CALENDAR

2015-2016

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester, 2015

Traditional classes begin ......................................August 20, Thursday
Last day for late registration .............................August 26, Wednesday
Labor Day – no classes ......................................September 7, Monday
Spiritual Emphasis Week....September 14-18 (MWF-10 AM, T-9:30 AM, Th-11 AM, MTW-8 PM)
Last day to withdraw from 1st 7-week classes ..September 23, Wednesday
Service Day .....................................................September 29, Tuesday
Fall Break..................................................October 8-9, Thursday-Friday
Second half of semester begins ..........................October 12, Monday
Last day to register for 2nd 7-week classes ..........October 16, Friday
Registration for spring semester begins ..............October 19, Monday
Last day to withdraw from 15-week classes ...........November 13, Friday
Thanksgiving Break ....................November 25-27, Wednesday-Friday
Last day of classes .................................................December 4, Friday
Final examinations .............................................December 7-10, Monday-Thursday
Semester ends ..................................................December 10, Thursday

Spring Semester, 2016

Traditional classes begin.......................................January 7, Thursday
Last day for late registration .................................January 13, Wednesday
Martin Luther King Day ......January 18, Monday (No classes 1-6 PM)
World Christian Action Conference....Jan 25-27, Monday-Wednesday
(M-8 PM, T-2 & 8 PM)
Last day to withdraw from 1st 7-week classes ..February 10, Wednesday
Spring Break..................................................February 29-March 4, Monday-Friday
Second half of semester begins ..........................March 7, Monday
Last day to register for 2nd 7-week classes ..........March 11, Friday
Registration for fall semester begins .................March 14, Monday
Last day to withdraw from 15-week classes ..........March 18, Friday
Easter Break..................................................March 24-25, Monday-Friday
Deeper Life Series ...................March 28-30 (MW-10 AM, T 11:00 AM, MT-8 PM)
Last day to withdraw from 2nd 7-week classes .........April 8, Friday
Last day of classes .............................................April 22, Friday
Final examinations .............................................April 25-April 28, Monday-Thursday
Graduation.....................................................April 30, Saturday

Summer Session, 2016

Full Summer Session.........................May 2 – August 12, 2016
Adult & Graduate Session 1 ..................May 3 – June 20
May Session ...........................................May 11 – May 29
Adult & Graduate Session 2 .................June 20 – August 15
Tentative 2016-2017
ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester, 2016
Traditional classes begin ..................................................August 25, Thursday
Last day for late registration ...........................................August 31, Wednesday
Labor Day – no classes ..................................................September 5, Monday
Spiritual Emphasis Week ............................................September 12-16 (MWF-10 AM, T-9:30 AM, Th-11 AM, MTW-8 PM)
Last day to withdraw from 1st 7-week classes ..................September 28, Wednesday
Service Day ........................................................................October 4, Tuesday
Fall Break ..............................................................................October 13-14, Thursday-Friday
Second half of semester begins ....................................October 17, Monday
Last day to register for 2nd 7-week classes .......................October 21, Friday
Registration for spring semester begins .........................October 24, Monday
Last day to withdraw from 15-week classes .....................November 4, Friday
Last day to withdraw from 2nd 7-week classes ...............November 18, Friday
Thanksgiving Break .........................................................November 23-25, Wednesday-Friday
Last day of classes ...........................................................December 9, Friday
Final examinations ............................................................December 12-15, Monday-Thursday
Semester ends .....................................................................December 15, Thursday

Spring Semester, 2017
Traditional classes begin .....................................................January 5, Thursday
Last day for late registration .............................................January 11, Wednesday
Martin Luther King Day ......................................................January 16, Monday (No classes 1-6 PM)
World Christian Action Conference ..................................January 23-25, Monday-Wednesday (M-8 PM, T-2 & 8 PM)
Last day to withdraw from 1st 7-week classes .................February 8, Wednesday
Spring Break .................................................................February 27-March 3, Monday-Friday
Second half of semester begins ......................................March 6, Monday
Last day to register for 2nd 7-week classes ......................March 10, Friday
Registration for fall semester begins ...............................March 13, Monday
Last day to withdraw from 15-week classes ...................March 17, Friday
Deeper Life Series .........................................................March 27-29 (MW-10 AM, T 11:00 AM, MT-8 PM)
Last day to withdraw from 2nd 7-week classes .................April 7, Friday
Easter Break .................................................................April 13-14, Thursday-Friday
Last day of classes ...........................................................April 21, Friday
Final examinations ............................................................April 24-April 27, Monday-Thursday
Graduation ........................................................................April 29, Saturday

