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# From the CEO and Founder (08/2009)

As I watched the first Bible Faith Global University inaugural graduate class I was taken back to the winter of 1977. That is when I acknowledged my calling into the ministry. I had absolutely no understanding or knowledge of how to do what God had commanded me to do. I was not reared in the church so there was nothing for me to grab onto in my upbringing. Certainly, I had attended a few church services, but not enough to understand what being called of God to preach and teach His people meant.

I quickly found out that there was no way to casually mention to church leaders your lack of understanding or knowledge of what to do. They made you feel like that was one of those infinite wonders of a mysterious and all-knowing God. It was almost as if they wanted you to believe that if you are truly called, God will personally, and without human assistance, teach you all that you need to know. If you messed up a few times or seemed as though you were confused, distraught, or unlearned, that was just a part of your mysterious anointing, or the teaching curve that God uses to humble you in your calling. With time you would eventually find your way into being the "great" preacher God was calling for in these "last and evil" days. Others wanted you to believe that your evident inexperience and poor execution were only true signs that you were not called. Why call you into such a "high" calling with no experience, or such a lack of spiritual poise and understanding. That was their defining explanation of your imminent success or failure in "the calling".

I was determined to be faithful in what God had ordained me to do. I was not willing to believe that God would leave such an important part of His will for man so vague and uncertain. I firmly believed that if I pursued wisdom as Solomon stated in Proverbs that God would reward me. I believed that there was a standard in God's word for His workmen to do what He had called them to do with confidence in the true spirit of excellence. I also made a commitment to God that I would share what He revealed to me in secret with others of like faith from the housetops.

I was working in an electric blanket factory when I met a young bible college student working there part time. I was so excited about what I believed was the miraculous workings of God to give me the opportunity to get a religious education. Finally, I could get the bible-based knowledge and understanding to do what God had called me to do. The student was as excited as I was about the opportunity and said he would personally talk to the bible college president on my behalf and bring me an enrollment application.

We continued in good fellowship each work day and I was very anxious to start my pursuit of a formal biblical education. After several weeks I finally asked him what was delaying the process. That is when he told me that he had shared my desires with the bible college president a few days after talking to me. He said they finally told him that I could not be admitted to their bible

college because of their admission policies and tenets of faith concerning the mixture of races. They did not believe in different races worshiping or studying together therefore my request was denied. I was disappointed, but not willing to be denied. My next step was to find a bible college that did not use race as a basis for admission. I found one, but they used denominational affiliations instead. The ones that did not use race, or denomination were so expensive that you almost had to "sell your firstborn" to gain admission. My final option was to "buy wisdom" and "sell it not." I began to buy as many books and commentaries as I could afford and spent countless hours and sometimes even days and nights studying them. I did this while rearing a family, working in several different positions in ministry, and working full time jobs.

God told me over and over again the words found in *Isaiah 58:6-12*. He assured me that if I would "faithfully loose the bands of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, let the oppressed go free, break every yoke, draw out my soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul", that He would bring into manifestation the fullness of the promises found in the rest of those verses. He especially emphasized the closing few verses. He assured me "that those that shall be of me shall build the old waste places and that I would raise up the foundations of many generations and be called the repairer of the breach, and the restorer of paths to dwell in", just as His Son Jesus did.

Those words of prophecy are now being fulfilled. I know that this first group of graduates are just the first fruits of the bountiful harvest of spirit filled, bible believing leaders. Men and women who will be well equipped, empowered, and eager to not only reap the fields that are ripe unto harvest, but also able and willing to process and preserve the fruits that remain. They are the Gifts of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. They are given for the perfecting of the saints, to do the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ. Bible Faith Global University is God birthed, God breathed, and God established to operate, assimilate, strengthen and maintain the standards of accountability required by God's word for such Gifts.

Bible Faith Global University is also determined to offer the entire Body of Christ the advantage, and the opportunity to receive professional, academic bible-based, spiritual education, empowerment, and enrichment at reasonable and affordable prices. Proverbs tells us to buy wisdom and sell it not. Jesus said the kingdom of God is as a precious pearl that when found one would sell all and purchase it. Our goal is to keep the funding of Bible Faith Global University as low as possible so that we might proclaim with sincerity that freely we have received and freely we give. Bible Faith Global University is not the only one so ordained; we are just one of many. Our clarion call is for "*The Spirit of Excellence in The Excellence of Ministry*".

# About the Founder

Apostle Dr. Alfred E. Kornegay is the CEO and Founder of Bible Faith Global University, Inc., with its corporate headquarters in Franklin, VA. along with his wife, the President, Prophet Dr. Latasha M. Kornegay. He is also the Chairman of Bible Faith Global, Inc., IAMCO, Inc., the IAC Accreditation, Inc., the IAM Association, Inc., and several other nonprofit entities.

Dr. Kornegay has been preaching and teaching the Gospel for over forty three years. God saved Dr. Kornegay on July 3rd, 1977. He joined the Church of God of Prophecy in Smithfield, NC on July 10th, 1977, and he acknowledged his call into the ministry in October of 1977. Dr. Kornegay was licensed in the Church of God of Prophecy in 1978 and assisted the Sr. Pastors of the Church of God of Prophecy in Smithfield and in Clayton for the next six years.

He also held several local and district church positions during those years and started hosting and broadcasting the "*Bible Faith Broadcast*". Dr. Kornegay was appointed as a State Missionary Director for the Church of God of Prophecy in July of 1984, and commissioned to start a new church in Elizabethtown, NC. Kornegay started and organized the Elizabethtown Church of God of Prophecy in October of 1984 and pastored there until July of 1986.

Dr. Kornegay, operating in the same spirit and anointing of the Apostle Paul began to assist in the setting up, organizing, and incorporation of independent churches and ministries throughout North and South Carolina. In June 1988, he organized and pastored Bible Faith Assembly of God, Inc., in Elizabethtown, NC; In June 1990, the Bible Faith Assembly of God #2, Inc. in Clarkton, NC., and in July of 1992, the Bible Faith Christian Center, Inc. in Whiteville NC.

In 1994 under the direction of the Holy Spirit Dr. Kornegay was instructed to merge Bible Faith Christian Center of Whiteville with God's Gift Fellowship Church in Lumberton, pastored by Apostle Michael and Pastor Arline Fields. He was also instructed to submit himself to them as the Apostles' Peter, James and John were submitted to Jesus. Under their leadership he served as the Executive Pastor and assisted Apostle Michael and Pastor Arline Fields in the spiritual and business oversight, and administration of CFC of Lumberton, and more than forty churches locally and internationally assigned them by Bishop Mack Timberlake. He served them in the spirit of excellence for the next twelve years and was released in May of 2007 as an Apostle to the nations. In June of 2007 Dr. Kornegay started and pastored CFC of Smithfield, and Bible Faith International College and Seminary; which was later changed to its current name of Bible Faith Global University. BFGU now has satellite colleges in North Carolina, Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Wisconsin, Arizona, Louisiana, and South Africa.

Dr. Kornegay has earned several undergraduate and graduate degrees including two Bachelor's Degrees, two Master's Degrees, and one Doctorate degree (PhD).

Dr. Kornegay is a genuine proven Apostle, with a wholehearted desire to infiltrate and illuminate the Body of Christ, and the world with the word of God. Dr. Kornegay hosted the "*Bible Faith Broadcast*" For fifteen years. He has also assisted in the organization and the incorporation of Two hundred and twenty other churches, non-profit, and for-profit entities to date. Dr. Kornegay has authored and self-published seventy books including "*God's Blueprint for Manhood*", "*God's Blueprint for Marriage*" and "*God's Blueprint for Spiritual Empowerment (Vols. I-VI)*".

He is called to impact, impart, and activate the Ministry Gifts of the Spirit in order to establish, and reinforce strong spiritual leadership throughout the body of Christ. Dr. Alfred E. Kornegay is dedicated to perfecting the saints and training ministers, and ministries to fulfill the last days' mandate of God.

# **BFGU** General Information

### PURPOSE

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to lose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou see the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward.

Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. (Isaiah 58:6-12)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2Timothy 2:15)

Bible Faith Global University is a non-profit, full gospel, interdenominational, bible college specializing in on and off campus theological and ministerial training. The purpose of this college and seminary is to provide basic spiritual training and continuing education opportunities for the Fivefold Ministry Gifts, Christian Leaders, and Christian Workers, in the Body of Christ on both the local and international level. This task is achieved with a total commitment to the Bible as the final authority in all matters. Our basis of fellowship with other believers is the recognition that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only way to the Father, representing the fullness of truth and godly living according to *John 14:6-7 and John 10:7-16* 

# **BFGU Statement of Faith**

We believe in the Bible as the divinely-inspired Word of God, the revelation of His mind and will to man, our infallible, all sufficient guide for salvation and for the Christian life.

We believe in one God, the Creator of all, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He is true God and true man begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and that He had a perfect and sinless humanity.

