

GENERAL INFORMATION

Global University's Berean School of the Bible provides Bible and ministry education and training at an adult continuing education academic level. As such, Berean courses do not earn college credit. However, courses may transfer as credit into a Global University undergraduate degree program under strict guidelines. The student should contact Global University to determine if his or her completed Berean courses are eligible for transfer as college credit.

At least 50 percent of a student's coursework must be completed through Berean School of the Bible in order to earn a BSB certificate or diploma.

Diploma and Certificate Programs

The diploma and certificate programs described below are intended to prepare students for various levels of ministry, including both credentialed and lay ministry roles in the church.

The overarching goals for the diploma and certificate programs include demonstrated achievement at the adult continuing education level in the following areas. After successfully completing the Berean program, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate basic proficiency in Bible study methodology, especially as this discipline contributes to sermon preparation.
- Demonstrate a practical knowledge of the organization and basic content of the Old and New Testaments.
- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the theological principles and doctrines that serve as a foundation of Pentecostal Christian faith.
- Apply relevant fundamental biblical and theological principles in local ministry contexts. These principles include management of interpersonal conflicts, a standard of exemplary ethical conduct, and the servant-oriented use of spiritual authority.
- Demonstrate fundamental proficiency in a variety of pastoral leadership functions, including ecclesial responsibilities, preaching, administration, and chairing meetings.
- Continue the appreciation and practice of lifelong learning.

The student who progresses through the levels of the program will show increased ability in these areas. The strategies used to assess the achievement of these goals include end-of-course examinations, service learning requirement ministry reports, credentialing examinations with the parent denominational organization, and graduate follow-up survey results.

Ministerial Studies Program

One of the primary purposes of Global University's Berean School of the Bible is to provide training for ministerial candidates who are unable to attend a residential Bible college. Ministerial training is also available through Global University's Undergraduate School of Bible and Theology for degree credit. The Berean School of the Bible Ministerial Studies Diploma is available in Spanish. For more information, request a copy of our Spanish catalog. Students must complete at least 50 percent of their courses in the same language in which their diploma or certificate will be issued.

If you are preparing for ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God, contact your district office. Your district may have specific requirements that differ from the requirements listed here. Ministerial credentials are issued by the General Council Credentials Committee upon recommendation of the appropriate district, **not** by Global University.

Action by the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God has periodically changed course requirements over the years for the Ministerial Studies Diploma. Any student who began a program level under earlier requirements may be allowed to complete that level before moving to the current program requirements. If you have any questions related to completing earlier program requirements, please contact Global University.

If you live in the USA but are not affiliated with the Assemblies of God, you may elect to substitute THE 411 *The Church: Pentecost to the Reformation* for THE 142 *The Assemblies of God History, Missions, and Governance*. All other diploma program courses are required.

If you live outside the USA, contact the national church in your country to determine what courses might be used to meet training requirements in your country. Completion of the Ministerial Studies Diploma as described here does not guarantee you will meet specific requirements in your country. Neither does meeting these requirements qualify you for ministerial credentials in the USA if you do not live in the USA.

Ministerial Studies Diploma

Upon completion of the Ministerial Studies Diploma (including all three levels of study), the student will have met the minimum academic requirements to apply for the ordination process with The General Council of the Assemblies of God USA. Ministerial credentials are issued by the General Council upon the recommendation of the appropriate district, **not** by Global University. Successful completion of the Ministerial Studies Program (or any

individual level) should prepare the student for credentialing interviews and tests. The student will have mastered basic Bible content (Old and New Testaments), theological principles, and practical ministry skills for service in a church leadership position. Ministerial credentials are **not** issued by Global University. Global University recommends that ministerial students contact their Assemblies of God district office to inquire about the credentialing requirements and process.

Level One (Certified Minister)

Upon completion of the Level One Ministerial Certificate, a student should have met the academic requirements to apply for certified minister status in The General Council of the Assemblies of God USA. This includes a working knowledge of Bible study methods, New Testament content, and Pentecostal doctrine. He or she should also possess the basic skills needed to begin serving in a ministerial role in the local church.