Summer Session, 2017
May 1 - August 11
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INTRODUCTION

Our Mission

Bethel College, affiliated with the Missionary Church, is a Christian community of learners dedicated to building lives of commitment for leadership in the church and the world. Bethel provides liberating academic and co-curricular programs to challenge the mind, enlarge the vision and equip the whole person for lifelong service.

Our Heritage & Community Ethos

Bethel College, founded in 1947 as a Christian liberal arts college by the Missionary Church, a denomination with roots in both the Mennonite and Methodist traditions, is a study of God’s blessing coupled with visionary leadership and effective management. Throughout its early history Bethel was a relatively small residential college with enrollment between 400 and 500 hundred students. In recent years, however, Bethel College has experienced a renaissance of sorts marked by a period of rapid enrollment growth, development of new academic programs and expansion of the college’s physical campus. Bethel now welcomes more than 2,000 students to campus each year.

At the undergraduate level, Bethel offers majors in the liberal arts and sciences as well as professional programs in the fields of education, business, nursing and pastoral ministry. In addition, Bethel offers the following degrees at the Master’s level: Business Administration (M.B.A.), Education (M.A.T., M.Ed.), Ministry (M.Min.), Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.), and Nursing (M.S.N.).

Bethel is a college of deep Christian commitment. We believe that Christian education is more than teaching theology based on biblical truths; it is teaching students how to apply those truths and values in their day-to-day lives. Consistent with the college’s strong evangelical emphasis, co-curricular programming includes a broad variety of international ministry trips and local community service opportunities. In addition, Bethel offers study abroad programs within the formal curriculum.

Our Educational Philosophy

Bethel College is an evangelical Christian college affiliated with the Missionary Church. The college affirms its commitment to provide liberating programs, while holding to its Christian responsibility to be a witness and participant in the contemporary world. As a Christian college, we accept the person of Jesus Christ and His Gospel as normative for the values we seek to understand, live and communicate.

To these ends, and consistent with our mission to challenge the mind, enlarge the vision and equip the whole person for lifelong service, we desire that each Bethel graduate should:

A  Challenge their mind through:
   • An awareness of the accumulating body of knowledge as an incentive for study and research;
   • The ability to think analytically and critically, to appreciate the thinking and culture of others, and to communicate effectively and creatively;
   • Competence through acquired understanding and skills consid-
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B Enlarge their vision by:
- A heart of compassion for people from differing religious, racial, ethnic and economic contexts while recognizing our world citizenship;
- An appreciation of God's creation and of humanity's cultural achievements in the arts and sciences as an outgrowth of increased understanding;

C Be equipped as a whole person by:
- Social and civic attitudes which lead to responsible participation in human relationships and stewardship of the created order;
- An understanding of the factors in the physical, mental and spiritual development of one's own personal growth;

We propose to accomplish this mission by: (Letters correspond to categories above)
- Creating quality teaching-learning experiences which consist of studies in common areas of learning, together with studies which develop knowledge and skill in one or more particular curricula; (A)
- Fostering a spirit of scholarship, inquiry and independent study which provides stimulus and a foundation for a life of learning; (A)
- Offering experiences beyond the classroom which contribute to the development of the broadly educated individual and the competent professional; (B)
- Encouraging all members within the college community to develop personal relationships that foster and sustain growth in spiritual, intellectual, physical and social dimensions, as well as in professional competence; (C)
- Striving to prepare students to serve the Church, the community and the society at large; (C)
- Challenging everyone within the Bethel College community to pursue a life of total Christian commitment. (A,B,C)

The Bethel Vision and Priorities

In 2022, Bethel College celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Our community has asked itself the question, “How can we become a Top Five most influential Wesleyan college in America by our 75th Anniversary?” Our affiliation with the Missionary Church reflects inspiration from several theological strains, but the steadiest influence is from the Wesleyans.