We believe in the depravity of the nature of man through his fall in the Garden of Eden, and the absolute inability of man to save himself from eternal punishment by his own works.

We believe in the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary, through which sacrifice Christ has affected complete and eternal redemption.

We believe that God set His seal of approval on the work of Christ by raising Him from among the dead and enthroning Him at His own right hand in Heaven.

We believe that man was created in the image of God and that he was tempted by Satan and fell, and that because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for salvation.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, and the only High Priest and Advocate over the House and Family of God.

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, though omnipresent from all eternity, took up his abode in the world on the day of Pentecost according to the divine promise, to dwell in every believer.

We believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers are visible manifestations and demonstrations of His presence and purpose.

We believe in the rapture of the church, and the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe that God's plan for this age as expressed in the great commission involves not only the evangelizing of the world, but also the teaching and training of those that are evangelized to fulfill their God ordained destiny and purpose as expressed and revealed in the word of God.

We believe that according to *Ephesians 4:8-16* "... Jesus led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men..." Those gifts are the ministry office Gifts of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, and are given for "... the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ ..." often referred to as the fivefold ministry gifts, and they will operate in the Body of Christ until the church becomes a "...glorious church without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing..." (Ephesians 5:26-27).

# Academic Programs

# Bible Faith Global University

# YEARLY CORE CURRICULUM SCHEDULE

# FIRST YEAR

### **DIPLOMA PROGRAM**

BIBLIOLOGY I: Pt 1 Understanding Your Bible BIBLIOLOGY II: Pt 2 Understanding Your Bible BIBLIOLOGY III: The Book of Ephesians PNEUMATOLOGY I: Pt 1 Understanding the Holy Spirit PNEUMATOLOGY II: Pt 2 Understanding the Holy Spirit

### SECOND YEAR

### ASSOCIATE PROGRAM (Electives)

ECCLESIOLOGY I: Pt 1 Understanding Fivefold Ministry Gifts ECCLESIOLOGY II: Pt 2 Understanding Fivefold Ministry Gifts ECCLESIOLOGY III: Pt 1 Understanding Helps & Government Gifts ECCLESIOLOGY IV: Pt 2 Understanding Helps & Government Gifts ECCLESIOLOGY V: Pt 1 Understanding Spiritual Laws ECCLESIOLOGY VI: Pt 2 Understanding Spiritual Laws ECCLESIOLOGY VII: Pt 2 Understanding Spiritual Laws ECCLESIOLOGY VII: Hebrews ECCLESIOLOGY VIII: Hebrews ECCLESIOLOGY VIII: Pt 1 Bible Faith Living ECCLESIOLOGY IX: Pt 2 Bible Faith Living ECCLESIOLOGY X: Divine Corporate Unity

## THIRD YEAR

### BACHELOR PROGRAM (Electives)

ESCHATOLOGY I: Understanding Spiritual Authority ESCHATOLOGY II: Understanding Spiritual Authority ESCHATOLOGY III: Understanding the Apostolic Mandate ESCHATOLOGY IV: Understanding the Apostolic Mandate ECCLESIOLOGY XI: Biblical Counseling Pt 1 ECCLESIOLOGY XII: Biblical Counseling Pt 2 ECCLESIOLOGY XIII: Biblical Counseling Pt 3 PNEUMATOLOGY II: Charismatic Christianity ECCLESIOLOGY IV: Church Administration and Finance HERMENEUTICS I: Biblical Preaching

### FOURTH YEAR

### MASTERS PROGRAM (Electives)

BIBLIOLOGY III: Creative Bible Teaching ECCLESIOLOGY VI: Christian Counseling ECCLESIOLOGY VII: The Making of a Leader HERMENEUTICS II: Thoughts on Preaching THEOLOGY II: Evangelical Theology ESCHATOLOGY III: Dispensational Truth I

### FIFTH YEAR

### **DOCTORATE PROGRAM** (*Electives*)

BIBLIOLOGY IV: Commentary Elective ECCLESIOLOGY VIII: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church Development and Growth HERMENEUTICS III: Introduction to Biblical Interpretation & Workbook THEOLOGY III: Renewal Theology THEOLOGY IV: The Practice of Theology ESCHATOLOGY IV: Dispensational Truth II

Note: All degree curriculum levels and years of completion are subject to qualifying transferred credits and years of ministry experience.

# **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

### **Certificate Programs**

Certificates in Practical Theology or Biblical Studies (3 credit hrs)

### **Diploma Programs**

Diploma in Practical Theology (PrDip) Diploma in Biblical Studies (BsDip) Two (2) semester program (30 cr/hrs)

### **Associate Degree Programs**

Associate of Arts in Practical Theology (AA.) Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies (AA.) 5 (5) semester Program (60 cr/hrs)

### **Bachelor's Degree Programs**

Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology (BA) Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies (BBS) Bachelor of Arts in Church Administration (BAA) Nine (9) semester program (120 cr/hrs)

### **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

### **Master's Degree Programs**

Master of Arts (in a religious major) (M.A) four (4) semester program (30 cr/hrs)

Master in C. Counseling (M.A.C.) five (5) semester program (40 cr/hrs)

Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Five (5) semester program (40 cr/hrs)

### **Doctoral Degree Program**

Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) Six (6) semester program (50 cr/hrs)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Eight (8) semester program (60 cr/hrs.)

# Undergraduate Programs (Defined)

# **Certificate Programs**

Certificates in Practical Theology or Biblical Studies Four (4) week programs (3 credit hrs.)

The Body of Christ, and especially the Church, is in dire need of men and women who are equipped with more than zeal and commitment. We do not expect even the most menial of secular jobs and activities to operate in haphazard and inefficient ways. We must have at the very least the same expectations in the Body of Christ toward our God commanded activities and operations. Laborers in the Kingdom of God should at least meet, and then strive to exceed the professionalism and proficiency of secular jobs and activities. Bible Faith Global University has developed these bible-based programs to assist in the training and equipping of those serving in the helps ministry in the Body of Christ. This is not to take away from the pastoral leadership and responsibilities of the church. This is an opportunity to assist the Senior Pastors by providing them with the means to elevate the standard and proficiency of their support structure of ministry laborers for their vision assignments. This will also lay the foundation for spiritual maturity in those called to assist in the day to day affairs of the operation of so called basic ministerial responsibilities. Those enrolled in and completing these specialized programs can also use their certification credits to pursue even higher standards of spiritual maturity and proficiency. The credits earned are transferable toward the pursuit of diplomas or other degrees offered by Bible Faith Global University. Subjects covered are inclusive but not limited to the following:

- 1. Each course is a Three (3) credit hour course
- Each course is a four (4) week course 2.
- 3. Each course is also available online
- 4. Each course earns a certificate of completion
- 5. Each course credit hour is transferable to any undergraduate degree
- 6. All financial obligations must be met in order to receive a certificate of completion

## **Diploma Program**

Diploma in Practical Theology (Th. Dip.) Diploma in Biblical Studies (BS. Dip.) *Two* (2) *semester program* (30 *credit hrs.*)

The Diploma of Practical Theology or Biblical Studies is awarded to students who successfully complete 30 credit hours. This proven and effective program is a condensed simplified course of basic theological bible studies. It is designed for Bible Students, Youth Leaders, Lay Leaders, and other Christian Workers. It is especially proficient for those who are entering the Gospel ministry; however many seasoned ministers may take it as a refresher course. This program is also a good prerequisite for Christian Ordination.

### (Mandatory Courses)

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- (DPG 142) BIBLIOLOGY II: Pt 2 Understanding Your Bible (DPG 143) BIBLIOLOGY III: The Book of Ephesians
- (DPA 160) PNEUMATOLOGY I: Pt 1 Understanding the Holy Spirit (DPA 161) PNEUMATOLOGY II: Pt 2 Understanding the Holy Spirit

### **Associate Degree Programs**

Associate of Arts in Practical Theology (AA. Th.) Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies (AA. B.) Five (5) semester Program (60 credit hrs.)

The Associate of Arts in Practical Theology or Biblical Studies degree is awarded to those who successfully complete the 60 credit hours. Additional requirements may include credit hours of any of the alternate elective course subjects listed under alternative electives listed below.

