

BETHANY COLLEGE

INFORMATION PACKET

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About Us

Bethany College offers students the unique opportunity to gain practical, hands-on experience in ministry by working side-by-side with pastors and church staff. The school operates from the Bethany Church campuses in South Baton Rouge and Baker, LA. Students participate in weekend services at Bethany Church's campus locations in the Baton Rouge area.

The Mission of Bethany College

The mission of Bethany College is to educate, equip, and empower the next generation of leaders for local church ministry here and around the world. Through both one-year and accredited degree programs, students will graduate uniquely equipped to become part of the next generation of church leaders.

By combining classroom learning and hands-on experience from Bethany Church pastors and staff, the programs at Bethany College are designed to educate and prepare students to become capable members and leaders in churches around the world. This combination of academic instruction, spiritual development, and ministry training functions to grow students both mentally and spiritually.

About Bethany Church

Bethany Church is one of the leading churches in America that has been dedicated to equipping people to engage the call of God on their lives for over 50 years. Started in 1963 in Baker, Louisiana, Bethany is a church rich in Godly heritage and carries a legacy three generations strong. Bethany College offers students a practical way to work toward achieving the church's vision of bringing all people into the life, family, and purpose of God.

This vision has always been the heart of the church, starting in 1978 with the launch of Ministers Training Institute (MTI), Bethany's first educational program. MTI provided indispensable training to aspiring pastors and hundreds of men and women who wanted to follow the Lord in full-time service. In 2005, after nearly three decades of developing leaders and starting schools around the world, MTI was adopted by Bethany's internship program. The goal of this new leadership internship was to equip youth leaders for a new generation by drawing on the sound biblical teaching and stability of MTI.

In 2011, Bethany began a new chapter as Pastors Jonathan and Angie Stockstill became the third generation of Stockstills to serve as senior pastors. In 2013, under their leadership, both MTI and the internship program were absorbed into Bethany College. The college exists to give sound biblical theology, provide an atmosphere for a transformed spiritual life, and equip people with ministry skills that will impact the local church, community, marketplace, and beyond.

Our Programs

Bethany College offers students a world-class education and the opportunity to receive hands-on training and experience in every area of ministry including worship leadership, creative arts, and youth leadership. Whether a student is ready to dive head-first into higher learning or still trying to decide if traditional university is their next step, there is a program at Bethany College just for them!



Bethany One Year

This non-accredited program immerses the student in the practical skills of ministry training. Students receive the opportunity to grow in their faith and leadership skills and build the local and global church. Students receive a solid, biblical foundation that will equip them to be confident in their faith in any vocation.

Bethany One Year is designed for the traditional student aged 18-26 and able to pursue a full-time schedule. This program is offered for a full year, beginning in the fall and ending in late July, and is the perfect opportunity for any young person. Whether they are taking a gap year between high school and college or considering taking the step in a calling to ministry, students will be challenged and equipped for what God has for them.

Degree Offerings

Southeastern University (Lakeland, FL) partners with Bethany Church to host an instructional site on the church campus and offer students affordable degree programs.

These programs offer students the opportunity to earn a two- or four-year degree in the setting of church ministry. Not only do students pursuing a degree receive the classroom education of a traditional university, but they also receive hands-on experience and training from Bethany Church's ministry team.

Southeastern University offers the following degree programs at Bethany Church:

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Arts in Ministerial Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Ministerial Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Business and Professional Leadership

Bethany College is a ministry of Bethany Church that exists to educate, equip, and empower the next generation of leaders for local church ministry here and around the world. Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Bethany College is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of Southeastern University does not extend to or include Bethany College or its students. Students must be admitted by Southeastern University and enrolled in university courses to receive the benefits of regional accreditation.

Practicums

In practicums, students gain practical leadership experience by working side-by-side with Bethany Church pastors and staff members in areas such as creative arts, youth ministry, and worship leadership.

Students are able to change their practicum each semester.



Admissions

Application Requirements

Students must be 18 years of age by the start of semester and have earned their high school diploma or GED.

The online application includes short-form essay questions and requires a character reference from a pastor, Bible study leader, or church lay-leader (not a relative) who can provide our admissions team with a candid assessment of the student's Christian maturity.

Cost of Attendance

*Pricing last updated Fall 2020.

Bethany One Year

Application Fee: \$50.00

Tuition: \$900.00/semester (\$2,700.00/full year)

Admission Fee: \$100.00

SEU

Tuition: \$7,080.00

Tuition covers the cost of classes only; books and fees are additional. Tuition is charged per credit hour. Tuition listed is based on 15 credits per semester (for 2 semesters) with the practicum scholarship applied.

Site Fee: \$2,520.00

The site fee covers expenses related to student development and classroom facilities. The site fee is charged at a flat rate per semester. The annual fee (2 semesters) is listed.

Technology Fee: \$300.00

The technology fee covers the cost of facilitating online classes. This is a flat rate per year.

Annual Total: \$9,900.00

Additional Costs

Bethany One Year tuition includes the cost of two missions trips in the fall and spring semesters. An additional summer trip is not included in the cost of tuition, but fundraising opportunities are available throughout the year. SEU students are also invited to participate in these trips; however, the cost is not included in SEU tuition.

Scholarships

Bethany College offers several scholarship opportunities to new and returning students each school year.

Catalyst Scholarship: The Catalyst Scholarship covers the full tuition for the Bethany One Year program or can be put toward tuition costs for a degree via Bethany College's partnership with SEU. This scholarship is offered to incoming applicants who actively demonstrate a heart for ministry and servant leadership.

Where Leaders Are Scholarship: The Where Leaders Are Scholarship is an \$800 scholarship awarded for one semester for students who show growth and aptitude for leadership. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and reapply each semester.

Surge Scholarship: The Surge Scholarship is an \$800 scholarship awarded for one semester, awarded in honor of The Surge Project, which has planted over 20,000 churches worldwide. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and reapply for the scholarship each semester.

Housing

Campus housing is a great way for students to connect with their classmates and build relationships that will last a lifetime.

There are currently three student houses: two men's and one women's. These houses are located on the Bethany Church property in Baker, Louisiana. Housing applications are evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis, and rent and deposit costs are not included in tuition.

Rent is \$260/month and due on the first of each month. All utilities are included in the cost of rent as well as high-speed internet and rental insurance.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with initial housing application prior to moving in.

Life as a Bethany College Student

Bethany College students are some of the brightest and boldest leaders, not only within the local church but in the nation. Their ideas and creativity help shape the culture of Bethany Church.

Throughout their time at Bethany College, students will gain a foundation for a lifelong pursuit of Christian character and leadership development. Our prayer is to see our students mature to be servant leaders to their local communities and throughout the world.

Students attend weekly chapel services, prayer meetings, and small groups, as well as participate in weekend services, outreaches, and missions trips through Bethany Church.



Besides these opportunities to grow in

their leadership skills, students also enjoy a great social atmosphere. A student government is voted in each school year, and the Bethany College student life staff hosts a variety of social activities every semester.

Faculty, Administration, and Staff

The administration and faculty of Bethany College are all born-again, Spirit-filled Christians who are committed to the vision of Bethany College. All staff maintain a close relationship with students. Staff members are involved in mentoring students during the school year, and students have access to any staff or faculty member and are encouraged to seek help and counsel for spiritual, academic, or personal issues.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Bethany College is open to any qualified student who has demonstrated a personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Bethany College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical disability with regard to admission, education, scholarship programs, or other college-administered policies and practices, except where required by specific religious tenets held by the institution.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us! Our team would love to hear from you.

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