To ascend into Top Five influence will require 1,000 more students. Additionally we aspire to be host and convener of conferences, prayer movements, community training, workplace workshops, etc., all which will extend Bethel’s imprint on community, culture, and Kingdom.
In order to pursue this vision, our effort began in March 2014 to become GREATer, for the greater glory of God. The input from hundreds of constituents helped us focus on five institutional priorities:

G: grow enrollment by 1,000 credit and non-degree seeking students, because we can’t influence students we don’t have;

R: create conditions for spiritual revival, for success in numerical growth without being in touch with and touched by God is an incomplete success;

E: earn an encore from those we serve with excellence and creativity;

A: improve campus aesthetics because spaces communicate values and improve learning;

T: testify more broadly to what God is accomplishing among us, because it’s nice to be well regarded, but better to be well regarded and well known.

Bethel Is Accredited By

- The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, (800) 621-7440
- Indiana Division of Professional Standards, 251 East Ohio Street, Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2133
- The International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), P.O. Box 3960, Olathe, KS 66063
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), 2010 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-1023
- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 409-975-5000 or www.nlnac.org
- Indiana State Board of Nursing, Health Professions Bureau, 402 W. Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, IN 46204
- National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), 11250 Roger Bacon Dr., Suite 21, Reston, VA 20190
- The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 1930, Chicago, IL 60603
- Public Laws 16, 346, 550 and 894, for training veterans and their survivors

Bethel Is a Member Of

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges of Teacher Education
- AuSable Institute of Environmental Studies
- Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU)
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- Council of Independent Colleges (CIC)
- Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI/ICIF)
- Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE)
- Jerusalem University College
- National League for Nursing
- National Organization of Associate Degree Nurses (N-OADN)
- North American Association of Summer Sessions
- Northern Indiana Consortium for Education (NICE)

Programs of Study

Bethel College offers programs of study leading to the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Arts in Counseling (M.A.C.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Science in Nursing for Nurse Educators and Administrators (M.S.N.), Master of Ministries (M.Min.), Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate Degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) degrees. Minors are optional unless specifically required to support a given major. In such cases the description of the major includes this requirement.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center promotes student retention and degree completion by equipping students for success in the classroom and beyond through collaborative services and programs aimed at Academic Success, Real World Readiness, and an Awareness of Life Calling.

The Katherine J. Gribbin Learning Commons (LC) is a study space designed for individual and group work with access to technology and tutors in a learning-oriented environment. Committed to collaboration, creativity, excellence, hospitality, and service, the LC is as a “one-stop shop” for student academic and technological support where students are empowered to attain their learning goals. Peer tutors in a variety of subject areas are available in the LC, and students may drop-in for a tutoring session or reserve time with a peer tutor to meet in-person or online through our web-based schedule. For an appointment or more information, contact us at 574-807-7788 or learningcommons@BethelCollege.edu.

The office of career services (OCS) assists students with identifying strengths, discovering career options, researching internships and job opportunities and developing résumés. The OCS hosts multiple events on campus to help students find potential employment, internships and service opportunities. The OCS helps prepare students to enter the job market before graduating. To set up an appointment with a career development specialist, you may contact us at 574-807-7096 or careerservices@BethelCollege.edu.

The Center for Academic Success (CAS) equips students for academic success by providing individualized accommodations for students with disabilities. Our testing center is specifically designed to facilitate accommodated testing and is outfitted to serve as a learning lab with accessible software and hardware to support all aspects of the learning process. For an appointment or more information, contact us at 574-807-7460 or academic.support@BethelCollege.edu.
The Office of Service Learning (OSL) helps students utilize their talents for the Lord through serving others. The center does this by offering students ways to connect locally, respond nationally and serve globally. An online posting of current community volunteer needs is maintained by the OSL and provides students with the opportunities to serve in the local Michiana community. The OSL seeks to engage the Bethel community in kingdom building beyond the campus. You can get involved by contacting the office at 574-807-7414 or servicelearning@BethelCollege.edu.