### (Mandatory Courses)

(ECA 130) ECCLESIOLOGY I: Pt 1 Understanding Fivefold Ministry Gifts (ECA 135) ECCLESIOLOGY II: Pt 2 Understanding Fivefold Ministry Gifts (ECA 140) ECCLESIOLOGY III: Pt 1 Understanding Helps & Government Gifts (ECA 145) ECCLESIOLOGY IV: Pt 2 Understanding Helps & Government Gifts (ECA 150) ECCLESIOLOGY V: Pt 1 Understanding Spiritual Laws (ECA 155) ECCLESIOLOGY VI: Pt 2 Understanding Spiritual Laws (ECA 160) ECCLESIOLOGY VII: Pt 2 Understanding Spiritual Laws (ECA 165) ECCLESIOLOGY VII: The Book of Hebrews (ECA 165) ECCLESIOLOGY VIII: Pt 1 Bible Faith Living (ECA 170) ECCLESIOLOGY IX: Pt 2 Bible Faith Living (ECA 175) ECCLESIOLOGY X: Divine Corporate Unity

#### (Alternate Selections of Electives)

God's Armor Bearers – CEA 132 Catching the Spirit of Your Leader – CEL 133 The Ministry of Deacons and Deaconesses – CED 134 The Basics of Stewardship – CES 135 The Dynamics of Faith – CEF 136 The Basics of Vision – CEV 137 Abundant Life Principles – CEP 138 The Dynamics of Godly Victory – CEG 139 The Book of Revelation Part I – CBR 231 The Book of Revelation Part II – CBR 232 The Book of Revelation Part II – CBR 233 The Book of Genesis Part II – CBG 234 The Book of Genesis Part II – CBG 235 The Book of Genesis Part III – CBG 236

### **Bachelor's Degree Programs**

Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology (BA. Th.) Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies (BA. Bs.)

### Bachelor of Arts in Church Administration (BA. Adm.) Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling (BA. Cc.) Nine (9) semester program (120 credit hrs.)

The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded to those who successfully complete 120 semester credit hours of study. These credits may be earned by: (1) Transfer of credits from approved colleges, universities, and seminaries, (2) Submitting end-of-course examinations, etc., (3) Awarding credit for learning achieved through life experiences, and (4) Completing courses with Bible Faith Global University. Additional requirements include the reading of the entire Old and New Testaments within the last two-years. Each student is evaluated on an individual basis. The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded in the following four majors:

### Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology (BA. Th.)

The Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology degree is designed for the Fivefold Ministry, Missionaries, Youth Ministers, Music Ministers, and Church Leaders interested in the study of God and how He relates to man through Scripture; as well as equipping them to deal with the practical aspects of ministry and church work.

### Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies (BA. B.)

The Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree is designed for Bible Students interested in a book-bybook research of Scripture.

### Bachelor of Arts in Church Administration (BA. Adm.)

The Bachelor of Arts in Church Administration degree is designed for Pastors, Teachers, and Administrators of churches, church operated entities, and other religious corporations.

### Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling (BA. Cc.)

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling degree is designed for Pastors, Teachers, and Administrators of churches, church operated entities, and other religious corporations majoring in social counseling from the biblical perspective.

# Graduate Programs Master's Degree Programs Master of Arts (in a religious major) (M.A) Four to Six (4-6) semester programs (30-40 credit hrs.)

The Master's Degree (religious major) is a 30-40 credit hour course of study designed for those in Christian ministry. There are four religious majors: (1) Theology (2) Biblical Studies (3) Church Administration (4) Christian Counseling. A bachelor degree from an approved college or seminary is required for acceptance into this program. Acceptance is subject to approval by the Admissions office. The average time for completion of the Master's Degree is one-and-one-half to two-years depending on the student's pace, the degree major, and the time required to complete the master thesis. The master thesis is a mandatory requirement worth 6 credit hours. The remaining credits may be earned by: (1) Transfer of courses from an approved college, university, or seminary, (2) Awarding of credit for learning achieved through life

experience, (3) completing 15-20 credit hours with Bible Faith Global University is mandatory. Students may also be required to give an Oral Defense of the Thesis (If deemed appropriate by the faculty mentor or academic staff for certain majors.) Only "B" work and above will count toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements.

### THE (M.A.) THESIS MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

- Reading assignments equal to about 2,000 pages (approximately 5 textbooks).
- Footnotes or endnotes as prescribed by the seminary guidelines.
- A complete bibliography of all resources.
- The Thesis is to consist of a minimum of 10,000 words (25 pgs.).

### *Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Six (6) semester program (40 credit hrs.)*

The Master of Divinity degree is a 40 credit hour course of study designed for those in the fivefold ministry. This degree program is designed for those in pursuit of theological excellence in the teaching and preaching of the word of God. A bachelor degree from an approved college or seminary and a minimum of seven years of senior leadership ministry is required for acceptance into this program. Acceptance is subject to approval by the Admissions office. The average time for completion of the Master of Divinity degree is one-and-one-half to two-years depending on the student's pace, and the time required to complete the master thesis. The master thesis is a mandatory requirement worth 15 credit hours. The remaining credits must be earned by completing 15 elective credit hours with Bible Faith Global University and 10 hours of other electives or LLcredits. Students are required to give an Oral Defense of the Thesis. Only "B" work and above will count toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements.

### THE (M.Div.) THESIS MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

- Reading assignments equal to about 2000 pages (approximately 5 textbooks).
- Footnotes or endnotes as prescribed by the seminary guidelines.
- A complete bibliography of all resources.
- The Dissertation is to consist of a minimum of 30,000 words (75 pgs.).
- An oral defense of the Thesis.

### Doctoral Degree Program Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) Six (6) semester program (50 credit hrs.)

The doctorate degree is designed to increase competency in the fivefold ministry and to contribute to the

advancement of scholarship in ministry. This involves broadening the student's foundations in the area of ministry, expanding the student's own understanding and philosophy of ministry and allowing greater utilization of ministry skills.

The doctorate is awarded for completion of an advanced course of study culminating in a doctoral dissertation. A bachelor or Master's Degree from an approved college or seminary is required for acceptance into this program. Acceptance is subject to approval by the admissions office.

The average time for completion of the doctorate is between one and three years, depending on the student's pace, the degree major, and the time required completing the dissertation. This entails thirty (30) classroom credit hrs. and twenty (20) Dissertation credit hrs. Only "B" work and above will count toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements.

#### THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

The doctoral student is required to complete an intense course of study culminating in a doctoral dissertation that relates directly to the degree major.

### THE DISSERTATION MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

- Reading assignments equal to about 4,000 pages (approximately 10 textbooks).
- Footnotes or endnotes as prescribed by the seminary guidelines.
- A complete bibliography of all resources.
- The Dissertation is to consist of a minimum of 60,000 words (approx. 100 pgs.)
- Two hard-bound copies are to be submitted for review and evaluation.
- An oral defense of the dissertation.

### THE DISSERTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THREE STAGES:

- The completed outline, dissertation statement and bibliography, (10 Diss. credit hours).
- The completed rough draft, (five Diss. credit hours).
- Two hard-bound copies (black with gold letters) of the final dissertation, (5 Diss. credit hours)

### Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.) In a religious major Nine (9) semester program (60 credit hrs.)

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree is the highest level of religious major and education available from any college or university. The requirement for this degree entails several levels of spiritual maturity, in a diverse field of practical and philosophical principles of spiritual understanding. This includes the ability to expound, explain, and defend the entirety of God's Word, Will, Purpose, and Design for all of mankind. Those in pursuit of this degree must display the dynamics by experience and example of a personal life impacted by that ability.

The average time for completion of this doctorate is between three and five years, depending on the student's pace, the degree major, and the time required completing the dissertation. This entails completing Thirty (30) electives classroom credit hrs. and forty (30) Dissertation credit hrs. Only "A" work and above will count toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

The doctoral student for this degree is required to complete an intense course of study culminating in a doctoral dissertation that relates directly to this degree major as follows:

THE PHILOSOPHICAL DISSERTATION MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

- Reading assignments equal to about 6,000 pages (approximately 15 textbooks). •
- Footnotes or endnotes as prescribed by the seminary guidelines.
- A complete bibliography of all resources.
- The Dissertation must consist of a minimum of 120,000 words (approx. 200 pgs.)
- Two hard-bound copies are to be submitted for review and evaluation. An oral defense of the dissertation.

### THE PHILOSOPHICAL DISSERTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THREE STAGES:

- The completed outline, dissertation statement and bibliography, (Ten (10) credit hours).
- The completed rough draft, (10 Diss. credit hours). •
- Oral Defense of Dissertation (10 Diss. credit hours)

# Admission/Programs Requirements

Bible Faith Global University as stated in our Presidents letter and founding introduction is determined to offer the entire Body of Christ the opportunity to equip and establish every level of ministry leadership in a professional and cost / time effective manner. Our goal is to establish and maintain a "Spirit of Excellence in the Excellence of Ministry". Bible Faith Global University is determined to make certain that no one in the Body of Christ is limited in a professional biblebased education and enrichment because of race, religious denominationalism, economic dispositions, or social inadequacies. Bible Faith Global University maintains that mandate by keeping very liberal, yet professional, admission requirements for all of our certificates and degrees. All accepted applicants must complete a Degree Completion Plan (DCP) prior to starting courses. We have several methods of study that are adaptable to your specific spiritual equipping need in a very convenient yet professional manner such as:

### Certificate Programs

Agree with Bible Faith Global University Statement of Faith

Certificate programs have no prerequisite requirement. Anyone may apply and register. Students without a high school diploma will be on probation until they have proven capable of completing college level work.

Complete Bible Faith Global University Application and DCP form.

