes/objectives for evaluation purposes.
- The Academic Committee will review the eligibility of any requested courses for transferability purposes.
- Once the transcript has been reviewed, the student will be notified.
- Military personnel and veterans may submit educational experience, transcripts, or military training to be evaluated for transferability purposes. The educational experience must relate to the course descriptions, objectives, and outcomes in the student's desired program of study.

One-Year Certificate in Theological Studies students can transfer up to 9 credits but must take 21 credits of freshmen-level courses.

Transfer students must complete a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours through FBCI to earn a degree.

College Year Calendar

A more detailed and complete calendar is provided to students upon enrollment.

FALL 2024		SPRING 2025	
Virtual Freshman Orientation	Aug 6	Christmas Break	Jan 1-3
Staff Orientation	Aug 14-16	Staff Return	Jan 2-3
RA Orientation	Aug 16	Mid-Year Freshmen Arrive	Jan 4
Freshmen Arrive	Aug 17	Mid-Year Freshman Orientation	Jan 4-5
Freshman Orientation	Aug 17-19	Upperclassmen Arrive	Jan 4-5
Upperclassmen Arrive	Aug 17-18	Classes Begin	Jan 6
Classes Begin - Upperclassmen	Aug 19	Students Depart	Feb 14
Classes Begin - Freshmen	Aug 20	Spring Break	Feb 15-22
Special Services with Eddie James	Aug 24-25	Students Return	Feb 23
IMPACT	Sep 21-30	Registration Week	Mar 17-21
Revival Services	Oct 6-9	IMPACT	Mar 22-31
Canadian Thanksgiving - No Classes	Oct 14	Campus Days	Apr 10-12
Campus Days	Oct 24-26	Easter	Apr 20
Registration Week	Oct 27-Nov 1	Classes End	Apr 25
Students Depart	Nov 22	Finals	Apr 28-30
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 23-30	Closing Activities	May 1-3
Students Return	Dec 1	Banquet	May 2
Christmas Banquet	Dec 5	Graduation	May 3
Classes End	Dec 13	Staff Closing	May 5-7
Students Depart	Dec 13		
Christmas Break	Dec 14-31		
Christmas Day	Dec 25		

General Academic Information

Registration & Enrollment Process

After paying the registration fee, students can enroll in classes through Blackbaud. For course inquiries, students should contact the Registrar.

Entrance Examinations

All first-year students and transfers will take entrance examinations to help the administration assess their various needs.

Audited Courses

Full-time students who desire to audit a class must request permission from the Dean of Academic Affairs and the professor.

Student Classification

The number of credit hours for core subject requirements completed determines a student's class status. Missing core course requirements may disrupt the student classification.

- Freshman: 0-30 credits
- Sophomore: 31-60 credits
- Junior: 61-90 credits
- Senior: 91-120 credits

Course Load

Full-Time

The normal academic load at FBCI is fifteen (15) credit hours per semester. Students who wish to carry a heavier academic load of more than 18 credits must obtain special permission from the Dean of Academic Affairs.

International students must carry at least 12 credit hours per semester, per the US Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) requirements.

A student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester to reside in the Tracy Dormitory Building.

Part-Time

A student qualifies as part-time if registered for less than 12 credit hours in each semester. Part-time students taking nine or more credit hours must attend all chapel services (except for split-chapel). All part-time students must participate in at least two semesters of Ministry Formation before receiving a degree or certificate.

Attendance Policies

Class attendance is mandatory for students to get the most out of their education. However, FBCI does realize that emergencies, sickness, and inclement weather may require an occasional absence.

The immediate family's funeral is given a three-day bereavement that will not count toward absences.

Students with extenuating circumstances may appeal to the Academic Committee using the form provided by the Academic Department. See the [Student Handbook](#) for the entire attendance policy.

Grading System

NUMERICAL	LETTER GRADE	GRADE POINT
97-100	A+	4.0
93-96	A	3.8
90-92	A-	3.5
87-89	B+	3.2
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.5
77-79	C+	2.2
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.5
0-69*	F	0.0
Not Calculated**	VWD / I	Not Calculated

*Unsatisfactory

** Voluntary Withdrawal / Incomplete

All student grades and records are kept in an online service called Blackbaud. Students may view their grades at any time through their unique student login.

Change of Grade

If an error is made in calculating or reporting a grade, the student should immediately present their case to the professor. The student must retain all assignments, quizzes, and exams until final grades have been posted. If warranted, the professor will initiate a grade change with the Registrar. The deadline for a grade change request is six weeks after the close of a semester. The Dean of Academic Affairs must approve a change of grade. Students are responsible for checking Blackbaud for individual assignment/exam grades throughout the semester.

Academic Forgiveness Policies

Grade Forgiveness Policy

If the student fails half or more of their core courses in a single semester, the student may appeal to the academic office to remove the GPA penalty for the core courses from that semester. Please see the [Student Handbook](#) for additional stipulations.

Circumstance Forgiveness Policy

If the student drops out of a course due to extended illness or an emergency beyond their control and is unable to complete their final project or final exam before the end of the semester, the academic office will mark the course "I" (Incomplete). It will not factor into the student's GPA.

