



Program and Student Handbook

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PROGRAM PROFILE – Certificate of Foundational Biblical Studies

Disciples Bible College is a 30 credit hours program, designed to be completed in 2 years. (The 30 credit hours are comprised of 10 courses: 8 live instructor led courses and 2 self-paced Bible Survey courses). Our Aim is to set a foundation of biblical instruction and discipleship that will fuel a fire of personal lifelong bible study and character growth in every student. (Expanded Programs and Certificate offerings are also being developed.)

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Vision

We aim to make excellent Biblical Education accessible to all of God's people. Not all Christians are called to be pastors or to go into the mission field abroad, but all Christians are called to be disciples. It is our aim to "equip the saints" in and for all walks of life.

Mission Statement

Disciples Bible College exists to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" through biblical education and discipleship.

Mission

"Go ye therefore and MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Disciples Bible College prepares disciples of Jesus to become lifelong learners, servants, and disciple-makers by offering College level Bible classes in their local community.

Philosophy of Education

Education at Disciples Bible College is based upon a distinctly biblical view of reality, truth, and values. Ultimate reality is found in God, who created the universe with purpose and sustains its existence with His power. Truth originates from God; it is embodied in Christ and revealed in

the Scriptures. Ethics and morals are grounded in scriptural absolutes, and the appreciation of art, worship, and literature is based upon biblical principles.

Education at Disciples Bible College has desired goals. Education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge or the accumulation of skills for financial success. The pursuit of higher education at Disciples Bible College is the pursuit of a higher calling. Thus, the environment is one that prioritizes a personal and vibrant relationship with Christ for every student. Then, upon this foundation, a biblical worldview is developed, where individual gifts and talents are molded around a proper understanding of the Scriptures, self, and society. The definitive goal is to produce graduates who combine outstanding general, biblical and professional education and who have the practical experiences necessary to effectively teach and defend the Gospel with exemplary lives of service to God, the local church, and others.

You can learn how to study the Bible, but the process is never ending. Paul exhorted Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15 with the encouragement, “*to study to show yourself approved by God.*” We want to encourage diligence and the pursuit of lifelong bible study, as Jesus declared in John 8:31 “*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*”

Core Values

I. Simply Jesus

- a. We acknowledge that God is the origin of all things and the source of the values made known to us in His creation, in human experience, and finally and fully, in Jesus Christ.
- b. We confess Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, our world, and as the final authority for our faith and life.
- c. We recognize that redemption by Jesus Christ and personal acceptance of His forgiveness are necessary for human wholeness.
- d. Authority of the Bible: We hold the Bible as the Word of God, the basis of our faith, and the primary record by which these values are made known.
- e. The Leading of the Holy Spirit: We rely on the Holy Spirit to help us discover these values. Thereby we call into question the values of the world.

II. Superior Academics

- a. We believe all truth is from God. Therefore, we recognize the importance of each field of study both for its own significance and for its interrelationship with other areas of knowledge.
- b. We believe that God desires that we pursue excellence according to the standard of His will for us.
- c. Knowledge: We value a thorough command of the primary resources, methodology, and major issues in academic fields of study.

- d. Understanding: We value intellectual curiosity, flexibility, and critical open-mindedness in learning. We value the ability to deal with complexity and ambiguity, and to consider evidence in godly decision-making. We value a Christian understanding of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. We are students of their roles in biblical Creation, Fall, and Redemption.
 - e. Skills: We value the acquisition and development of skills related to academic fields of study, and an understanding how field-specific skills may be adapted to other fields.
 - f. Practical Application: We value the practical application of academic content to expand the Kingdom of God and for the edification of the body of Christ.
- III. Servant Leadership
- a. We show love toward God and love toward each other.
 - b. We engage in community as members of one body of Christ and maintain a nonsectarian openness toward all Christians.
 - c. We honor our commitments and take responsibility for our personal behavior, decisions, and continuing growth.
 - d. We know from experience that self-discipline, struggle, risk, and confrontation are necessary for growth, and recognize that because of the grace of God, we grow even through our failures.
 - e. We have experiences in self-assessment in every dimension of our lives, including values clarification based on biblical truths. We plan for continuous individual growth and renewal.
 - f. We understand the capabilities of our physical bodies and are committed to the lifelong nurturing of our physical selves so that we can be of service to the Lord and others.
 - g. We are servants who:
 - i. Are able to joyfully follow Jesus 'example of service in the world and to pour out our individual and corporate lives for others because of God's love in Christ for us.
 - ii. Share our faith unashamedly, disciple other Christians, participate in missionary endeavors, and minister to the needs of all persons, regardless of their agreement with our beliefs. We affirm the unique worth of every individual. We regard each individual as having God-given gifts and talents to be discovered, developed, and directed toward service.
 - iii. Are faithful stewards of our time, talents, and resources. We welcome and seek opportunities for service as a means to clarify and practice our faith and knowledge.
 - h. We value truth and humility.
 - i. We value a spiritually surrendered life in both our work and our walk with the Lord.

