

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, which began as Faith School of Theology in Old Orchard, Maine.

In 1967, the institute was moved to a larger campus in Brooklin, Maine.

In 1975, the Brooklin facilities outgrew its capacity.

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

In 1985, the Elva Valerius Chapel was constructed.

In 2003, after serving nearly 45 years as president, Dr. Pier passed the torch of leadership to Dr. Bell, who had served for over 25 years in multiple roles across the institution.

In 2010, the college received its first million-dollar donation.

In 2014, the three-year curriculum was expanded to include both associate and bachelor's degrees.

Academic Programs

The curriculum at FBCI offers certificates and degrees in theological studies, with three 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 interested in receiving a One Year Certificate in Theological Studies will take the following classes:

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

Public Speaking	3 hours
Writing Essentials	3 hours
Personal Finance	3 hours

Classification

Communication
Communication
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.

Course Requirements - 60 Credit Hours

Program Learning Outcomes for the 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
Make a difference as servant-leaders fulfilling the Great Commission (Ministry Impact)	C. Students who graduate will serve in churches or 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
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	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 interested in receiving an Associate in Theological Studies will take the following classes:

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

Public Speaking	3 hours
Writing Essentials	3 hours
History of the Christian Church I	3 hours

Classification

Communication
Communication
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	
Electives	*6 hours	

*The 6 hours of PS 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 typically a concentration in one of three 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 students in the Word of God, preparing them for a life of theologically sound ministry. The baccalaureate degree also prepares students 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 the Bachelor 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 interested in receiving a **Bachelor in Theological Studies** will take the following classes:

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
Electives	6 hours	

Professional Studies	23 Credit Hours
Ministry & Marriage	3 hours
Personal Missions and Evangelism	3 hours
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	PASTORAL THEOLOGY	WORSHIP & MUSIC

Students can begin pursuing a Concentration in their chosen field of ministry starting in their sophomore year. If a student wants to change their Concentration, they must submit a written request to the Office of the Registrar. It's important to understand that