Enrollment Adjustment and Withdrawal Policies

Course Enrollment Change

Within the first week of the semester, a student may add a course to their schedule with the approval of the Registrar. After the first week, a student may not add a course to their schedule. Students can drop a course within the first two weeks without affecting their record (Partial payment may apply. See Financial Information, Refunds & Withdrawals).

A student may withdraw from a course at any time during the semester with the approval of the Dean of Academic Affairs. The assessment of grade is as follows:

- It will be marked "I" (Incomplete/Withdrawal) within weeks three through eight.
- After the eighth week, it will be marked F (Failed).

Withdrawal

Any student who wishes to withdraw fully from Faith Bible College International at any point during the semester or after registration for the next semester should do so in writing with the appropriate form. This form can be obtained from the Academic Department. Students who pass milestones (certificate or degree) and do not march but then withdraw later are ineligible for marching in the future, though they may pay the current graduation fee and receive a mailed certificate or degree recognizing their work.

Leave of Absence

Eligibility: The Leave of Absence Policy applies to students who sit out for a semester or need to leave during the semester due to the following:

1. Extreme or life-threatening medical situations (personal or immediate family member)
2. Compassionate reasons affecting immediate family
3. Financial crisis
4. Reserve military training
5. A need for certain specific classes for graduation that are not offered until a future term (applies to seniors).

Students must be in good academic standing. Students on academic probation are not eligible. Students who desire to attend another school, want to take a semester off or are gone for reasons other than those stated above do not qualify for a leave of absence.

Length of Leave: Typically approved for one semester but may be extended for up to one year in extenuating circumstances.

Applications: May be obtained at the Registrar's Office.

Student Status and Readmission: Students who are granted a leave of absence will continue to have access to Blackbaud and FBCI email; however, they will not be considered current students. They will not need to apply for readmission through the Admissions Office. However, students granted a leave of absence due to personal medical situations must submit a supporting letter from their doctor indicating their ability to return as a student. Students are responsible for contacting the Registrar to schedule courses for the next semester and evaluate the needs for the successful completion of their program.

Program Affected: If a student takes a leave of absence, they should note that specific courses in the program may have changed or are no longer offered.

Academic Probation

Students must maintain a minimum average of “C” or 2.0 GPA each semester.

Students who fall below the minimum for a semester are placed on academic probation for the following semester. Each student’s progress will be assessed at the end of each semester that the student is on probation. Students on academic probation for three semesters will automatically be required to take a one-semester suspension from school. See [Student Handbook](#) for more details on this policy.

Commencement and Transcript Information

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from FBCI, a student must:

- demonstrate doctrinal understanding of the beliefs held and taught by FBCI
- demonstrate Christ-like character, which should exemplify integrity, honesty, and morality above reproach (determined by the faculty and Board of Trustees)
- be approved for a degree or certificate by the Dean of Academic Affairs
- meet all financial and academic obligations
- have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent
- have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at FBCI
- have completed the requirements for Ministry Formation (see section on Ministry Formation for further details)
- maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher
- have met programmatic requirements:
 - Cornerstone Program Completion Requirements:
 - The One Year Certificate in Theological Studies: Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours
 - Associate Program Graduation Requirements
 - Associate in Theological Studies: Complete a minimum of 60 credit hours
 - Bachelor’s Program Graduation Requirements
 - Bachelor in Theological Studies: Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
 - Graduates are expected to be baptized with the Holy Spirit with evidential tongues (Acts 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6)

Honors

The following honors are published each semester for academic achievement at FBCI.

- President’s List: GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Dean’s List: GPA of 3.0 or higher

The following honors are awarded at graduation to Bachelor's Degree recipients who have completed all of the mentioned graduation requirements for academic achievement at FBCI.

- Valedictorian: The highest CGPA
- Salutatorian: The second-highest CGPA
- Summa Cum Laude: CGPA between 3.9 and 4.0
- Magna Cum Laude: CGPA between 3.7 and 3.89
- Cum Laude: CGPA between 3.5 and 3.69

Transcript Request and Degree Replacement Policy

Transcript Request

Students or alumni may submit a transcript request by filling out the online request form and making the applicable debit/credit card payment (www.faithbci.org/transcript-request/)

Transcript fee: \$15 per US request or \$25 per international request.

Transcripts will only be released after the student has met all his or her financial obligations to Faith Bible College International or Faith School of Theology (including past unpaid fees).

School policy prohibits official transcripts from being sent directly to the alumnus; however, the alumnus may obtain an unofficial copy (without the school seal or registrar's signature emailed to them free of charge).

Degree Replacement

If an alumnus loses their degree, he or she can email the Registrar's Office and request a replacement. While it may not be exact, it will be in as close likeness to the original as possible. \$50 fee per request.

Academic Programs

The curriculum at FBCI offers certificates and degrees in theological studies, with four concentrations in ministerial-related studies. The program has three tiers, with each credential stacking upon one another. Therefore, the thirty credit, one-year certificate program is also the first year of the sixty-credit associate program and the one hundred and twenty-credit bachelor program.