- j. We value infectious, optimistic, and enthusiastic attitudes that have the best interests of the team at heart.
- k. We value a teachable heart and growth in our lives and ministries.
- l. We are committed to personal sacrifice in meeting the spiritual and practical needs of students and one another.
- m. We value honest, loving, biblical dialogue with hopeful outcomes instead of gossip, slander and secretive and harmful interactions, using Matthew 18 as a guideline for any conflict/disagreement.

Institutional Learning Objectives and Outcomes

Spiritual Objective: Students will grow in their knowledge and understanding of God’s Word and develop a relationship with God that motivates them to serve God and love others.

Institutional Learning Outcomes (Spiritual)

- Biblical Knowledge
 - 一. Students will demonstrate biblical proficiency by reading, interpreting, analyzing, and applying the principles of God’s Word to their lives as they fulfill assignments, participate in discussions, and reflect through personal journal responses.
- Christian Character
 - 二. Students will identify godly character through the study of God’s Word and apply the principles to their lives as they share the love of Christ with others.

Academic Objective: Students will study to show themselves approved through successfully meeting the academic requirements established by DBC.

Institutional Learning Outcomes (Academic)

- Think Critically
 - 三. Throughout the curriculum, students will develop critical thinking skills by constructing knowledge and applying concepts to real-life while analyzing and evaluating the effectiveness of content learned.
- Communicate Effectively
 - 四. Students will innovate, collaborate, and communicate by:
 - Formulating critical thinking and writing skills
 - Demonstrating technology proficiency
 - Implementing other media without regard for national boundaries or cultural differences
 - Utilizing information literacy skills.

Accreditation

Disciples Bible College is a Non-Accredited Institution. Upon completion of the 30 credit hrs. students will receive a Certificate of Foundational Biblical Studies from DBC. Credit hours may be transferable towards an accredited Undergraduate Degree at Calvary Chapel University. Transfer of credits are subject solely to the discretion and policies of Calvary Chapel University. Students are encouraged to reach out to CCU for more details.

<https://calvarychapeluniversity.edu/>

Statement of Faith

We believe in the true and living God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory. This triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.¹

We believe that all the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, and that they are the infallible rule of faith and practice. We believe that the Word of God supersedes any earthly law that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures.²

We believe in the person of God the Father, an infinite, eternal, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ.³

We believe in the person of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings, His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and His personal, visible return to earth.⁴

We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ.⁵

We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide.⁶

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all biblical gifts of the Spirit as reflected through the fruit of that same Spirit.⁷

We believe that all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness of sin are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸

We believe in the universal church, the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members.⁹

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the church: baptism and communion. We believe in baptism by immersion and communion as a symbolic memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross for our sins, both of which are open to all believers in Jesus Christ.¹⁰

We believe in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ through His personal, visible return to earth and the establishment of His millennial kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal blessing of the righteous, and endless separation from God of the wicked.¹¹

We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell, and that all those who place their faith, hope and trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in heaven with the Lord, while those who reject Jesus' free gift of salvation will spend eternity separated from the Lord.¹²

We believe in the rapture of the church where all believers will meet the Lord in the air and be taken out of this world prior to the tribulation that will come upon the earth.¹³

We believe that marriage is exclusively the union between one man and one woman in a lifetime commitment to each other (Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:4-6). Marriage reflects the relationship between Christ and the Church and provides for procreation, intimate companionship, and we believe is the only basis for any form of sexual expression. We believe that any intimate sexual activity outside of marriage is sin.¹⁴

We believe that God disapproves any attempt to alter one's gender (as revealed at birth) through surgery, medicine, appearance or otherwise and is a violation of God's creative order.¹⁵

Citations

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Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:8 and 48:16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 10:30; Hebrews

1:3.

