

Biblical Studies

This program with its academic focus helps the student build their life on a solid biblical foundation. Not only will this program help students learn for themselves the Bible and the basics of Christian doctrine, but it will also help them to teach and interact with others, both in the church and in the marketplace.

“It Was One Of The Best Years Of My Life”

“My perspective has changed in so many areas and I left a different person. I’m so thankful that I had the privilege of studying at PLBC. It was one of the best years of my life!” – **MORIAH HEADS**

Specifics

PURPOSE

The Biblical Studies Certificate is recommended for those students who are considering further biblical or theological education, either at PLBC or at a seminary. The Biblical Studies Certificate comprises the first year of studies of the four-year Bachelor of Arts programs, making transferal into one of PLBC’s two- or four-year programs simple should the student wish to continue their studies. The Diploma and BA programs are designed for those who are planning to go on to seminary studies. It places special emphasis on the study and interpretation of the Bible while also providing a broad foundation for pastoral ministry.

PROGRAM LENGTH

30 credits
1 year full-time

64 credits
2 years full-time

129 credits
4 years full-time

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Kyung Baek, PhD

OBJECTIVES

In addition to meeting the core learning objectives required for all programs, the Biblical Studies program will enable graduates to:

- Know the contents and methods of understanding the Bible and theology in its original language.
- Interpret the Bible using sound exegetical, hermeneutical, and theological methods in its original language.
- Evaluate differing biblical, theological, cultural, and historical views at an advanced level.

- Formulate a Christian worldview demonstrated in life and ministry at an advanced level.
- Appraise and exhibit sensitivity to the global community in biblical and theological dialogue at an advanced level.
- Apply the Bible in teaching and preaching to specific issues in various contexts in its original language.
- Display a commitment to grow biblically and theologically.

Certificate Requirements

GENERAL STUDIES COURSES

- Personal Resource Management
- The Christian Mind

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Academic Writing and Academic Writing Lab
- History of Christianity I
- History of Christianity II
- History of Church Music
- Aesthetics: Art and Christianity and an Arts Seminar
- Introduction to Biblical Languages

MATH AND SCIENCE ELECTIVES

- Introduction to Natural Sciences
- Science and Christianity
- Creation Care
- Math Fundamentals
- Introduction to Psychology
- Conflict Management

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY COURSES

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Biblical Interpretation
- Survey of Christian Beliefs
- Bible and Theology Elective

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSES

- Spiritual Formation I
- Life and Ministry in the Holy Spirit

Diploma Requirements

In addition to completing the 12 credit-hour core, students in this diploma also take the following:

GENERAL STUDIES COURSES

- Personal Resource Management
- Academic Writing
- Academic Writing Lab
- The Christian Mind
- Public Speaking

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY FOCUS

- Advanced Biblical Interpretation

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Pentateuch
- The Gospels

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Theology I: God the Father
- Theology II: God the Son
- Theology III: God the Spirit

PLUS TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Greek I and Greek II
- Hebrew I and Hebrew II

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY ELECTIVES

Practicum Requirement

- Biblical Studies Practicum

Ministry Development Courses

- Spiritual Formation I
- Spiritual Formation II
- Life and Ministry in Holy Spirit
- Evangelism Strategies

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Pastoral Ministry
- Homiletics I
- Homiletics II
- Leadership Development
- Pastoral Counselling
- Church Leadership and Administration
- Marriage and Family
- Church Growth Strategies
- Evangelism Strategies
- Principles for Teaching Adults
- Introduction to Global Missions

OPEN ELECTIVES

- Certificate Printable Checklist

Bachelor Requirements

In addition to completing the 66 credit-hour core, students in this major also take the following:

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Three of the following:

- Greek I
- Hebrew I
- Greek II
- Hebrew II

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

- Advanced Hermeneutical Concepts
- Theological Method

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY ELECTIVES

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Theological Studies
- Remaining credits in some combination of Bible, Theology, Biblical Language, or Apologetics courses

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

Capstone Requirement

- Advanced Exegesis Seminar
- Advanced Theology Seminar
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MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COURSES

- Spiritual Formation II

THREE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Pastoral Ministry
- Homiletics I
- Homiletics II
- Leadership Development
- Pastoral Counselling
- Church Leadership and Administration
- Marriage and Family
- Church Growth Strategies
- Evangelism Strategies
- Principles for Teaching Adults
- Introduction to Global Missions
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OPEN ELECTIVES

- BA Printable Checklist

Tuition Breakdown

This will give you an estimate of costs in your first year. Our 2023/2024 tuition is \$250 per credit hour.

\$9,220

GENERAL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Life Launch
- Biblical Studies
- Pastoral Leadership
- Church Ministries.

Housing Breakdown

The community at PLBC is a huge part of the student experience.

The cost of dorms is **\$3,650** per semester.

Fee Breakdown

TUITION

- Tuition \$250.00
Per credit hour. Per semester.
- Audit Tuition \$50
Per course. Per semester.
- English Language Immersion Program
\$4850.00
Per semester.

APPLICATION FEES

- Application Fee \$50.00
Canadian and US Students.
- Application Fee For Foreign Students
\$80.00

CAMPUS STUDENT FEE

- Per Semester. Previously listed as separate fees: Fall Retreat. Student Fee. Library Fee.
- For students taking 9 credit hours or more \$450.00
- For students taking 8 credit hours or less \$60.00
Per credit hour.
- Summer Student Fee \$225.00

SPECIFIC FEES

- Fall Retreat Transportation Fee \$45.00
Room and Board \$3250.00

PER SEMESTER:

- Graduation Fee \$150.00
- Late Graduation Fee \$50.00