PROGRAMS OFFERED		
CORNERSTONE PROGRAM One Year Certificate in Theological Studies	ASSOCIATE PROGRAM Associate in Theological Studies	BACHELOR PROGRAM Bachelor in Theological Studies (with a choice of a Concentration)

Cornerstone Program

One Year Certificate in Theological Studies (Crt.Th.S.)

FBCI's Cornerstone Program is designed for students who desire personal growth in the Bible, the Spirit, and Christian service. The classes prepare students to expand their knowledge of God's Word, develop their spiritual formation, and gain practical skills for ministry in the local church. The program also sets students up to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Course Requirements - 30 Credit Hours

Program Learning Outcomes for the Cornerstone Program

At an introductory level:

- Students know the Bible
- Students know theology
- Students are competent public speakers
- Students are competent in sharing their faith
- Students will regularly engage in spiritual disciplines

Students who are interested in receiving a One Year Certificate in Theological Studies are required to take the following:

Biblical and Theological Studies	12 Credit Hours
Bible Surveys	6 hours
Biblical Creationism	3 hours

Introduction to Theology

3 hours

General Studies

9 Credit Hours

Classification

Public Speaking

3 hours

Communication

Writing Essentials

3 hours

Communication

Personal Finance

3 hours

Mathematics

Professional Studies

9 Credit Hours

Spiritual Formation

3 hours

Ministry & Marriage

3 hours

Personal Missions and Evangelism

3 hours

Associate Program

Associate in Theological Studies (A.Th.S.)

The Associate Program provides the student with the foundational knowledge of God’s Word, general studies, and ministry training. Those who complete this program receive a degree in theological studies and are ready to pursue further studies at the baccalaureate level at FBCI. In addition, those who start this program will choose to begin one of four concentrations (see Concentrations Offered for details).

Course Requirements - 60 Credit Hours

Program Learning Outcomes for Associate Program

Mission Components	Institutional Learning Objectives (ILOs)	Program Learning Objectives (PLOs)
Pentecostal Theology	A. Students will be able to explain the contexts and theology of the Holy Bible.	Students Know the Bible
		Students Know Theology
Professional Servant-Leaders (Ministry Skills)	B. Students will develop skills to use in ministry	Students are Competent Public Speakers
		Students are Competent in Preparing Well-Crafted Sermons
		Students are Competent in Sharing Their Faith
		Confident to share their faith
	C. Students who graduate will serve in churches or	Graduates will be serving in churches or other ministries after graduating

Make a difference as servant-leaders fulfilling the Great Commission (Ministry Impact)	other ministries after graduating (Note: Not counting those who continue their studies in our bachelor program)	Graduates will be serving in churches or other ministries after graduating
	D. Students will be exposed to ministry within another culture	80% of students will do at least one Impact Outreach in another culture
	E. Students will demonstrate constancy in spiritual disciplines	Students and graduates will regularly engage in spiritual disciplines
		Demonstrate consistency in spiritual disciplines

Students who are interested in receiving an Associate in Theological Studies are required to take the following:

Biblical and Theological Studies	30 Credit Hours	
Bible Surveys	6 hours	
Hermeneutics	3 hours	
New Testament Courses	6 hours	
Christian Ethics	3 hours	
Old Testament Courses	6 hours	
Systematic Theology	6 hours	
General Studies	15 Credit Hours	Classification
Public Speaking	3 hours	Communication
Writing Essentials	3 hours	Communication
History of the Christian Church I	3 hours	Humanities
Personal Finance	3 hours	Mathematics
Cultural Anthropology	3 hours	Social Behavior
Professional Studies	15 Credit Hours	
Ministry & Marriage	3 hours	
Personal Missions and Evangelism	3 hours	
Spiritual Formation	3 hours	
Concentration Elective	*6 hours	

*The 6 hours of PS concentration electives can be supplemented with GS electives.

Bachelor Program

Bachelor in Theological Studies (B.Th.S.)

The baccalaureate degree is the climax of a student’s studies at FBCI. Those who complete this program will graduate with a degree in theological studies and a concentration in one of four programs (see below). Out of the 120 credits required for this degree, over half are dedicated to studying the Bible and theology. The purpose is to ground the student in the Word of God, preparing them for a life of theologically-sound ministry. The baccalaureate degree also prepares the student to continue studies in a similar field, such as advanced studies at the master’s level.