### Diploma Programs

- Agree with Bible Faith Global University Statement of Faith
- Diploma programs have no other prerequisite requirement. Anyone may apply and register.
- Students without a high school diploma will be on probation until they have proven capable of completing college level work.
- Complete Bible Faith Global University Application, and DCP form.

### Associate Degree Programs

- Agree with Bible Faith Global University Statement of Faith and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Have Bible Faith Global University Diploma and Bible Faith Global University Evaluation fulfillments.
- Complete BFGU Application and DCP form.

### Bachelor Degree Programs

- Agree with Bible Faith Global University Statement of Faith and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Have earned an Associate Degree or complete Bible Faith Global University Evaluation fulfillments for Associate Degree.
- Complete Application & DCP form.
- Submit official transcripts of all previous college level work completed.

Students may request acceptance of transfer credit from an accredited school or its equivalent. The acceptance and approval is determined by the Bible Faith Global University Dean. Students may request assessment of lifetime learning/professional experience. Determination and assessment of advanced standing will be made by the Bible Faith Global University Assessment Administration.

Students may elect to receive a letter grade such as (A - C), or may elect to receive credit (CR). All Bachelor's Degree program students must complete required units indicated by the Major of their choice. A minimum of 30 Units must be completed at Bible Faith Global University Satellite or Bible Faith Global University Campus.

### Master's Degree Programs

- Agree with Bible Faith Global University Statement of Faith and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Have an earned Bachelor's Degree including Mandatory Bible Faith Global University

Diploma credits with the prerequisite requirements for Master's Degree selected.

- Complete Bible Faith Global University Application & DCP form.
- Verification of high school or the equivalent of a G.E.D., etc.
- Submit records of all previous college level work completed including the official transcripts (sent directly to Bible Faith Global University) reflecting an earned bachelor's degree (from an approved college) and the official transcripts (sent directly to Bible Faith Global University) of all other studies.

Students may request acceptance of transfer credit from an accredited school or its equivalent. Determination of acceptance will be made by the Bible Faith Global University Dean.

Students may request assessment of lifetime learning/professional experience. The Assessment Administration will make the determination and assessment of advanced standing or assessment.

Students may elect to receive a letter grade such as (A - C), or may elect to receive credit (CR).

All Master's Degree program students must complete required units indicated by the Major of their choice. A minimum of 6 course semester credit hours must be completed at Bible Faith Global University Satellite or Bible Faith Global University Campus.

The General Graduate Credits Requirements are: Coursework 10 semester credit hours Master Thesis 20 semester credit hours NOTE: On some graduate and all post-graduate programs, only 3.0 (B) work and above is counted toward degree requirements.

### Doctoral Degree Programs

- Agree with Bible Faith Global University Statement of Faith and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Students must have earned a Master's degree with Mandatory Bible Faith Global University Diploma credits and the prerequisite requirements for Doctoral Degree selected.
- Complete Application & Registration Form.
- Submit official transcripts of all previous college level work completed.
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Students may request acceptance of transfer credit from an accredited school or its equivalent. Determination will be made by the Bible Faith Global University Dean.

Students may request assessment of lifetime learning and professional experience. Assessment Administration will make determination and assessment of advanced standing.

Students may elect to receive a letter grade such as (A - C), or may elect to receive credit (CR). A minimum of 30 course credit hours must be earned with Bible Faith Global University (life-experience not applicable).

All Doctoral Degree program students must complete required units indicated by the major of their choice. A Post-graduate course may be transferred with the prior approval of the Bible Faith Global University Assessment Administration.

The General Credit Requirements are:

- Course work 30 semester credit hours
- Dissertation 25-40 semester credit hours

NOTE: On some graduate and all post-graduate programs, only 3.0 (B) work and above is counted toward degree requirements. All Doctor of Philosophy Degree candidates must have 4.0 (A) work and above.

### LIFELONG LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPERIENCES (LLA)

After a student is enrolled, all acceptable previous college course work reflected on an official transcript, will be transferred in and all non-collegiate experience is reviewed to determine if the individual has adequate experience to justify the seminary awarding credit for prior learning experience. Bible Faith Global University will extend to the student the opportunity for the student to validate and provide validation through documentation, and verifiable evidence of competence for any of the courses required in the chosen program. Each student is required to submit a complete Student Portfolio, in accordance with the Bible Faith Global University Student Portfolio Guidelines:

### BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY LE-Credit Basic Evaluation Guidelines

### 1. Ministry Experience

- A. Five Years (Associate)
- B. Ten Years (Bachelor)
- C. Fifteen Years (Masters)
- D. Twenty Years Doctorate)

### 2. Religious or Secular College Degree Graduate

- A. Associate (Biblical Studies or Practical Theology Major)
- B. Bachelor (Biblical Studies or Practical Theology Major)
- C. Masters (Biblical Studies or Practical Theology Major)
- D. Doctorate (Biblical Studies or Practical Theology Major)
- E. PhD (Theology or Religious Major)

### 3. College Credits Without Degree

- A. 0-30 (Diploma)
- B. 31-60 (Associate)
- C. 61-90 (Bachelor)
- D. 91-130 (Masters)
- E. 131-140 (Master of Divinity)
- F. 141-160 (Doctor of Theology)
- G. 160+ (PhD)

The student will be required to submit evidence to the Bible Faith Global University Dean that the Student has met the requirements for each Course. Additionally, at the undergraduate level, students may request "Credit by Experiential Learning" for General Elective courses and courses in their major. For areas where an adequate level of competence is identified, students will receive credit and receive advance standing. The student will be informed of the required course to complete their individualized program.

Students may request a copy of the Student Portfolio Guidelines through the Bible Faith Global University Admissions Office or the Bible Faith Global University Dean. All students are individually evaluated by an Academic Advisor, and then approval may or may not be gained through a vote by the Assessment Administration.

### BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY Satellite Campus Program (BFGSC)

Bible Faith Global University in fulfilling its mandate to ensure bible-based professional academics regardless of one's economic status, social background, or geographical location is establishing Bible Faith Global University Satellite Campuses throughout the United States and the World. Bible Faith Global University is actively seeking churches of all Christian denominations to participate in this program. Through our Bible Faith Global University Satellite Campus program, a church will be evaluated to determine its compatibility with the BFGU Statement of Faith, Educational Objectives and Philosophies. Bible Faith Global University Satellite Campus program candidates are required to apply for consideration. To receive a Bible Faith Global University Satellite Campus program packet, please contact the Bible Faith Global University Administration Office.

If the candidate church meets the criteria set forth by Bible Faith Global University and agrees to hold to the administrative and financial guidelines for an on- site resident education program, a charter will be issued. This charter will allow the church to operate as a Bible Faith Global University Satellite Campus of Bible Faith Global University, thus giving all participating students the ability to transfer earned credit directly to Bible Faith Global University for degree eligibility.

This program allows a greater number of people to benefit from a bible-based professional academic education more than any one college could serve alone. Each Bible Faith Global University Satellite Campus will become a direct affiliate campus of Bible Faith Global University.

This also allows all Bible Faith Global University programs to be available to anyone attending the church as well as those in the surrounding community to benefit from the programs offered. Potential students must qualify for admission and meet standards and academic requirements set up by Bible Faith Global University. All credits, classes and seminars completed at any Bible Faith Global University Satellite Campus will be given full credit and this credit will be applicable to any Certificate or Degree Program Bible Faith Global University has to offer.

### BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY Leadership Empowerment Association Program (LEAP)

Bible Faith Global University also establishes local leadership empowerment and enrichment

programs throughout the US and the world. The churches participating in this program are able to strengthen and empower their local leaders with systematic practical leadership development. Your leaders receive their bible-based professional academic education and earn an accredited Diploma in Practical Theology. This is not a certificate program. Those completing this six-course program also receive thirty (30) credit hours toward other advanced accredited degrees. The cost of this program is at discounted group rates based on the covenant relationship of the Senior Pastor with Bible Faith Global University.

### BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY Mission Center Program (BMC)

Bible Faith Global University also establishes mission centers throughout the US and the world. The students attending these centers receive their bible-based professional academic education for little or no cost, giving students the opportunity to learn about God and further their personal knowledge in the Bible. BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY has many opportunities to help students through hands on learning. The administration, needs, and locations of these mission centers are determined by the Bible Faith Global University Administration.

### Accredited Degree Program (ADP)

AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE is ordinarily required to enter a Bachelor's Degree Program. However, an applicant not holding a Bachelor's Degree may be offered an opportunity to earn the required Associate Degree credits at the same time if he or she meets the prerequisites listed below:

- An applicant should have evidence of professional ministry or lifetime learning experience comparable to 60 or more units of bible/theology or general education credit within their major.
- An applicant having five years full time leadership experience in the ministry can expect to meet the above requirements.

A BACHELOR DEGREE is ordinarily required to enter a Master's Degree Program. However, an applicant not holding a Bachelor's Degree may be offered an opportunity to earn the required Bachelor Degree credits at the same time if he or she meets the prerequisites listed below:

- An applicant should have evidence of professional ministry or lifetime learning experience comparable to 90 or more units of bible/theology or general education credit within their major.
- An applicant having seven years full time leadership experience in the ministry can expect to meet the above requirements.