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Isaiah 28:13; Nehemiah 8:8; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:3-4 and 1:21. ³

Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalms 90:2; Psalms 102:27; John 3:16 and 4:24; 1 Timothy 1:17; Titus

1:3.

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Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:23; Mark 16:19; Luke 1:34-35; John 1:1-2, 8:58 and 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:8; 1 John 1:2; Revelation 1:8. ⁵

Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 3:18; John 16:8-11; Romans 8:26 and 15:13,16; Hebrews 9:14.

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John 6:13, 14:16-17 and 16:8-11; Romans 8:26.

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1 Corinthians 12.

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Acts 8:15-17; Ephesians 2:1-3 and 8-9; Romans 3:23 and 5:8; Titus 3:5.

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1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:15-16.

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Matthew 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. ¹¹

Matthew 16:27; Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:11-15.

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Psalms 9:17; Matthew 5:3, 5:22, 18:9 and 25:31-34; Mark 9:42-49; Luke 12:5; John 3:18; Hebrews 12:23; 1 Peter 1:4; Revelation 14:10-11 and 20:11-15. ¹³

Isaiah 26:20; Matthew 24:29-31; Luke 21:36; Romans 1:18, 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-16 and 5:9; 2 Peter 2:7-9; Revelation 3:10, 5:7-10 and 7:13-14. ¹⁴

(1 Thess. 4:3; Ephesians 5:3)

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(Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:18-22; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

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INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

Statements of Nondiscrimination

In keeping with the second commandment that our Lord Jesus gave in Matthew 22:39, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," and the belief that God made us all unique individuals, yet in His image, DSC prohibits discrimination.

Our College supports Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures.

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended, DBC prohibits discrimination on the basis of a disability in the recruitment and admission of students, or in the operation of any of its programs and activities, as specified by federal laws and regulations.

Resolving Conflict Biblically

Disciples Bible College fully endorses the authenticity and effectiveness of God's Holy Word as stated in our Doctrinal Beliefs. Our desire is that everyone, at every level in the organization follows the biblical principles for conflict resolution listed below for every conflict that arises. It is important to follow the steps prayerfully, with discretion and a heart for reconciliation. We believe most conflicts will be resolved quickly if following God's Word prayerfully.

"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." (II Timothy 3:16-17)

When a conflict arises with another Christian, a Biblical course of action is necessary for restoration and healing. It is important to know that Matthew says to address even a potential conflict "if you know someone has fought against you."

"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God." (Matthew 5:23-24)

God calls us to be proactive in our communication to make sure the devil doesn't get a foothold and cause vain imaginations or division. Whether you think someone may have something against you, or you have something against someone, the process and goal are the same reconciliation and restoration.

The Process:

1. Search your own heart.

"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye, 'when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye." -Matthew 7:1-5

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”- Philippians 2:3

Examine your own heart/motives: What is the real reason for the offense? Is this a sin issue or is this a personality clash? Are you esteeming the other person? Are you truly concerned with this other person’s walk with Jesus or is there something else that is causing strife? Make sure your motives are pure. Step # 1 is a foundational step, one you don’t want to skip over.

2. Go to your brother alone.

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.”-Matthew 18:15 (NKJV) If you have offended someone, be willing to go to that person and say, “I am sorry. Please forgive me.”

If someone has offended you, or there is a sin issue, go to the person, seek to resolve your differences, and restore the relationship. Value the restoration of the relationship above exposing that person’s possible sin. Listen to his or her point of view and seek to understand his or her perspective on the issue. Go to the brother in love with the goal of restoration. Get in the word together and pray together. *“Love believes all things, hopes all things”* (1 Corinthians 13:7). Go alone... do not share the offense with anyone else. Please note, if this situation involves members of opposite sex, special precaution should be taken.