Course Requirements - 120 Credit Hours

Program Learning Outcomes for Bachelor’s Program

Mission Components	Institutional Learning Objectives (ILOs)	Program Learning Objectives (PLOs)
Pentecostal Theology	A. Students will be able to explain the contexts and theology of the Holy Bible	Students know the Bible
		Students know Theology
		Students analyze Scripture using interpretive tools
		Students can articulate how Pentecostal theology is consistent with the history and theology of the Church
Professional Servant-Leaders (Ministry Skills)	B. Students will develop skills to use in ministry	Students are competent Public Speakers
		Students are Competent in Preparing Well-Crafted Sermons
		Students are Competent in Preparing and Delivering Well-Crafted Sermons
		Students are Competent in Sharing Their Faith

		Students are confident to share their faith
		Students complete a concentration in Pastoral Theology, Missions, Christian Education, or Worship Leadership
Make a difference as servant-leaders fulfilling the Great Commission (Ministry Impact)	C. Graduates will be serving in churches or other ministries after graduating	As demonstrated by 70% of 3 to 5 year graduates are in ministry
	D. Students will be exposed to ministry within another culture	That 80% of students will do at least one Impact Outreach in another culture
	E. Students discover gifts and calling for a life of service in the kingdom of God.	As demonstrated by at least 75% of respondents answering yes
	F. Students demonstrate constancy in spiritual disciplines	Students and graduates will regularly engage in spiritual disciplines
		Demonstrate consistency in spiritual disciplines

Students who are interested in receiving a **Bachelor in Theological Studies** are required to take the following:

Biblical and Theological Studies	64 Credit Hours	
Bible Surveys	6 hours	
Christian Ethics	3 hours	
Hermeneutics	3 hours	
New Testament Courses	26 hours	
Old Testament Courses	17 hours	
Systematic Theology	12 hours	
General Studies	30 Credit Hours	Classification
Public Speaking	3 hours	Communication
Writing Essentials	3 hours	Communication
Effective Communication	3 hours	Communication
Church History	6 hours	Humanities
Personal Finance	3 hours	Mathematics
Biblical Leadership	3 hours	Social Behavior
Cultural Anthropology	3 hours	Social Behavior
Concentration Electives	6 hours	
Professional Studies	23 Credit Hours	

Ministry & Marriage	3 hours
Personal Missions and Evangelism	3 hours
Concentration Electives	*9 hours
Practicums	3 hours
Spiritual Formation	3 hours
Senior Capstone Project	2 hours

*If the student does not select a concentration, he or she may supplement up to 9 hours of PS electives with GS electives.

Concentrations and Electives

To enhance the learning experience at FBCI, electives are offered in addition to the regular curriculum. These are subject to availability and student interest, so they may only be offered in some semesters.

ELECTIVE CONCENTRATIONS OFFERED			
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	MISSIONS	PASTORAL THEOLOGY	WORSHIP & MUSIC

Students can pursue a Concentration in their selected field of ministry from their sophomore year onward. If a change in the Concentration is desired, the student must make a written request to the Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs. It should be noted that courses taken in the initial Concentration may not be transferable to the new concentration, thus necessitating the student to take more than 120 credits for graduation.

Christian Education Concentration

The Christian Education Department exists to teach and train men and women called to the church's teaching ministry so they may disciple believers in faith, maturity, and service - whether that ministry be to adults, teenagers, or children.

The Christian Education Concentration prepares the student to:

- Understand the administrative duties and complexities of the teaching office – such as organizing, planning, scheduling, evaluating, and teaching.
- Demonstrate how to teach the Bible effectively to all age groups.
- Integrate the scriptural principles of Christian education into the church's educational ministry, such as the role of the family, spiritual formation, and family education.

The following positions may be available to those pursuing a concentration in Christian Education: Children and Family Ministry, Bible Teacher in a Christian School, Church Ministries, and Youth Ministries.

Students who are interested in receiving a **Concentration in Christian Education** are required to take the following:

Professional Studies

Course Code	Class Name	Credits	Year
CE2023	Children's Ministry and Evang.	3.0	Sophomore
CE3023	Programs for Children's Ministry	3.0	Junior
CE4033	Christian Education Practicum	3.0	Senior

General Studies

Course Code	Class Name	Credits	Year	Classification
CE2013	Child Development & Education	3.0	Sophomore	Social Behavior
PS3053	Church Management and Finance	3.0	Junior	Mathematics
CE4063	Principles & Methods of Teaching Communications	3.0	Senior	

Missions Concentration

The Missions Department seeks to guide the student in developing a biblical theology and biblical philosophy of missions and provide practical vocational preparation for cross-cultural ministry, whether at home or abroad. Essential elements of the Missions Program will build upon the student's major core courses and include an introductory overview of missions theology, history, and practice; realities of missionary life and work; principles of indigenous church planting and partnership; and exposure to missions literature and missionary statesmen. The student will have opportunities for practical experience in cross-cultural ministry as well.

The objective of the Missions Concentration is to equip students for effective cross-cultural living and ministry by enabling them to:

- Develop an understanding and respect for people of other cultures while not sacrificing Biblical values and standards.
- Apply fundamental principles and practices of missionary work concerning relationships with missionary associates, nationals, and the global church.
- Articulate current missiological concepts and strategies and apply those principles in planning for evangelism, discipleship of believers, and leadership training for the national church of any culture.

The following positions may be available to those pursuing a concentration in Missions: Missionary work in foreign or home fields.