# In this CDP Program, the student must complete the normal requirements for the Master's Degree Programs.

A MASTER'S DEGREE is ordinarily required to enter a Doctoral Degree Program. However, an applicant not holding a Master's Degree may be offered an opportunity to earn the required Master's Degree credits at the same time if he or she meets the prerequisites listed below:

• An applicant must hold a Bachelor's Degree in the Major Program for which the student is submitting an Application for Admission. A Bachelor's Degree in another field may be substituted if the evaluation of the applicants' entire learning

background seems to indicate the student possesses the necessary foundation to succeed in the program.

• An applicant having seven years full time leadership experience in the ministry can expect to meet the above requirements. In this Concurrent Masters/Doctoral Degree Program, the student will not be required to complete the Master's Thesis Project. The Doctoral Dissertation will have satisfied this requirement.

# Academic Policies and Procedures

The Word of God tells us that when the enemy shall come in like a flood the Spirit of God will lift up a standard against him. satan, the arch enemy of Christ, and all that is holy and righteous, is flooding the world and infiltrating the Body of Christ with corrupt and immoral wickedness. The standard God is lifting up is Spirit filled believers walking and operating in the fullness of destiny and purpose. Our clarion call here at Bible Faith Global University is *"The Spirit of Excellence in The Excellence of Ministry"*. As part of the equipping mandate it is our goal to operate at the highest level of godliness and integrity. When you become a student at the Bible Faith Global University that same mantle is cast upon you. As a student you are required to agree to the Bible Faith Global University Code of Integrity and Honor and seal that agreement with your commitment and signature. The code is as follows:

# The BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL

# UNIVERSITY

# Code of Integrity and Honor

## As a BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY Student I Will:

- Handle all of my business and personal affairs in a Christ-like professional manner while a student at Bible Faith Global University.
- Perform all of my class requirements and responsibilities in the integrity of my heart as a believer, without, guile, malice, or deceit.
- Strive to be truthful and honest in all of my means of communication and fellowship.
- Strive to keep the unity of the faith in the bond of peace with my fellow classmates, instructors, academic advisors, and their associates.
- Maintain a positive godly attitude and a teachable spirit, being swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath.

- Maintain a neat professional appearance, in attire and manners, in the spirit of excellence, giving honor and respect to God.
- Use every opportunity afforded me through the services of Bible Faith Global University to excel in the wisdom and knowledge of God, as revealed in Jesus Christ.

# All students of Bible Faith Global University are required to sign and abide by the Bible Faith Global University Code of Integrity and Honor or they may be dismissed from the program.

### BFGU / BFGUSC ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, and STAFF

The Bible Faith Global University and all Bible Faith Global University Satellite Campus operate in, and through, men and women full of faith and the Holy Spirit. That mandates that all directors, administrators, facilitators, senior officials, professors, teachers, and other employees are ordained elders capable of fulfilling all sacerdotal responsibilities as well as their Bible Faith Global University assigned responsibilities. They are selected from the local, national and international Bible Faith Global University Alumni who have excelled in all that Bible Faith Global University represents and mandates. Bible Faith Global University Instructors meet the above criteria and have the minimum religious educational prerequisite of a Bachelor's Degree. Bible Faith Global University Teachers meet the above criteria and have the minimum religious educational prerequisite of a Doctorate the above criteria and have the minimum religious educational prerequisite of a Doctorate Degree.

### CAMPUS CLASS ATTENDANCE

All campus classes start at the designated times. Students are expected to be in the classroom at the designated time. Your attendance and timeliness is a part of your course grade. Tardiness and lack of attendance can affect your grade for the designated course. You must attend 90% of your course class to receive a passing grade and the designated credit hours for the course.

### CAMPUS COURSE CLASS AND SEMESTER PERIODS

The general Bible Faith Global University annualized calendar year will consist of three (3) semesters. Each semester period will consist of thirteen (13) weeks. There will be two to four (2-4) courses per semester. Each course class will consist of a six (6) week period which represents one half (1/2) of a semester. (*This does not apply to Satellite or Online classes which operate on an open registration format which includes adjustable semester plans and advanced self-study platforms*).

### ONLINE COURSE CLASS AND SEMESTER PERIODS

The Bible Faith Global University minimum calendar year, semesters, and weekly periods are the same as on-campus traditional classes. The amount of time it takes the student to finish each course is not limited to traditional calendar, semester, or weekly periods. It is determined by the teacher and/or the student's ability to increase study and class time and assimilation. Through more flexible private study and scheduling it is possible to accelerate the traditional course and graduation time according to one's comprehensive ability.

### STUDENT COURSE CLASSIFICATION

Students attending campus classes will be classified per course according to their financial commitment to the designated course. Students who have registered, paid full tuition, and purchased their books and materials for the designated course are classified as Full Time Students. Students who have registered and purchased their books and elected to pay their tuition at a later date will be classified as Part-Time Students. In order to receive the credit hours for the designated course must be paid in full.

### ACCEPTANCE OF CREDITS OR DEGREES:

Bible Faith Global University does not guarantee the acceptance of credits or degrees earned from other colleges, institutions or schools of higher learning. No college can guarantee the acceptance of credits or degrees since each student is evaluated and then accepted or denied based upon a number of individualistic factors. For instance, courses in theology would not normally be applied toward a degree in economics or physical therapy; therefore, those credits, even if they were from a regionally accredited college, would not be transferable. Other factors that influence the acceptance of credits or degrees include the grade point average, entrance exam score, the degree major, ability to pay, etc. Bible Faith Global University does however have a very high rate of acceptance concerning credits and degrees from other colleges, institutions, and schools of higher learning. We strive to evaluate both secular and religious earned credits and degrees and accept those that benefit the pursuit of each individual's course of study at Bible Faith Global University.

According to a 1978 study, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services documented the acceptance of nontraditional or non-regionally accredited programs. Of the thousands surveyed, 97 percent were admitted to the traditional graduate school of their choice, 94 percent experienced no problems in graduate school admission because of having an unaccredited degree, and 99 percent of the holders of nontraditional degrees felt that their degree was as good as, or better than, a traditional degree. In addition to this, a survey of the top personnel officers at 81 large corporations indicated they felt that a nontraditional degree was just as useful as one from a traditional school with a "strong reputation." As the report said these findings "run counter to some popular beliefs." (Source: Carol P. Sosdian, and Laure M. Sharp, The External Degree as Credential: Graduate's Experiences in Employment and Further Study, Washington D.C., U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 1978.)

### TRANSFER OF CREDITS:

All students are requested to submit sealed official transcripts for any courses or degree that they wish to be considered for transfer credit. Official transcript from any accredited college or university will be evaluated and acceptable credit will be applied toward the requirements of the various degree programs. All transcripts from any institution attended by the candidate may be submitted for evaluation. Only those grades or courses that the candidates wish to apply toward their degree (s) will be recorded in their file. Students who wish to have credits transferred must request transcripts be sent directly to Bible Faith Global University.

### Research Projects, Thesis, or Dissertations:

Bachelor's Degree students may select to write a Research Project as a form of meeting some course requirements. This is to be evaluated, discussed, and approved by the Bible Faith

Global University dean.

Master's Degree students will be required to write a Thesis. In a degree program requiring practicum, this thesis requirement may be waived. Students enrolled in a CDP program may also qualify for a waiver of this requirement. This is to be evaluated, discussed, and approved by the Bible Faith Global University dean.

All Doctoral Degree students will be required to write a Dissertation. Students enrolled in a Professional Doctoral Program/Academic Program may request a waiver of dissertation in their program in lieu of practicum, if applicable. This waiver is granted on an individual case by case basis by the Assessment Administration.

Doctoral Candidates, upon consultation with their Assessment Administration, will select a topic for research which will be directly related to the student's Major in his or her program.

### Objectives for Writing Research Projects, Thesis, or Dissertations:

- To demonstrate the student's ability to select and isolate a topic worthy of research;
- To demonstrate the ability to plan, research, analyze and logically present the findings or results of the research;
- To demonstrate the student's ability to present the entire research project in thesis or dissertation form, the format in which professional or scholarly research is presented to the academic and professional community.

### Proposals for the Thesis, or Dissertation:

All students must first develop a proposal for a topic that is appropriate for the major and the level of the Degree program in which the student is enrolled. The proposal must be presented according to the Turabian Guide for Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations. The proposal shall be submitted to the Assessment Administration for approval before commencing research. Verbal discussion, advice, or instruction pertaining to a potential topic for research with the Assessment Administration cannot be construed as an approval. The proposal must be submitted in written form in accordance with the Dissertation Thesis and Writing Guide. After the proposal has been approved, the student may then begin the formal research and writing of the project. The student may contact the Assessment Administration with any questions or problems associated with research or writing. The student is encouraged to progress as swiftly as possible, with a minimum amount of supervision.

