



The **PURPOSE** of the Bible Certificate program is to help nurture a biblically literate populace via comprehensive, strategic Bible-based studies. The 10-credit, non-degree educational program for ages 16 and up is offered by The Bible Seminary in association with churches, denominations, individuals, ministries and other organizations.

- The **CORE** curriculum consists of 7 short courses (8 credits) designed to help students internalize the worldwide impact of Judeo-Christian history and culture by strategically covering all 66 books of the Bible, teaching how to study scripture, and mentoring the practice of studying specific passages.
- The **ELECTIVE** options (2 credits) offer students a wide range of Bible-based experiences and opportunities to reinforce applied learning and skills, as well as allow some flexibility to tailor the program to meet individual needs and interests while maintaining educational standards.

Most courses are also eligible for CEU credit through the Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI).

Core Courses - Overview	
<p>Bible Panorama (14 weeks)</p> <p><i>2 TBS credits; 4 CEU's</i></p>	<p>A sweep of the entire Bible that provides a Big Picture view of Scripture.</p> <p>Introduces students to the content, themes, and background of all 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. Generally a prerequisite for all other CORE courses except Bible Study Methods (BSM), this course may be taken before, after, or concurrently with BSM.</p>
<p>Bible Study Methods (8 weeks)</p> <p><i>1 TBS credit; 2 CEU's</i></p>	<p>Learn how to study the Bible through observation, interpretation, correlation, and application.</p> <p>Introduces various types of literature found in the Bible and the cultural context of the biblical writers, both of which affect our understanding of the text and how to apply it to our modern context. In addition to classroom instruction and demonstrations, practical exercises help cement concepts and develop Bible study skills that are broadened and deepened in subsequent courses. Generally a prerequisite for all other CORE courses except Bible Panorama (BP), this course may be taken before, after, or concurrently with BP.</p>
<p>Old Testament History (8 weeks)</p> <p><i>1 TBS credit; 2 CEU's</i></p>	<p>A study of Genesis through Esther that charts the course of salvation history from creation through the exiles' return from Babylon.</p> <p>Helps students gain a clear picture of "the story" of the Old Testament, including major characters, covenants, and a memorable rough timeline. These books are predominantly "narrative" literature, so the course examines how stories work, and things to look for when studying narratives, including guidelines for drawing sensible applications from Old Testament narratives.</p>
<p>Old Testament Poetry (8 weeks)</p> <p><i>1 TBS credit; 2 CEU's</i></p>	<p>A study of Job through Song of Songs, and Lamentations.</p> <p>Helps students gain a greater understanding of biblical poetry and appreciation of its artistry, beauty, and function. The course covers the types of parallelism found in biblical poetry, types of poetic devices (such as metaphor and hyperbole), categories of psalms (such as lament, praise, and imprecatory), and explores the categories, nature and interpretations of proverbs.</p>
<p>Old Testament Prophecy (8 weeks)</p> <p><i>1 TBS credit; 2 CEU's</i></p>	<p>A study of the major prophets, Isaiah through Daniel, and minor prophets, Hosea through Malachi.</p> <p>Helps students gain a clear picture of who the prophets were, when they lived, to whom they prophesied, and how their prophecies relate to what took place before their time, after their time up to the present, and what has yet to take place.</p>
<p>New Testament Gospels/Acts (8 weeks)</p> <p><i>1 TBS credit; 2 CEU's</i></p>	<p>A study of the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.</p> <p>Helps students gain a well-rounded understanding of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as presented in the four Gospels, as well as the particular emphases of each Gospel. In studying the Acts of the Apostles, students learn the people, places, and events of the early church as it expanded to reach Jews in the Diaspora and Gentiles.</p>
<p>New Testament Epistles/Revelation (8 weeks)</p> <p><i>1 TBS credit; 2 CEU's</i></p>	<p>A study of the Pauline and General Epistles, and the book of Revelation.</p> <p>Helps students know the authors, readers, and issues in the epistles and have a clear framework for analyzing them. Students are also introduced to the book of Revelation, its structure, content, some of the issues involved in interpretation, and various major eschatological views.</p>

Elective Courses - Overview	
<p>God and Science (8 weeks)</p> <p>1 TBS credit; 2 CEU's</p>	<p>Explore fundamental concepts related to reconciling God, the Bible, and science. This course equips students to confidently respond to critics of the Bible who attempt to use science to undermine it.</p> <p>Prerequisites: <i>None</i>.</p>
<p>Holy Land Tour Prep (8 weeks)</p> <p>1 TBS credit</p>	<p>An introduction to the geography and cultures of Bible lands designed to help prepare students for a trip to Israel. Course content specifically focuses on sites scheduled for visits during TBS study tours, but is also helpful for anyone going on any trip to Israel, since most groups visit many of the same sites.</p> <p>Prerequisites: <i>None</i>.</p>
<p>Perspectives on the World Christian Movement (16 weeks)</p> <p>1 TBS credit, 5 CEU's</p>	<p>From Creation to the present, learn how God has moved in the past, how the global Church has responded, and the greatest needs in world evangelization today.</p> <p>Perspectives is offered at different levels in association with churches, ministries, and schools all over the world. Visit class.perspectives.org to find a class near you.</p> <p>Prerequisites: <i>None</i>.</p>
<p>Soul Care (8 weeks)</p> <p>1 TBS credit; 2 CEU's</p>	<p>Learn how to apply the Bible to daily challenges of life, including practical ways of advising others and offering hope to those who long for encouragement and biblical wisdom.</p> <p>Prerequisites: <i>None</i>.</p>
<p>TBS Graduate course (14 weeks)</p> <p>1 TBS credit</p>	<p>Audit any graduate course offered by The Bible Seminary and receive Bible Certificate credit.</p> <p>Audit students take classes and may participate in class assignments, but are not required to turn in work for a grade or to take course exams or finals. However, TBS audit students DO have the <i>option</i> of requesting that their work be graded and may take exams and finals in case they do decide to eventually pursue a degree.</p>
<p>Other Elective options (Varies)</p> <p>1 TBS credit</p>	<p><i>Trips</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Land Study Tour – (Any study tour of the Holy Land) • Other Study Tour – (Any study tour of other Biblical/historical locations) • Mission Trip – (Any cross-cultural missions trip) <p><i>Other courses</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study course series, such as Beth Moore, Bible Study Fellowship, Navigators, Precept Ministries • Disciple Bible Study I, II, III, or IV • Emotionally Healthy Spirituality • Financial Peace University • Stephens Ministry Training

- “Bible Certificate” courses do NOT require an application for enrollment.
- Students may take individual courses without officially enrolling in the “Bible Certificate” program.
- Graduates of the “Bible Certificate” program are welcome to retake classes and/or take additional electives.
- For Educational and other professionals who need CEU credits, The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) has approved our CORE courses for 2 CEU's.
- Most “Bible Certificate” courses typically meet once per week for approximately 1 hour and 50 minutes.

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