First Year Experience Program

All first-time, full-time, traditional-aged, baccalaureate (nonassociate) degree students participate in the First Year Experience program. Upon registration, students will be placed in a small group and assigned two professors and two upperclass students who serve as mentors. This program is designed to assist students in making a smooth transition to college life. The group will also remain together for a block of core course work. Not included are part-time, adult and transfer students.

Athletics

Varsity Athletics at Bethel College include competition in baseball for men; softball, cheerleading and volleyball for women; and basketball, cross-country, soccer, golf, track and tennis for both. Bethel College is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and adheres to the academic and social standing prescribed by the association. The college also holds membership in the Mid-Central College Conference and the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA).

The Intramural Program provides opportunities for both men and women to participate in organized competitive and recreational activities. Exercise and weight rooms are available in Goodman Gymnasium and Sailor Residential Center for students, faculty and staff to use, with proper identification.

Bethel College 21st Century Scholars Support Services

Twenty-first Century Scholars are provided with a multifaceted support system while attending Bethel College. During the freshman year they participate in the Freshman Year Experience Program. Students are placed in a small group and assigned a professor and an upper-class student who serve as mentors. The group also remains together for a block of core coursework. This program is designed to assist students in making a smooth transition to college life.

Also available are the resources of the Academic Support Center (ASC). The ASC provides peer tutoring, individual help in writing essays and research papers, assistance in time management techniques and tips on study skills or test taking.

The ASC also helps students locate other needed services. Students who experience a high degree of test anxiety may be referred to the Bethel College Counseling Center for assistance with stress management. Students who exhibit signs of a learning disability may be referred to a local educational psychologist for testing or to another medical professional for vision or hearing testing. Those students with documented learning disabilities are provided with special assistance in taking exams (i.e., untimed tests, oral exams, computer assisted tests).

Students who are on academic probation arrange individual study plans with the ASC director.
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**Bethel Living**

Our students share the experience of a college program aimed at development in the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social/psychological and professional competence areas. Whether it’s sharpening your professional skills in a club with like-minded students, participating in musical, dramatic or athletic activities, or simply enjoying campus life, a concert or outing, it’s happening at Bethel. These activities are designed with you in mind so you may be assisted in developing a sense of purpose, a greater degree of autonomy and a satisfying network of relationships with other people. See the student handbook for a listing of clubs and groups.

**Bowen Library**

The Otis R. and Elizabeth Bowen Library supports the educational mission of Bethel College with a rapidly growing collection of resources and a variety of services. Special collections may be found in the Bowen Museum and Archives, the Missionary Church Archives and Historical Collections, and the Bethel College Archives.

The Bowen Library provides access to its resources through the on-line public access catalog and circulation system, operated under the umbrella of the University of Notre Dame’s automated on-line database system. Forty database systems are available. The library also has access to international bibliographic databases through OCLC, World CAT and the Internet.

Traditional inter-library loan service is offered by the Bowen Library. Additionally, borrowing privileges are available to students and faculty at the libraries of the following local institutions: the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College and Holy Cross College. Students and faculty can borrow throughout other academic libraries through the ALI (Academic Library Indiana) Consortium.

**Education Resource Center**

The Education Resource Center houses curriculum and juvenile books for grades K-12. The center also provides a laboratory for making projects and classroom games. Instructional aids and kits are available for field experiences. The center is intended for Education majors, but all Bethel students and staff are encouraged to make use of the equipment and supplies. It is housed in the Bowen Library.

**On Standards**

Bethel College is a Christian institution dedicated to the education of the whole person. We are committed to the integration of faith, learning and living as an ongoing process. As people gathered for the development of our members and for the purpose of extending Christ’s kingdom in the world, Bethel strives to assist students in developing into mature Christian men and women who are equipped to meet all of life’s challenges and opportunities.