Students who are interested in receiving a **Concentration in Missions** are required to take the following:

Professional Studies

Course Code	Class Name	Credits	Year
SP2012	Homiletics I	3.0	Sophomore

MS2033	Theology of Missions	3.0	Sophomore
MS4033	Missions Practicum	3.0	Senior

General Studies

Course Code	Class Name	Credits	Year	Classification
MS3012	World Religions	3.0	Junior	Social Behavior
MS3053	Intercultural Communications	3.0	Junior	Social Behavior
CE4063	Principles & Methods of Teaching	3.0	Senior	Communications

Pastoral Theology Concentration

The mission of FBCI is to teach and train students for Pentecostal ministry. FBCI provides academic knowledge and practical training in pastoral ministry. Students are taught to communicate the Gospel in a relevant way to the church through discipleship and to the world through evangelism. Pastoral consultation, administration, and church discipline issues and skills are taught in both the classroom and the pastoral internship. Pastoral functions - observing the church ceremonies and ordinances and officiating at life cycle events within the church body - are similarly taught and practiced in preparing men and women called and gifted to fill the office of pastor.

The Pastoral Theology Concentration prepares the student to:

- Implement proper interpretation and application of the Scriptures within church leadership, mission, vision, administration, and church discipline.
- Examine the call to the pastoral ministry while recognizing and maturing the gifting for such ministry.
- Analyze the administrative duties and complexities associated with the pastoral office – such as organization, structure, polity, and finances.

The following positions may be available to those pursuing a concentration in Pastoral Theology: Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor, and Chaplain.

Students who are interested in receiving a **Concentration in Pastoral Theology** are required to take the following:

Professional Studies

Course Code	Class Name	Credits	Year
SP2012	Homiletics I	3.0	Sophomore
PS2053	Ministerial Leadership	3.0	Sophomore
SP3012	Homiletics II	3.0	Junior
PS4023	Pastoral Practicum	3.0	Senior

General Studies

Course Code	Class Name	Credits	Year	Classification
PS3053	Church Management and Finance	3.0	Junior	Mathematics
CE4063	Principles & Methods of Teaching	3.0	Senior	Communications

Worship & Music Concentration

The purpose of FBCI's Music and Worship Concentration is to train students for music and worship ministries within the context of the church, missions, and evangelistic fields. Students are equipped through studies in theory, music technology, sound system ministry, conducting, and auditory/sight reading curriculum. In addition, students are prepared for ministry through practical experience and the development of a theology of worship.

The Worship and Music Concentration prepares the student to:

- Operate effectively in their ability to lead worship services.
- Develop and manage music programs in Christian ministry.
- Exhibit their ability to communicate Christian ideals through traditional and contemporary music.

The following positions may be available to those pursuing a concentration in Worship and Music: Worship Pastor, Worship Leader, Music Teacher in a Christian School, Choir or Chorale Leader, or Musician.

Students who are interested in receiving a **Concentration in Worship and Music** are required to take the following:

Professional Studies

Course Code	Class Name	Credits	Year
MU3043	Worship Leadership	3.0	Sophomore
CO1013	Media Technology for Ministry	3.0	Junior
MU4033	Worship and Music Practicum	3.0	Senior

General Studies

Course Code	Class Name	Credits	Year	Classification
MU2043	Fundamentals of Music	3.0	Sophomore	Fine Arts
MU2053	Music Theory I	3.0	Junior	Fine Arts
MU4023	Music Theory II	3.0	Senior	Fine Arts

Example Schedule

Typical Sequence					
Code	1st Year, 1st Semester	Credit	Code	1st Year, 2nd Semester	Credit
BS1033	New Testament Survey	3	BS1023	Old Testament Survey	3
CE1023	Spiritual Formation	3	BS1093	Introduction to Theology	3
PS1023	Ministry & Marriage	3	BS1073	Biblical Creationism	3
FI1013	Personal Finance	3	MS1013	Personal & Mission Evangelism	3
LA1073	Writing Essentials	3	SP1013	Public Speaking	3
LA1040	College Learning Skills	0	LA1040	College Learning Skills	0
Possible Electives					
MU1061	Choir I	0.5	MU1091	Choir II	0.5
Code	2nd Year, 1st Semester	Credit	Code	2nd Year, 2nd Semester	Credit
BI2093	Life and Ministry of Christ	3	BI1013	Pentateuch	3
BS2043	Hermeneutics	3	BS2133	Systematic Theology I	3
BI2083	Acts	3	HI2023	History of the Christian Church I	3
CE2043	Christian Ethics	3	MS2053	Cultural Anthropology	3
Possible Electives					
CE2013	Child Development & Education	3	CE2023	Children's Ministry & Evangelism	3
MS2033	Theology of Missions	3	SP2013	Homiletics I	3
PS2053	Ministerial Leadership	3	BS1022	Principles of Prayer	2
PS2032	Women in Ministry	2	MU2043	Fundamentals of Music	3
MU3043	Worship Leadership	3	MU2101	Choir IV	0.5
MU2091	Choir III	0.5			