If there is still no resolve:

3. Take a mature believer(s) with you. *“But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.”*Matthew 18:16-17

If going to the person first does not resolve the conflict, seek the help of a third party to help both parties see what can be done to glorify God in the relationship. Make sure that this third party is a spiritually mature person who is neutral regarding this issue. Keep an open mind to the advice of the third party and seek to change your attitude and actions as advised. *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”*—Matthew 5:9 (NKJV)

Scriptures to pray over as you go through the process.

“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”- Romans 14:19 (NKJV)

Seek to act in a Christ-like manner and not give into my natural and human feelings and emotions.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."—Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

Pray and seek the Lord's comfort and guidance in the matter. Do not share an offense with another person. *"Do not speak evil of one another, brethren."*—James 4:11 (NKJV)

Do not seek to find others who have been offended, nor seek to validate hurt by finding potential mediators before meeting with the person who has offended me. *"A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends."*—Proverbs 16:28 (NKJV)

Do not allow anyone to criticize another staff member without first following the scriptural guidelines in resolving conflict. In order to avoid gossip and hurt feelings, do not discuss this matter without the offending party present. *"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."*—Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)

If the conflict cannot be resolved, continue to act in a manner pleasing to God. This may include removing yourself from the source of the conflict. *"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."*—Ephesians 4:31–32 (NKJV)

Student Grievance Procedures

Disciples Bible College (DBC) acknowledges that in any college community there is the possibility of conflict and student dissatisfaction. DBC wishes to provide educational instruction and services of the highest quality to its students and facilitate equity and harmony in the application of policies and procedures. When a student has a complaint or grievance, DBC has developed procedures to resolve the matter.

A grievance is a complaint arising out of any alleged unauthorized or unjustified act or decision by a member of the DBC community that in any way adversely affects the status, rights, or privileges of any student.

Spiritual Life

Disciples Bible College seeks to admit students who have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. DBC is committed to the equipping of men and women for effective ministry as they deepen their relationship with the Lord. Each student should be committed to following Christ, striving to live by the standards set down in Scripture, and faithfully participate in his or her local church.

A healthy spiritual life is a daily responsibility and privilege. The spiritual life of a student affects the spiritual life of the total body. Every student is encouraged to give special attention to the following:

- Facilitation of daily prayer and regular Bible studies; ●
- Development of mature relationships with other believers; and ●
- Maintenance of a positive attitude.

All programs, activities and services are designed to prepare men and women for effective spiritual ministry. The spiritual life of each student is considered critically important in the collective student experience.

Each student is expected to exhibit the following attributes within their courses:

- **Love:** *1 John 3:11 “–For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”*
- **Edification:** *Romans 15:1-2 “–Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.”*
- **Bearing One Another’s Burdens:** *Galatians 6:2 “–Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.”*
- **Speaking the Truth in Love:***Ephesians 4:15 “–But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.”*
- **Responsibility to Other Believers:** *1 Corinthians 8:9 “–But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.”*
- **Restoration and restitution:** *Galatians 6:1 “–Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”*

STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Introductory Tuition and Fees (subject to change)

8 live instructor led courses

\$100.00 per 3 hr. credit course

\$50.00 per 3 hr. credit class for each additional student within the same household.

2 self-paced Bible survey courses

\$50.00 for OT Survey course (Chuck Tracts questionnaires and grading).

\$50.00 for NT Survey course (Chuck Tracts questionnaires and grading).

Payment Schedule

Registration link will be made available for each Course at

Tuition must be paid in full by the first day of each class unless special financial arrangements have been agreed upon with the billing department.

Cancellation, Withdrawal, and Refund Policies

Enrollment Agreement Cancellation Policy

The student has the right to cancel and obtain a refund within 72 hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and federal and state holidays) after Course registration. No later than 30 days after receiving the notice of cancellation, the school shall provide the 100% refund.

Refund Information

Other Cancellation Policy

An applicant requesting cancellation in any manner, more than 72 hours after Course Registration and making an initial payment, but prior to the first day of a course, is entitled to a refund of all monies paid minus the application fee.