Members of the Bethel community voluntarily agree to live in accordance with the values, expectations, and goals of the college as expressed in the Community Life Covenant and Student Handbook. If the conduct of any member of the college community is found to be in violation of these standards or to be detrimental to one’s own personal development or to that of other members of the community, we seek to aid that person. However, if that member shows serious or continued violation of responsibility, the college may dismiss them from the community. A copy of the Community Life Covenant and the Student Handbook may be found at the following links:
Photograph Usage

While on campus, Bethel students may be photographed via still photography or video. These pictures may be included in college-related materials unless students tell administrators otherwise.

Publications

The Bethel Beacon, the award-winning student newspaper, is published online by the Bethel College Student Association. It provides a student view of activities at the college.

Crossings is Bethel’s literary magazine, produced by students and issued by the language & literature division. Crossings not only publishes the winners of the annual Bethel Writing Contest but also highlights poetry, short fiction and nonfiction prose of other Bethel students, faculty and staff.

The Helm is Bethel’s award-winning yearbook produced by the division of language & literature and is a pictorial record of the year’s activities. The Helm has received numerous awards for excellence in competition with other college yearbooks for the past several years.

Residence Life

All students under 21, except those who live in their own homes, are expected to live in the college residence halls and participate in a meal plan during their first four semesters at Bethel. Housing preference is given to single, traditional undergraduate students. Policies concerning campus life follow the standards stated above and are embodied in the Student Handbook and Residence Hall Guidelines, which is given to every student during the orientation program.

Life in each residence hall is overseen by the resident director and a staff of student resident assistants. This residence hall staff provides immediate counseling and leadership in the activities of the residence hall.

Spiritual Life

Bethel desires to foster Christian insight, growth and commitment. Some of the regularly featured events are chapel services, vespers, Spiritual Emphasis Week and mentoring discipleship programs.

Chapel Services are held three times a week, uniting the faculty, staff and students in a common experience of worship. These 50-minute services are chiefly religious in emphasis, although occasionally the chapel period is devoted to academic or social events.

Vespers are conducted each Wednesday evening on the campus under the direction of the Spiritual Life Committee of the Student Council. Both students and faculty share in the fellowship of the Vespers services.

Sunday Worship is conducted both morning and evening in numerous churches in the South Bend/Mishawaka area. Students are expected to attend and participate in the services and activities of a local church on a regular basis.

Spiritual Emphasis Services are held each fall. During this period a guest speaker ministers at the chapel hour and in specially scheduled evening services.
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*World Christian Action Conference* is held over a week each January and emphasizes God’s work and mission throughout the world. Various seminars are offered which provide students an opportunity to delve into specific missional themes that may be of interest.

*Deeper Life Conference* is a three-day event scheduled in late March/early April, during which a guest speaker addresses three chapels and two evening services for the purpose of challenging believers to a deeper commitment of faith.

**Student Government**

All full-time students (12 hours or more) of Bethel College are voting members of the Bethel College Student Association. The governing body of the association is the *Student Council* (StuCo).

StuCo promotes student and college-community interests through self-government and student organizations. Membership in the council includes its four executive officers (president, vice president, treasurer, and recording secretary) five students from the freshman and sophomore classes (underclass officers), five students from the junior and senior classes (upperclass officers), four resident assistants, and the chairpersons of the four permanent student committees (Student Spiritual Life, Social Life, Multicultural Life, and Media). Through its standing committees, StuCoworks with Student Development and the Alumni Board to plan and promote traditional student activities, as well as aid student-founded clubs and organizations achieve their goals. StuCo also provides student representatives for permanent faculty committees.

**Wellness Center**

Counseling services are available to all traditional-age, full-time Bethel College students. It is the primary purpose of the Wellness Center to assist the student to develop his/her fullest potential in personal, emotional and spiritual areas of life while at Bethel College. The Center is under the direction of the student development office, with specialists available in health care counseling, therapeutic counseling, spiritual counseling and other specific areas of wellness.

**Nondiscrimination Policy**

Within the context of its religious principles, heritage and mission, Bethel College admits students of any race, national or ethnic origin, age or gender to its programs and activities. It does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic programs or other college administered programs. The college makes every reasonable attempt to accommodate students with limiting physical impairments; however, each division reserves the right to examine applicants for suitability for participation in the educational activities of the division.

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