Doctoral candidates have twelve months to complete the Dissertation Project. Students unable to complete within this timeframe may request an extension of six month, however they will be required to pay an additional fee.

When the project is completed, the student will have one copy bound in a hardback, library style binding, with the title and the student's name embossed in gold on both the spine and the cover. The bound copy shall be presented to the University for permanent inclusion in the Bible Faith Global University Research Project, Thesis and Dissertation Library. The bound copy will serve as permanent evidence of the student's ability to conduct professional and scholarly research

### THESIS AND DISSERTATION

When all the prescribed course work is satisfactorily completed, and the grade requirements have been met, the student will receive a letter statement and a copy of the manual will be provided. The manual contains detailed instructions on presenting research. In addition, the manual has a model in the appendix to serve as an example of how the project, thesis, or dissertation is to be presented.

Upon acceptance of the Bible Faith Global University Assessment Administration of all work presented, the candidate will receive immediate acknowledgment of satisfaction of all graduation requirements. A formal Final Assessment Administration Report will be placed in the candidate's portfolio.

### INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM (ISP)

Students are welcome to apply for the Independent Study Program, or students may choose to attend an on-site program at one of Bible Faith Global University's satellite campus centers. The competency level of a prospective student is evaluated by review of the individual's application or admission and a portfolio which includes a detailed ministerial and occupational resume, official transcripts and other documents supporting previous academic work, and specialized training certificates. Evaluation of each individual's portfolio of documents is the key component for acceptance of an individual into an independent and individualized study program for either undergraduate or graduate work. The evaluation is planned to determine if an applicant has the appropriate educational background, occupational accomplishment and attitudinal motivation necessary to function effectively in an independent, and individualized, innovative educational environment. Motivation is a fundamental factor in helping to determine whether an individual can successfully function in this type of learning situation.

Also, when one of our satellite campus centers does not offer courses needed to complete a specific degree program, or there is not a campus center in the student's geographic area, a student may apply to complete their courses through Bible Faith Global University Independent Study Program. Tuition will be determined by the number of units needed to complete the degree program selected.

The student is given a course syllabus, a list of primary and alternative textbooks, and instructions for beginning studies. After completing the reading and study assignments, a research paper is submitted for evaluation and grading. Standard college and seminary textbooks are used and can be purchased through the Bible Faith Global University Bookstore.

### PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT EXAMS (PAE)

A student may request the opportunity to challenge any course that has a Proficiency Assessment Exam. Upon request, students will be informed of the cost. Upon payment and successfully passing the exam, the student will receive credit for any course challenged.

### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SAP)

The Special Assessment Program is a method of evaluating knowledge in college subject areas where Proficiency Assessment Exams are not appropriate. The assessment of evaluating your subject knowledge may take one of several forms, including oral, written, and the evaluation of portfolios of artistic or literary accomplishments.

The special assessment may also include non-collegiate training taken in Bible schools, seminars, correspondence courses, etc. Individuals who have taught college level courses, which are not duplicative of any courses that they have taken, will be awarded the number of credits earned by their students who successfully completed such course. Enrolled degree candidates may also request an evaluation of their lifetime and experiential learning. Students will be required to pay a per credit fee of each assessed undergraduate or graduate credit received. The request for the special assessment must be in writing and accompanied by a detailed resume.

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### CORRESPONDENCE/ONLINE COURSES:

Most of the courses offered by Bible Faith Global University are available through our correspondence/Online program under certain guidelines and requirements. In this mode of study, written/Online lessons with reading assignments and homework are provided to the student. Grades are based upon examinations given during each course of study. The successful completion of each course is worth three (3) earned credit hours toward certificates, a diploma, or a degree program at Bible Faith Global University.

### COURSE MATERIALS, BOOKSTORE, AND LIBRARY

The course work required of the student may take one or a combination of several different procedures to complete. Course presentation may be in the form of textbook, video CD, audio CD, or multimedia forum. The students Assessment Administrator will determine the form of curriculum and grade assessment best suited to each individual student. Assessment Administrators are required to use one of several standard forms of assessment of the individual knowledge of course content. The Bible Faith Global University Bookstore carries a wide selection of textbooks used in all academic programs, and students are encouraged to make use of the Bookstore throughout their studies. Textbooks are selected for their academic value and nonsectarian doctrinal stances. The cost of textbooks is not included in the tuition, and a current list of books and their prices is available through the Bookstore. Students are allowed to utilize textbooks written by their own denominational writers with the approval of the Bible Faith Global University. Bible Faith Global University maintains a small but adequate library on campus. Students also have access to some of the largest library systems in the world, including many public, college, university, and seminary Online libraries via the Internet. NOTE: all textbook, video DVD, audio CD, or multimedia purchases are non-refundable.

# BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY GRADING SYSTEM

Bible Faith Global University uses the following standard grading system

90% -100%	A(4.0)	Withdrawal -W
80%- 89%	B (3.0)	Incomplete - I
70%-79%	C(2.0)	Transfer-T
60%-69%	D(1.0)	-
Below 50%	F(0.0)	

NOTE: On some graduate and all post-graduate programs, only 3.0 (B) work and above is counted toward degree requirements.

### HONORS

Students who complete their academic programs with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.8 or above, graduate "Magna Cum Laude" (Latin meaning with high honors), while those with a grade point average of 4.0 graduate "Summa cum Laude" (with highest honors). Graduating

with honors is noted on the official transcript and indicated on the degree diploma by a gold bar beneath the title of the degree.

### HONORARY DEGREES

The honorary degree is typically awarded to outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to Christianity or to the promotion and/or establishment of bible centered Christian academics or programs. The selection process is extremely tedious, and candidates must be nominated by a member of the Bible Faith Global University Alumni or the Bible Faith Global University Administration. The honorary degree is normally awarded during commencement. *This "requested" honor may include administrative costs and expenses*.

### GRADUATION

Bible Faith Global University conducts one commencement exercise in August of each year in various districts and/or regions internationally. Participation is not mandatory but is highly recommended. The student must complete all financial and academic requirements and be registered for commencement prior to graduation. Registration is not automatic; however, registration forms are available prior to the start of each graduation year. There is a graduation fee for all graduates prior to receiving all degrees regardless of one's participation in the commencement services. Regalia costs for hoods, caps and gowns are required for all graduating candidates.

If the student completed studies during the late summer, fall or winter, of the previous year and has already received the official degree certificate, a commemorative certificate, suitable for framing, will be presented at the graduation ceremony if you register to participate.

Ample opportunities for photographs with professors, administrators and peers are available.

### TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

Bible Faith Global University will supply a transcript upon graduation. Requests for additional transcripts must be submitted in writing and signed by the student. The student may submit the request by fax. The student shall provide current address information, as well as their social security number, if applicable. Bible Faith Global University Students are required to provide their assigned student number. There is a fee for each transcript requested. Students may use their credit card for this fee. Transcripts will not be released to students with debt owed to the university.

### RIGHT TO PRIVACY

In order to protect the privacy of students and graduate's records and to remain in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Bible Faith Global University will not respond to personal or telephone requests to comment on or release any information relative to a student or graduate's program. Requests for confirmation of a student or graduate's current status must be submitted on professional stationery to establish a "reasonable need to know" status of the individual requesting the information. A student's name, degree program, dates of enrollment or a graduate's graduation date and/or degree title will only be provided. No additional information will be provided unless a release, signed by the student or graduate, is attached to the request for information.

### NEW CERTIFICATE COPY

Bible Faith Global University will issue a new certificate copy upon written request to the graduate. Students will be required to pay a fee for each copy requested. Upon receipt of a written request, Bible Faith Global University will forward a new copy of the graduate's degree. Bible Faith Global University will not be responsible for a change in the degree form or layout. Bible Faith Global University will not change the format to reflect a prior degree format.

### WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION

All requests to withdraw or terminate studies with Bible Faith Global University must be submitted in writing by the student, before action is taken. The letter must state the reasons for the request. After review, the student will be informed of the disposition of the request by return letter. In the event of withdrawal or termination, any tuition refund due will be made in accordance with the terms of the tuition Refund Policy outlined in the Tuition Section of this catalog. Bible Faith Global University reserves the right to terminate a student from any program for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to demonstrate reasonable and successful progress toward learning goals established by the student and/or the University
- Failure to submit work according to standards specified in the manuals and instructions provided by Bible Faith Global University
- Plagiarism of the work of others, or the falsification of records, transcripts or course work documents submitted for review or credit
- False statements concerning a student's dates of enrollment
- Failure to maintain a tuition payment agreement

## BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY Student ID Card

All Bible Faith Global University students (commencing, continuing, international, and transnational) are required to get a Bible Faith Global University Student ID Card. Your Student ID card is available from the Bible Faith Global University Administration Office of Student Affairs only. You will need to complete enrollment to be accepted prior to receiving your ID card. Your Student ID card will have the BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY logo and name. It will also include your photograph, name, and ID number. Your student status (full time or part time) and an expiry date will be noted on your student ID card.