ACADEMIC REGULATION - CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Program Learning Outcomes

Program learning outcomes are clearly defined, established, and measurable in the statements outlined below. The certificate program will equip the student with practical skills and deep understanding of the content taught from a Biblical Worldview. The student will develop exceptional written and oral communication skills that will benefit both personally and professionally. Program learning outcomes include the following.

The student will:

Philosophy

- Analyze educational content by conducting research and integrating a Biblical worldview into assignments throughout the program.

Proficiency

- Demonstrate course competency by reading assigned literature, writing assigned papers, and presenting to appropriate audiences.

- Demonstrate understanding of content through completing assignments and being a responsive learner.

Professionalism

- Create a Christ-like educational environment by working as unto the Lord.
- Demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning by reading and researching beyond the stated assignment.
- Collaborate with other learners by providing substantive comments and additional questions that increase critical thinking on discussion boards and offering collaborative feedback.

Program Structure

The Certificate of Foundational Biblical Studies consists of 10 courses. 8 Courses will meet in person at the church location & 2 courses will be self-paced bible survey courses.

Grading

Students are graded according to the following designations: Letter Description numerical Value Grade Points

Grading Scale

Grade Letter	Scale	Minimum Points	Grade points
A		90	4.0
B+		85	3.5
B		80	3.0
C+		75	2.5
C		70	2.0
D+		65	1.5
D		60	1.0
F		0-59	0.0
W		Withdrawal	W
I		Incomplete	I
P		Pass	P
F		Fail	F

Incomplete Grades Policy

Under *exceptional* circumstances, a faculty member may permit additional time for the completion of course requirements after the end of the module. In such cases, a temporary grade of I (Incomplete) will be assigned to a student whose performance is satisfactory but, due to unforeseen circumstances, has been unable to complete all course requirements. An "I" is not given to enable the student to do additional work to raise a deficient grade. The terms for the removal of the "I", including the time limit of its removal (normally one month after the final exam) will be decided by the faculty member and documented for the chief academic officer. It is the student's responsibility to arrange with the faculty member whatever action is needed to remove the "I" grade at the earliest possible date, and in any event, within the time limit stipulated. The "I" grade does not carry quality points and is calculated in the grade point average as a zero (0) until a final grade is determined. A student may not graduate with an "I" on the record. A student does not need to be enrolled to remove a grade of incomplete."

Students experiencing extreme temporary hardship should request an incomplete grade through their instructor prior to the course end date.

If granted by the instructor, a temporary grade of "I" is assigned and the student is granted a time extension to complete course requirements after the close of the semester. A temporary grade of "I" must be submitted by the instructor at the time the incomplete is granted, and a final grade must be submitted by the instructor at the end of the following semester. Students who fail to meet outstanding course requirements during the extended time will receive a default grade of "F."

Extreme temporary hardship may include:

- Documented military duty that resulted in an inability to continue in the course or program;
- Documented personal or family medical emergency;
- Documented act of nature;
- Documented death in the family; or
- Documented temporary severe economic hardship.

Transcripts

Disciples Bible College complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (the Buckley Amendment) which is designed to protect the privacy of educational records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 provides that information from student records will not be identified by nor conveyed to unauthorized parties. Exceptions are made for DBC officials, teachers, authorized federal agencies, and in connection with the application for or receipt of financial aid. No other parties may obtain information unless the student has provided DBC with written consent. Students have access to their information on demand. Students 18 years of age and older must sign a consent form in order for parents to obtain academic or financial information. The appropriate Release of Information form is available from the Admissions Office.

Unofficial transcripts may be requested at no charge. There is a fee of \$7.00 for each official transcript, and a \$17.00 fee for rush orders processed within 24 hours of the transcript request. Routine requests are processed in 7-10 working days.

An official transcript is released only after students have settled all financial obligations to Disciples Bible College. Transcripts contain coursework completed at DBC as well as transfer credit and prior experiential credit.

The Transcript Request Form will be made available upon Student request.