Code	3rd Year, 1st Semester	Credit	Code	3rd Year, 2nd Semester	Credit
BI3013	Historical Books	3	BI3053	Major Prophets	3
BS3053	Systematic Theology II	3	BI3103	General Epistles	3
HI3023	History of the Christian Church II	3	BI3073	Romans & Galatians	3
CE3043	Biblical Leadership	3	BI3083	Poetical Books	3
Possible Electives					
CE3023	Programs for Children's Ministries	3	PS3053	Church Management and Finance	3
MS3043	World Religions	3	MS3053	Intercultural Communications	3
SP3013	Homiletics II	3	PS3053	Church Management and Finance	3
CO1013	Media Technology for Ministry	3	MU2053	Music Theory I	3
LA3032	Greek 1A	2	BS3022	Intercessory Prayer & Spiritual Warfare	2
MU3091	Choir V	0.5	CE2033	Youth Ministries	3
PS2032	Women in Ministry	2	CE4022	Leadership Dynamics	2
			LA3042	Greek 1B	2
			MU3101	Choir VI	0.5

Code	4th Year, 1st Semester	Credit	Code	4th Year, 2nd Semester	Credit
BI4063	Biblical Eschatology	3	BI4012	Hebrews	2
BI4033	Pastoral Epistles	3	BI4052	Minor Prophets	2
BI4073	Corinthians	3	BI4043	Prison Epistles	3
BS4053	Systematic Theology III	3	MF4012	Senior Capstone Project	2
			CO4013	Effective Communication	3
Possible Electives					
CE4063	Principles & Methods of Teaching	3	CE4033	Christian Education Practicum	3
MU4023	Music Theory II	3	MS4033	Missions Practicum	3
PS2032	Women in Ministry	2	PS4023	Pastoral Practicum	3
PS4012	Church Planting and Growth	2	MU4033	Worship & Music Practicum	3
MU4051	Choir VII	0.5	BS3022	Intercessory Prayer & Spiritual Warfare	2
LA3032	Greek 1A	2	CE2033	Youth Ministries	3
			CE4022	Leadership Dynamics	2
			MU4061	Choir VIII	0.5
			LA3042	Greek 1B	2

Course Descriptions

Periodically, additional Bible, theology, history, leadership, and other electives may be offered at the college's discretion.

Bible (BI and BS)

BI1013 PENTATEUCH 3 credits

In the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy), students will gain a general knowledge of the contents, events, and people of these books.

BI2083 ACTS 3 credits

This course deals with the historical and theological relevance of the Book of Acts. Careful exposition of the book is given as well.

BI2093 THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF CHRIST 3 credits

The Life and Ministry of Christ, exposes students to a chronological study of the life of Christ as set forth in the four Gospels.

BI3013 HISTORICAL BOOKS 3 credits

The Historical Books explore historical, geographical, theological, and cultural issues with attention to exposition in the books of Joshua through Esther.

BI3053 MAJOR PROPHETS 3 credits

The five major prophetic books (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel) are introduced in this course. Issues of authorship, date, and historical setting relative to each book are examined as well as some exposition.

BI3073 ROMANS & GALATIANS 3 credits

This course is a general introduction to Romans and Galatians. Issues of authorship, date, and historical setting relative to each book are examined as well as some exposition.

BI3083 POETICAL BOOKS 3 credits

This course provides an introduction to Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon and their contribution to the Bible as a whole. Issues of authorship, date, and historical setting relative to each book are examined as well as some exposition.

BI3103 GENERAL EPISTLES 3 credits

This course examines the General Epistles (James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John and Jude) with attention to background material and exposition.

- BI4012 HEBREWS 2 credits
The book of Hebrews is covered in this course. Issues of authorship, date, and historical setting relative to the book are examined as well as some exposition.
- BI4033 PASTORAL EPISTLES 3 credits
The epistles of First and Second Timothy and Titus are covered in this course. Issues of authorship, date, and historical setting relative to each book are examined as well as some exposition.
- BI4043 PRISON EPISTLES 3 credits
The epistles of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon are covered in this course. Issues of authorship, date, and historical setting relative to each book are examined as well as scriptural exposition.
- BI4052 MINOR PROPHETS 2 credits
An overview of the twelve minor prophets (Hosea through Malachi) is covered in this course. Issues of authorship, date, and historical setting relative to each book are examined as well as some exposition.
- BI4063 BIBLICAL ESCHATOLOGY 3 credits
The books of Daniel, I & II Thessalonians, and Revelation are studied in this course. Attention is given to issues of apocalyptic literature and how this relates to the study, interpretation, and application of the text.
- BI4073 CORINTHIANS 3 credits
This course covers the two letters of Paul to the Corinthian believers. Issues of authorship, date, and historical setting relative to each book are examined as well as some exposition.
- BS1022 PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER 2 credits
This course examines the privilege of personal prayer in the life of the believer. This course will examine prayer as it is taught in the Bible, especially in the life of Jesus.
- BS1023 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY 3 credits
This course surveys the historical settings, literary features, authorship, theological teachings, and general content of the Old Testament books. This survey provides a foundation for further studies in the Old Testament.