### Terms and conditions of use:

Bible Faith Global University issues identification cards to students as proof of enrollment. The Bible Faith Global University Student ID Card remains the property of the Bible Faith Global University. You are responsible for returning the card if asked to do so. Once the student has graduated, ownership of the card belongs to the Student.

Your Bible Faith Global University ID Card is for your sole use and is only valid until the date shown on the card. You must not permit any other person to use your card. Any attempt to obtain a Bible Faith Global University Student ID Card fraudulently or improper use of your Bible Faith Global University Student ID Card will be dealt with under the Bible Faith Global University, Statutes and Bylaws. Your Bible Faith Global University Student ID card is not valid if mutilated or damaged. If you lose or damage your ID card, replacement cards can be ordered by sending notice to the Bible Faith Global University Administration Office.

Replacement cards are \$10.00 per card. To obtain your replacement card you will need to send notice of your existing card's expiration date to the Bible Faith Global University Administration Office. Each student is responsible for notifying Bible Faith Global University upon expiration of their Student ID Card.

### Satellite campus students

If you are a satellite campus student, you may choose how to obtain your student ID card, either by notifying your Satellite Campus Office or contacting Bible Faith Global University directly by sending notice to the Administration Office.

### International/Transnational Students

If you are a student studying internationally either through a satellite campus or directly with Bible Faith Global University, your student ID card will look slightly different from the version shown above. There will be no reference as to whether you are studying full-time or part-time. The Program name will appear on your card.

### Changes to enrolment status and/or address

If your student status changes between Full Time and Part Time, Active or Inactive it is your responsibility to contact the Bible Faith Global University Administration Office. If you change your address, it is your responsibility to notify Bible Faith Global University by making the appropriate change in writing or by contacting the Administration Office.

# **Financial Policies**

Bible Faith Global University is the mandated nucleus of Bible Faith Global "In Reach to Outreach ministry". That means that most of the immediate Administrative and general operating costs of Bible Faith Global University are endowed by donations received at Bible Faith Global. This allows Bible Faith Global University to offer its tuition and fees at a cost from 40% to 60% lower than most other bible colleges, universities, institutes, and schools. Bible Faith Global University also has special payment plans with up to 80% of the total cost of your tuition financed interest free. All

The total amount of tuition due will be determined by the degree program that you have selected, the applicable transferable credits, and the personal and/or regional economic conditions. Please contact the Chancellors of Bible Faith Global University for a breakdown of the tuition fees for your personal degree program. (The certificate programs do not include the cost of textbooks.)

# Note: The graduation and regalia prices required for graduation are not included in the tuition costs. These prices are subject to change according to degree major and current regalia market prices during the year of graduation.

*TUITION AND FEES:* Current tuition and fees listed are subject to change without prior notice. Enrollments are subject to the financial and academic policies in effect on the date of your official enrollment. All fees for examinations, tuition, books, and supplies must be paid in United States

currency. Any funds received in foreign currency are subject to bank acceptance, and will incur a service charge of at least \$30.00, subject to the bank. Bible Faith Global University accepts personal checks, money orders, cashier checks, or cash (please do not send cash by mail). In addition, Visa, Master Card, Discover, and American Express are accepted for those who wish to pay their tuition in full or over an extended period. If completion of a program is contingent upon a final tuition payment, we suggest your last payment be in the form of a credit card, cashier's check, or money order as there will be a three-week delay placed on all program completions made by personal check. *DISCOUNTS* All "degree" programs offer a 20 percent discount for payment in full within 30 days of enrollment. This tuition discount is not valid in connection with any other discount. When a husband and wife enroll together, each will receive a spouse discount of 25 percent. This discount is not valid in connection with any other discount.

# Accreditation

Bible Faith Global University is a nonprofit Institution, owned, controlled, administered and maintained by Bible Faith Global, Inc. which is a nonprofit organization lawfully operating as a private nonprofit religious corporation incorporated in the state of North Carolina conforming to all of the regulations and requirements of the Internal Revenue Service for a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation.

Bible Faith Global University is determined to remain free from the control of any Federal, State or private agency controlled by the same, that will not allow complete Religious Freedom in our operation, curriculum, and student body. Bible Faith Global University is currently accredited by the Interdenominational Association of Christian Accreditation (IACA) which is an international accrediting association exclusively for religious schools, colleges, universities, institutions, and seminaries. Since there is so much confusion and misinterpretation concerning accreditation Bible Faith Global University has conducted a thorough investigation with the following results:

Accreditation is found only in the United States of America; all other countries regulate colleges and universities through government approval. In the United States, accreditation is a voluntary process governed by independent accrediting agencies that are either recognized by the federal government or not. The license to operate a college or university is regulated by the state government and is not considered accreditation. Each state has different guidelines concerning universities, seminaries, and bible colleges.

### **REGIONAL ACCREDITATION**

There are six private corporations, referred to as agencies, which provide accreditation for universities within certain regions of the country. These agencies are recognized by the federal government and all colleges accredited by them are listed in a publication produced by the Department of Education. Many excellent colleges and universities have chosen to become regionally accredited, while others of equal standing and reputation have chosen, for Biblical or theological reasons, to remain non-regionally accredited.

### PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Almost 100 different professional accrediting associations such as the American Dental Association, The American Bar Association, the American Psychological Association, and the National Home Study Council, have been established to provide accreditation for a particular field of study or professional occupation. Obtaining a regionally or professionally accredited degree is not important to many of the ministers who apply to Bible Faith Global University since most are in church-related or controlled occupations and professions.

### INDEPENDENT ACCREDITATION

Since accreditation is purely voluntary, and since all accrediting agencies are private corporations, a number of agencies have formed to provide recognition in areas where regional or professional accreditation has left gaps. These independent accreditation associations are not government or state controlled. They are not to be confused with the same accrediting associations of colleges or universities approved and listed by the Department of Education. These independent accreditation associations are privately owned, operated, and controlled according to their individualized professional guidelines and objectives.

Bible Faith Global University is providing the following documentations used by expressed permission of IACA concerning legal corporate and expressed standardized operational filings with appropriate local, state, and IRS government entities:

International Association of Christian Accreditation, (IACA)

(Non-governmental Accreditation in the Spirit of Excellence)

### **Statement of Purpose**

The International Accreditation Association is an international religious accrediting association whose primary objective is the enhancement and maintenance of bible-based spiritual education, academics, and standards of accountability in private nonprofit organizations, schools, colleges, and theological seminaries. IACA strives to improve the quality and effectiveness of all institutions and organizations of spiritual leadership, Christian development and higher education. IACA also maintains high standards of education and qualifications for association members by ensuring that they meet standards established by the higher education community that address the spiritual and secular needs of society and students. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions on both local and international levels; and to generally do and perform such other and further acts as a person or corporation is generally permitted to do under the laws of the United States except that the corporation shall do no acts which are not exclusively of a charitable, religious or educational nature as defined in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. IACA also accepts applications from other international institutions of higher education.

### **Statement of Inurnment and Forbidden Activities**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Directors, trustees, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under § 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

### **Statement of Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in §§ 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose. PURPOSE

### PURPOSE

- 1. To stimulate excellence at reasonable costs.
- 2. To encourage a close relationship among the various groups of members.
- 3. To foster excellence via scholarship.
- 4. To provide counsel and assistance in establishment, development and retention of quality institutions.
- 5. To ensure the rights of female and minority students who aspire for more responsible roles in their careers are provided by the members.
- 6. To encourage institutional self-improvement through continuous evaluation.
- 7. To assure the public particular institutions have been approved for membership to offer programs that meet national and international standards.
- 8. To protect institutions against encroachments.
- 9. To encourage nontraditional learning the extended campus concept, but to insist on quality.
- 10. To recognize external degree programs, but to constantly search for new definitions of quality.

### IACA MEMBERSHIP REQUISITES

Eligible candidates for membership in the Commission are those schools, colleges, and theological seminaries who meet the following requirements:

- 1. Have a charter and/or formal authority from the appropriate governmental agency to award a certificate, diploma, or degree.
- 2. Have a governing board which is representative in the Reference: M. L. Cushman's "The Governance of Teacher Education", a Phi Delta Kappa Publication.
- 3. Must have an on-site study and evaluation by the Commission.
- 4. Agree to annual requirements and systematic evaluations.
- 5. Pay yearly fees and agrees to transfer of credits among members.
- 6. The Commission accepts the fact that the U.S. Constitution delegates education to the states.
- 7. All applicants come in via the Candidate status.
- 8. If a member wants to drop out, he must notify the Commission before the end of December 31 of the current year.
- 9. A Candidate becomes a member after having a successful on-site study and evaluation.
- 10. A member may become a Comprehensive Member if they have more than one program.
- 11. Lists of membership is kept private and will be provided only to our membership.
- 12. Members with Comprehensive and Comprehensive with Honors status must send at least one representative to the Annual Conference to exchange ideas and maintain the quality of education they are providing their student body.