Sample Academic Calendar
(subject to Change)

TERM	START DATE	ADD/DROP DATE	END DATE
FALL 2024 SEMESTER			
Fall Module 1	September 9, 2024	September 12, 2024	November 3, 2024
Fall Module 2	November 4, 2024	November 7, 2024	December 22, 2024
OT Survey	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>
*Christmas Break	December 22, 2024		January 5, 2025
SPRING 2025 SEMESTER			
Spring Module 1	January 6, 2025	January 9, 2025	March 2, 2025
Spring Module 2	March 10, 2025	March 13, 2025	May 11, 2025
OT Survey	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>
*Easter Break	April 20, 2025		April 27, 2025
SUMMER 2025 SEMESTER			
Summer Module 1	May 12, 2025		September 7, 2025
OT Survey	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>

FALL 2025 SEMESTER			
Fall Module 1	September 8, 2025	September 11, 2025	November 2, 2025
Fall Module 2	November 3, 2025	November 6, 2025	December 21, 2025
NT Survey	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>
*Christmas Break	Dec 21, 2025		January 4, 2026
 			

SPRING 2026 SEMESTER			
Spring Module 1	January 5, 2026	January 8, 2026	March 1, 2026
Spring Module 2	March 9, 2026	March 12, 2026	May 10, 2026
NT Survey	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>
*Easter Break	April 5, 2026		April 12, 2026
SUMMER 2026 SEMESTER			
Summer Module 1	May 11, 2026		September 6, 2026
NT Survey	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>	<i>Self-paced</i>

PROGRAM DESIGN

Purpose

The program benefits students in all *walks of life* and even those who are called to *become* pastors or ministry leaders. Students will learn basic skills and knowledge needed for Biblical understanding and effective leadership. The Certificate of Foundational Biblical Studies Program may stand alone and/or may offer opportunity to transfer credits to Calvary Chapel University and applied to the Bachelor's in Biblical Studies program (according to CCU policies and discretion).

Course Progression

Certificate of Foundational Biblical Studies consists of 10 courses: 8 in class, live, instructor led courses and 2 self-paced Bible survey courses. The completion the program will result in a Certificate of Foundational Biblical Studies issued through Disciples Bible College.

Course Descriptions

THE219 Bible Study Methods & Hermeneutics 3 Credits

This course is designed as a methods course to train learners in the skill of the Art and Science of Bible Interpretation. As a methods course our focus will be less on the teacher, lecture, and Bible content, and more on the learner, exercises, and skills he/she needs to develop in order to competently study God's Word. With exposure to the various genres found throughout Scripture the learner will be able to apply the available tools to correctly exegete the text. Through supervised hands-on exercises the learner will go through the process of observing, interpreting, correlating and applying the Scriptures with the ultimate purpose of life change.

THE402 Biblical Theology 3 Credits

This course will introduce students to the subject and history of biblical theology, to investigate the unity of the Bible, to delve into the contents of the individual biblical books and show the links between them, to discover the ongoing flow of the revelatory and redemptive process that reaches its climax in Jesus Christ, and to explore the necessity and implications of biblical theology for ministry in the local church.

BIB204 Genesis 3 Credits

Genesis: the book of beginnings; it is also the first book of Theism. Penned by Moses this book is filled with history and miracles. Learners will explore exegesis, apologetics, prolegomena, and much theology in this course.

BIB206 Isaiah 3 Credits

Examines the book of Isaiah, giving attention to historical background and the critical issues surrounding the book while focusing primarily on detailed analysis of the content. Emphasis is on the theological significance of the purpose and message of the book for both Old and New Testaments.

BIB223 Gospel of John 3 Credits

The Gospel of John has long been recognized as the unique fourth gospel that offers a portrait of Jesus Christ like no other book of the Bible. This course will be a verse-by-verse study of the entire gospel with emphasis on John's theology, Christology, and particularly the relationship between His deity and humanity.

BIB235 Daniel/Revelation 3 Credits

This course is designed to introduce you to the prophecies of Daniel while taking an in-depth study of Revelation. Ultimately, this is a course on eschatology and study of end time events. We will be taking a look into the themes and theology of this prophetic masterpiece, and how these writings affect our daily lives.