BIB 114	Christ in the Synoptic Gospels
THE 114	Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine
BIB 115	Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers
BIB 117	Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians
BIB 121	Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible
MIN 123	The Local Church in Evangelism
MIN 171	A Spirit-Empowered Church
THE 142	A/G History, Missions, and Governance
MIN 181	Relationships and Ethics in Ministry
MIN 191	Beginning Ministerial Internship

Level Two (Licensed Minister)

Upon completion of the Level Two Ministerial Certificate, a student should have met the academic requirements to apply for licensed minister status in the The General Council of the Assemblies of God USA. This includes a mastery of specified Bible content, systematic theology, and ministry skills.

THE 211	Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective
BIB 212	New Testament Survey
BIB 214	Old Testament Survey
BIB 215	Romans: Justification by Faith
MIN 223	Introduction to Homiletics
THE 245	Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come
MIN 251	Effective Leadership
MIN 261	Introduction to Assemblies of God Missions
MIN 281	Conflict Management for Church Leaders
MIN 291	Intermediate Ministerial Internship

Level Two (Licensed Minister) Transitional Program

Students who completed their Level One (Certified) studies under the previous eleven-course plan will be required to take the following transition program as Level Two.

THE 114	Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine
BIB 115	Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers
BIB 117	Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians
MIN 181	Relationships and Ethics in Ministry
BIB 215	Romans: Justification by Faith
THE 245	Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come
MIN 251	Effective Leadership
MIN 261	Introduction to Assemblies of God Missions
MIN 281	Conflict Management for Church Leaders
MIN 291	Intermediate Ministerial Internship

Level Three (Ordained Minister)

Upon completion of the Level Three Ministerial Certificate, a student should have met the academic requirements to apply for ordained minister status in The General Council of the Assemblies of God USA. This includes mastery of several of the more difficult books of the Bible, advanced theological concepts, and administrative skills required for ministerial roles.

THE 311	Prayer and Worship
BIB 313	Corinthian Correspondence
BIB 318	Pentateuch
BIB 322	Poetic Books
MIN 325	Preaching in the Contemporary World
MIN 327	Church Administration, Finance, and Law
MIN 381	Pastoral Ministry
MIN 391	Advanced Ministerial Internship

Berean School of the Bible offers these courses via the Internet and in several electronic versions, such as PDF, ePub, and Kindle. Students who are enrolled in the print versions automatically have access to the online version as well. The courses are also available in a computer-based interactive format that is integrated with Logos Bible Software. Visit www.globaluniversity.edu or call our toll-free number, 800.443.1083, for more details.

Bible and Doctrine Diploma

Upon completion of the Bible and Doctrine Diploma, students should have a basic knowledge of Bible and theology that will help them in lay ministry roles such as Sunday school instruction, in sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors, and in their personal devotional life. This diploma is designed to prepare students for Christian living, and it cannot be earned after the completion of the Ministerial Studies or the Ministerial Studies with Leadership Honors programs. Ideal for the layperson who desires a deeper knowledge of God's Word, the Bible and Doctrine Diploma is awarded upon satisfactory completion of the following courses. The seventeen (17) courses required for this diploma are listed below in two sequences. The courses are listed in the recommended order of study.

Sequence 1

- BIB 214 Old Testament Survey
- BIB 212 New Testament Survey
- BIB 121 Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible
- BIB 114 Christ in the Synoptic Gospels
- BIB 115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers
- THE 114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine
- BIB 318 Pentateuch
- THE 311 Prayer and Worship

Sequence 2

- THE 211 Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective
- BIB 316 Geography of the Holy Land
- BIB 117 Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians
- BIB 215 Romans: Justification by Faith
- THE 245 Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come
- BIB 322 Poetic Books
- BIB 313 Corinthian Correspondence
- THE 221 Systematic Theology 1
- THE 222 Systematic Theology 2