# IACA ORGANIZATION PATTERNS

Curricula for K-12, Bachelor Programs, Master Programs and Doctoral Programs are as follows:

- ➤ Teachers
- ➤ Students
- ➤ Trustees
- ➢ Resources and Facilities
- > Evaluation, Program, Review and Planning

### IACA MISSION CRITERIA

- I. Foster Ethical practices
  - > Ensure that members adhere to their stated standards.
  - Require members to admit students only after evaluation of their abilities, thereby reducing attrition rates.
  - ➤ Require grading policies which are indicators of performance.
  - Discourage promised services in the area of job placement.
- II. Encourage experimental and innovative programs
  - > Ensure that new programs are regularly considered.
  - Insist the courses, curriculum, and instruction are consistent in quality content.
  - Ensure adequate space, equipment, instructional material, and personnel are available.
- III. Assure due process
  - > Insist that consumer protection is a major goal.
  - > Ensure that refund policies are fair and consistent.
  - ▶ Insist that members maintain written records of students that are adequate.
  - > Ensure that proper avenues of complaints are provided.
- IV. Encourage clearly identified needs
  - Expect the need for educational services to be so great they cannot be met by, tax supported institutions alone.
  - > Expect that members provide student attrition and graduate placement rates.

- > Insist that institutional study is complete and is regularly reviewed.
- Require course outlines, schedule of tuition, fees and other charges as well as general policies and operating rules are available to students upon enrollment.
- V. Foster being responsive to public interests
  - ▶ Insist that members be financially capable of fulfilling their commitments.
  - ▶ Insist that members do not exceed enrollment facilities and equipment.
  - Insist on a policy for members requiring a high school diploma or adequate equivalent testing to enter college.
  - Insist on a policy for members requiring a degree or its equivalent to enter graduate school.
  - Encourage members to strive toward quality education.

# Accreditation Mandatory College and Curriculum Implementations

- ➤ Minimum weekly classroom time per course two (2) hours
- Minimum Fas-Trac seminar hours will be Six (6) hours including one (1) hour lunch break and three (3) ten (10) minute breaks
- All exams are to be closed book exams taken in classroom or designated testing station under BIBLE FAITH GLOBAL UNIVERSITY assigned facilitators (teachers/professors/Adm.) unless prior approval for open book tests during certain expansion and promotional endeavors.
- Must have yearly segmented board meetings, college personnel training, and orientation sessions

# IACA Priority Principles of Accreditation Requirements (PPAR)

The IACA has established certain priority principles to establish a strong foundation of educational academics. These PPARs are required by all candidates seeking accreditation by the IACA. These requirements are very basic and broad-based. They will help applicants/candidates establish a standard of development required of an institution seeking initial or continued accreditation by the IACA and establish the IACA's basic expectations of candidate and member institutions.

Compliance with the PPAR is not sufficient to warrant accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation. Accredited institutions must also demonstrate compliance with the IACA's comprehensive standards and policies.

An applicant institution seeking candidacy is required to document compliance with the PPAR; IACA Comprehensive Standards (PPCS); and all IACA policies to be authorized by a Candidacy Committee or to be awarded candidacy or candidacy renewal.

An applicant/candidate institution is required to document compliance with all PPAR, PPCS, and IACA policies as they are comprised, established, and maintained. This is also necessary for reaffirmation and continual accreditation. If an institution fails to document compliance with PPAR, PPCS, and IACA policies at the time of affirmation, or reaffirmation, at the time of any review, the IACA will place the institution on sanction or take adverse action.

All applicants/candidates are also required as an institution to develop an acceptable Quality Enhancement Strategy (QES). Engaging the varied academic community, the QES is to be based upon a comprehensive and thorough analysis of the effectiveness of the learning environment for supporting student learning and accomplishing the mission of the institution.

Implicit to IACA's PPAR mandating of policies or procedures, is the expectation that the policy or procedure is in writing and has been approved through appropriate institutional processes, published in appropriate institutional documents accessible to those affected by the policy or procedure, and implemented and enforced by the institution.

# IACA Priority Principles of Accreditation Requirements

- I. **Degree-granting Authority:** The institution has religious degree-granting authority from the appropriate government agency or agencies.
- II. **Governing Board:** The institution has a governing board of at least five members that is the legal body with specific authority over the institution. The board is an active policy-making body for the institution and is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the financial resources of the institution are adequate to provide a sound educational program. The board is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from it. Both the presiding officer of the board and a majority of other voting members of the board are free of any contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution. The board has

broad and significant influence upon the institution's programs and operations, plays an active role in policy-making, and ensures that the financial resources of the institution are used to provide a sound educational program inclusive of religion. The board is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from the board except as specified by the authorizing legislation. Both the presiding officer of the board and a majority of other voting board members are free of any contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution.

- III. **Chief Executive Officer:** The institution has a chief executive officer whose primary responsibility is to the institution and who is not the presiding officer of the board.
- IV. **Institutional Mission:** The institution has a clearly defined, comprehensive, and published mission statement that is specific to the institution and appropriate for higher education inclusive of religion. The mission addresses teaching and learning and, where applicable, research and public service.
- V. **Institutional Effectiveness:** The institution engages in ongoing, integrated, and institution-wide research-based planning and evaluation processes that (1) incorporate a systematic review of institutional mission, goals, and outcomes; (2) result in continuing improvement in institutional quality; and (3) demonstrate the institution is effectively accomplishing its mission.
- VI. **Continuous Operation:** The institution is in operation and has students enrolled in degree programs.
- VII. **Program Length:** The institution offers one or more-degree programs based on at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the diploma level; at least 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent associate level; at least 90 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the baccalaureate level; or at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the post-baccalaureate, graduate, or professional level. If an institution uses a unit other than semester credit hours, it provides an explanation for the equivalency. The institution also provides a justification for all degrees that include fewer than the required number of semester credit hours or its equivalent unit.
- VIII. **Program Content:** The institution offers degree programs that embody a coherent course of study that is compatible with its stated mission and is based upon fields of study appropriate to higher education inclusive of religion.
- IX. General Education: In each undergraduate degree program, the institution requires the successful completion of a general education component at the collegiate level that (1) is a substantial component of each undergraduate degree, (2) ensures breadth of knowledge, and (3) is based on a coherent rationale. For degree completion in associate programs, the component constitutes a minimum of 15 semester hours or the equivalent; for baccalaureate programs, a minimum of 30 semester hours or the equivalent. These credit hours are to be drawn from and include at least one course

from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural science/mathematics. The courses do not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to an occupation or profession. If an institution uses a unit other than semester credit hours, it provides an explanation for the equivalency. The institution also provides a justification if it allows for fewer than the required number of semester credit hours or its equivalent unit of general education courses.

- X. **Course work for Degrees:** The institution provides instruction for all course work required for at least one degree program at each level at which it awards degrees. If the institution does not provide instruction for all such course work and (1) makes arrangements for some instruction to be provided by other accredited institutions or entities through contracts or consortia or (2) uses some other alternative approach to meet this requirement, the alternative approach must be approved by the IACA. In both cases, the institution demonstrates that it controls all aspects of its educational program.
- XI. **Faculty:** The number of full-time faculty members is adequate to support the mission of the institution and to ensure the quality and integrity of each of its academic programs. Upon application for candidacy, an applicant institution demonstrates that it meets the comprehensive standard for faculty qualifications.
- XII. Learning Resources and Services: The institution, through ownership or formal arrangements or agreements, provides and supports student and faculty access and user privileges to adequate library collections and services and to other learning/information resources consistent with the degrees offered. Collections, resources, and services are sufficient to support all its educational, research, and public service programs.
- XIII. **Student Support Services:** The institution provides student support programs, services, and activities consistent with its mission that are intended to promote student learning and enhance the development of its students inclusive of religion.
- XIV. **Financial Resources:** The institution has a sound financial base and demonstrated financial stability to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services. The member institution provides the following financial statements: (1) an institutional audit (or Standard Review Report issued in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the AICPA for those institutional management letter for the most recent fiscal year prepared by an independent certified public accountant and/or an appropriate auditing agency employing the appropriate audit (or Standard Review Report) guide; (2) a statement of financial position of unrestricted net assets, exclusive of plant assets and plant-related debt, which represents the change in unrestricted net assets attributable to operations for the most recent year; and (3) an annual budget that is preceded by sound planning, is subject to sound fiscal procedures, and is approved by the governing board. Audit

requirements for applicant institutions may be found in the IACA policy "Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions."

- XV. **Physical Resources:** The institution has adequate physical resources to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services.
- XVI. **Quality Enhancement Strategy:** The institution has developed or is in the process of developing an acceptable Quality Enhancement Strategy (QES) that includes an institutional process for identifying key issues emerging from institutional assessment and focuses on learning outcomes and/or the environment supporting student learning and accomplishing the mission of the institution.