- BS1033 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY 3 credits
 This course surveys the historical settings, literary features, authorship, theological teachings, and general content of the New Testament books. This course is foundational to further New Testament studies.
- BS1073 BIBLICAL CREATIONISM 3 credits
 This course is a study of the origin and history of life on earth, emphasizing an apologetic foundation for Christian beliefs based on Genesis chapters 1-11.
- BS1093 INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY 3 credits
 The purpose of this class is to give a basic understanding of Christian Theology. Students will learn the major topics of Pentecostal Theology, learn theological terms, be exposed to the major events within the history of the church, and the people of the past and today that influence thinking within the church.
- BS2043 HERMENEUTICS 3 credits
 This course covers the principles for biblical interpretation and the development of exegetical ideas from the text. The student will learn how to interpret the Bible using the grammatical-historical-critical method of biblical interpretation.
- BS2133 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I 3 credits
 An in-depth study of Bibliology, Theology (the Godhead, as well as the nature and attributes of God), and Anthropology.
 (Prerequisite: BS1093 Introduction to Theology)
- BS3022 INTERCESSORY PRAYER & SPIRITUAL WARFARE 2 credits
 The purpose of this course is to teach that all areas of the church must be covered with prayer. Continuous prayer for families, nations, and all those in authority is necessary.
- BS3053 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II 3 credits
 An in-depth study of Christology, Pneumatology, and Angelology.
 (Prerequisite: BS1093 Introduction to Theology)
- BS4053 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III 3 credits
 An in-depth study of Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.
 (Prerequisite: BS1093 Introduction to Theology)

Christian Education (CE)

CE1023 SPIRITUAL FORMATION 3 credits

This course covers the application of biblical principles for Christian living and lifelong spiritual formation. This course introduces the basic knowledge of needed spiritual disciplines in the life of a Pentecostal believer.

CE2013 CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION 3 credits

This course examines the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development of the child from birth to age 18.

CE2023 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & EVANGELISM 3 credits

This course is a specialized study of developing and evaluating children's ministries and resources as it pertains to reaching children for Christ. The course will look at the history, present, and future of reaching children ages 2-12.

CE2033 YOUTH MINISTRIES 3 credits

This course examines adolescent development and the principles, methodology, and materials relevant to ministering to youth. Attention is given to developing youth ministry staff, congregational relationships, and volunteer staff.

CE2043 CHRISTIAN ETHICS 3 credits

This course recognizes that the basis of all ethics for the Christian is the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments. The ethical life of those in ministry as well as current ethical issues will be explored.

CE3023 PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES 3 credits

This course is a study of how to plan and implement the student's own children's ministry philosophy. Specific programming aspects of the large group meeting, small group meeting, activities, and mission projects will be examined.

Prerequisite: Children's Ministry and Evangelism

CE3043 BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP 3 credits

The principles of good leadership are examined in this course. Attention is given to the Biblical qualifications for leadership. This course examines the principles and practices of Bible characters. Temperament types and personnel placement are discussed.

CE4022 LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS 2 credits
This course will provide an overview of leadership theories while examining leadership from three perspectives: developing personal leadership, leading others, and leading organizations.

CE4033 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRACTICUM 3 credits
Senior Year Practicums are designed to expose the student to the various responsibilities and functions of Christian Education. They serve to bridge the theory and knowledge of the student's time at FBCI with practical experience. A pastor/supervisor acquaints the student with practical experience that is targeted to the student.

CE4063 PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF TEACHING 3 credits
This course introduces prospective teachers to the nature of teaching with the study of the teaching-learning process. The student learns how to specify learning objectives, determine appropriate learning activities, plan lessons following teaching principles, and consider methodology. A teaching presentation is required.

Communication (CO)

CO1013 MEDIA TECHNOLOGY FOR MINISTRY 3 credits
This course is the application of technology used in creating quality media in Christian ministry. Students will be introduced to audio, video, photography, worship software, marketing, graphic design, and social media used in various ministry communications.

CO4013 EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION 3 credits
This course is designed to help students develop their communication skills, cultivate greater confidence in presenting, and effectively engage an audience.

History (HI)

HI2023 HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH I 3 credits
This course covers the history of the church from the beginning in Acts to just before the Reformation.

HI3023 HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH II 3 credits
This course covers the history of the church from the Reformation to the present day.
Prerequisite: History of the Christian Church I

Finance (FI)

FI1013 PERSONAL FINANCE 3 credits

This course prepares students in personal finance. Students will analyze and apply financial planning and money management in the areas of saving, budgeting, debt, credit, taxes, insurance, investments, and retirement.

Language (LA)

LA1073 WRITING ESSENTIALS 3 credits

Fundamental research, writing, and grammar are studied in this course. The course is divided into English grammar, Turabian formatting, and research and writing. Turabian is used as the writing format for FBCI.

LA1040 COLLEGE LEARNING SKILLS 0 credits (1 hour)

This course is designed to prepare students for the demands of college courses and for success in academics. The course emphasizes time management, effective listening, various study techniques, and test-taking skills.

LA3032 GREEK 1A 2 credits

This course will teach students the basics of New Testament Greek. They will begin to learn Greek grammar and vocabulary.

LA3042 GREEK 1B 2 credits

This course is a continuation of Greek 1A. Students will work with more technical commentaries and begin to read the Greek text for themselves.

Missions (MS)

MS1013 PERSONAL AND MISSIONS EVANGELISM 3 credits

This course has its roots in the Great Commission and will explore methods of personal faith sharing with attention paid to personal testimony and the work of the Holy Spirit. The consideration of missions from local to global perspectives will be discussed with an emphasis on the contributions of Pentecostal organizations.

MS2033 THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS 3 credits

This course studies the underlying principles and theological presuppositions of Christian missions. Attention is given to developing a Biblical theology of missions.

MS2053 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY 3 credits
Basic concepts of cultural anthropology, the diversities of human culture, and the application of anthropological insights to cross-cultural living and ministry are covered in this course.

MS3043 WORLD RELIGIONS 3 credits
This course examines the history, belief systems, practices, and worldviews of the major world religions and their comparative relations to Christian truth.

MS3053 INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS 3 credits
This course gives understanding to the process of communication and identifying cultural features that lend themselves as evangelistic mediums.

MS4033 MISSIONS PRACTICUM 3 credits
Senior Year Practicums are designed to expose the student to the various responsibilities and functions of missions work. They serve to bridge the theory and knowledge of the student's time at FBCI with practical experience. A pastor/supervisor/missionary acquaints the student with practical experience that is targeted to the student.

Ministry Formation (MF)

MF MINISTRY FORMATION 0 credit
(MF0010, MF0020, MF0030, MF0040, MF0050, MF0060, MF0070, MF0080)
Ministry Formation is designed to provide students with experiential opportunities in diverse areas of ministry. Students participate in weekly ministries and an extended immersion experience each semester to gain practical training.

MF4012 SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT 2 credits
This course invites students to apply the biblical and theological concepts taught throughout the Bachelor of Theological Studies program by the development of a practical philosophy of ministry and a résumé tailored to the student's ministry interest.

Music (MU)

MU CHOIR I-VIII 1/2 credit
(MU1061, MU1091, MU2091, MU2101, MU3091, MU3101, MU4051, MU4061)
This course develops the novice in performance qualities, both vocal and instrumental, in the choral setting. Attention will be given to proper breathing and warm-up exercises.

MU2043 FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC

3 credits

This course covers the fundamental elements of music. It provides an understanding of scales, keys, intervals, chords, rhythmic, and pitch aspects of music notation, as well as introductory experiences at the keyboard and in basic composition.

MU2053 MUSIC THEORY I

3 credits

This course introduces fundamental concepts of music including tonality, key, modes, intervals, transposition, chord progressions, cadences, non-harmonic tones, harmonic analysis, and melodic organization and structure.

MU3043 WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

3 credits

This course is a biblical, theological, and historical survey of praise and worship and its role in the local church. Practical instruction is given in song leading in the context of the local church.

MU4023 MUSIC THEORY 2

3 credits

This course is a continuation of Music Theory I. It covers the fundamental concepts of writing music with an emphasis on seventh chords, chord progressions, part-writing, elementary modulation, harmonic and form analysis, structural form, composition, and beginning orchestrations.

Prerequisite: Music Theory 1

MU4033 WORSHIP AND MUSIC PRACTICUM

3 credits

Senior Year Practicums are designed to expose the student to the various responsibilities and functions of worship ministry. They serve to bridge the theory and knowledge of the student's time at FBCI with practical experience. A pastor/supervisor acquaints the student with practical experience that is targeted to the student.

Pastoral Subjects (PS)

PS1023 MINISTRY & MARRIAGE

3 credits

This course examines the unique issues concerning marriage for those in ministry. It will discuss the blessings and battles of ministry marriage.

PS2032 WOMEN IN MINISTRY

2 credits

This course provides practical spiritual assistance for women preparing for ministry. Special attention is given to the role of women in pastoral ministry.

PS2053 MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

3 credits

This course examines the life and work of the pastor as well as biblical metaphors used as models for the pastoral office. Attention is given to the role of spiritual disciplines in the life of the pastor.

PS3053 CHURCH MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

3 credits

The course addresses the practical application of financial management as it applies to the minister as an individual and as one who provides oversight within the church as a corporation.

PS4012 CHURCH PLANTING AND GROWTH

2 credits

This course teaches the process of conception, birth, growth, maturation, and reproduction of a church. Principles of church renewal and revitalization will be discussed as a means of church growth.

PS4023 PASTORAL PRACTICUM

3 credits

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Speech (SP)

SP1013 PUBLIC SPEAKING

3 credits

This course is designed to develop the student's ability to organize, present, and evaluate extemporaneous and prepared speeches.

SP2013 HOMILETICS I

3 credits

Homiletics is the science of preparing sermons. The various forms of sermons are examined. The student is taught to plan, construct, and deliver a sermon.

Prerequisite: Public Speaking

SP3013 HOMILETICS II

3 credits

This course aims to solidify the methods and principles that were taught in Homiletics I, while also introducing themes and concepts that will broaden the student's preaching style to reach a wider audience. Prerequisite: Homiletics I

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