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While Detroit Bible Institute strives to ensure that all information presented in the academic catalog and on its website is accurate and up to date, the Institute reserves the right to make changes at any time—without prior notice—to policies, procedures, fees, course offerings, curricula, and other related matters.

If any changes to the academic catalog become necessary after the start of the fall semester, they will be documented in an official addendum to the original catalog.

It is the student's responsibility to meet with an academic advisor and stay informed about institutional requirements, academic policies, and key calendar deadlines as outlined in the catalog.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Detroit Bible Institute exists to develop world-impacting Christian leaders through biblical, theological and ministerial training that is high-quality, affordable and accessible.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

GOD

We believe that within the One Supreme Being that is God, there eternally exist three co-equal and co-eternal persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, otherwise known as the Trinity. We believe that God is spirit, and is uncreated and infinite; perfect in his holiness, justice and righteousness; all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present, all-loving and unchangeable. (Gen. 1:1; Matt. 28:19; Jn. 10:30; John 4:24; Ps. 90:2; Mal. 3:6; Ps. 11:7; Gen 18:25)

JESUS CHRIST

That God the Son came to earth in the person of the sinless savior, Jesus Christ, God incarnate (fully God and fully Man); that He was born of a virgin and died as a substitutionary sacrifice, atoning for the sin of all humanity; that on the third day He rose bodily from the grave; and that He sits at the right hand of the Father in authority. (Is. 7:14, Matt. 1:23; Lk. 1:35; Jn. 10:33, Heb. 4:15, 7:26; 1 Cor. 15:3; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 2:9; Mark 16:19)

THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible – The 66 divinely inspired books which have been historically accepted by the Protestant Church as Canon – is the inspired and inerrant Word of God and totally accurate in all matters it addresses. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the author of all Scripture and that He superintended the authors as they penned the Word of God. We attest to the sufficiency of the Bible, it being the believer's final authority, and that within it is found all that is needed for Christian faith and practice. (2 Tim. 3:15-16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Mat. 5:18; Ps. 119:11)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) shares equally with the Father and the Son all the attributes of deity. He has spoken through the writers of Holy Scripture. He personally indwells the believer in Christ to sanctify and empower him/her to live a godly life (2 Cor 3:17-18; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 6:11, 12:1-11).

SALVATION

We believe that humanity by nature is fallen and has inherited the condition of sin from Adam and Eve, the original human beings created by God. We believe in the Gospel, which is that the only way for a person to be saved and redeemed is through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ on their behalf, and acceptance of His Lordship over all. Finally, we believe that salvation is completely a free gift of God's grace for those He alone has chosen to redeem. (Jn. 3:16-19, 5:24; Rom 3:23-24, 5:8-9; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:4-7)

THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church is comprised of the community of believers in Jesus Christ throughout all times, and that for all eternity God's divine plan was to establish the church as His bride and His body, for His glory. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ commanded, and confirmed through His apostles, that His Church maintain two specific ordinances: Water Baptism and Holy Communion. We are committed to the Church universal and through local assembly, and believe that the Church was intended to operate as a diverse and multi-faceted people, effectively ministering the saving Gospel to the local communities of people they live among. (Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 2:19-22, 4:11-12; Matt. 28:19-20)

THE FUTURE

We believe that Jesus Christ will return bodily to judge the living and the dead in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost -- they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jn. 5:28-29)

Additional Theological Positions

Detroit Bible Institute strives to maintain a balance important doctrinal issues that have a diversity of understanding within the Church, which are specified below. These positions are binding on DBI board members and instructors.

Prosperity, poverty & stewardship: That God guarantees health & wealth in this life through faith (*prosperity* gospel), or that godliness can only be found in willing poverty (*poverty* gospel), are considered aberrations of Scripture. The proper interpretation of Scripture is *stewardship*, which is a recognition that God is the owner of everything and in His sovereignty materially provides as He wills to each person, and that person is accountable for how he honors God with all that God has given to him. While we may teach about the above aberrations, we do not endorse them as a scriptural position. (1 Tim. 6:3-10; Prov. 30:7-9; Gen. 13:2; Matt. 8:20)

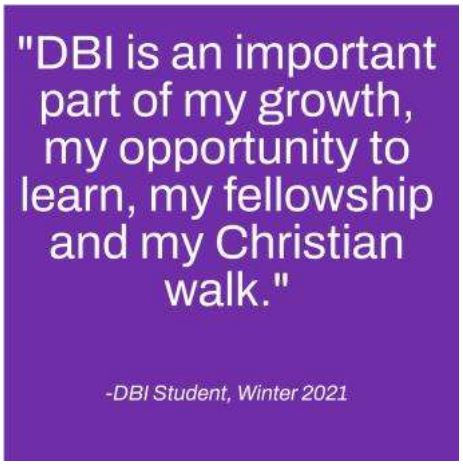
Human life & sexuality: Scripture teaches that man is made in the image of God, and that God designed Him expressly for uniting in marriage to a woman and reproducing other image-bearers. The direction of scripture never changes on the issues that innocent human life is sacred and therefore should not be terminated by humankind, and that sexuality is designed to be expressed between one man and one woman in the bonds of marriage. Any other teaching on these issues is an aberration of Scripture. ***While we may teach about these aberrations, we do not endorse them as a scriptural position.*** (Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 20:13; Ps. 139:13-16; Lev. 18:22; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 5:9-11, 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 12:16, 13:4; Rev. 21:8, 22:15)

Calvinism & Arminianism: Whether or not salvation is irresistible & irreversible (the *Calvinist* position) or can be resisted & repudiated through apostasy (as in the *Arminian* position), along with various other characteristics of these positions, are respected as various views held within the historic Christian Church, provided that the heresy of *Pelagianism* (that man is able to receive salvation because of his own moral strength) is not embraced, which is expressly denied by Scripture (Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:4-7). ***We seek to inform students that the Calvinist/Arminian positions are in-house questions that the Church can debate, but need not divide over.***

The perpetuity of spiritual gifts: Whether the gifts & manifestations stated in Scripture and given by the Holy Spirit to believers are continuing (*continuationism*) or have ceased (*cessationism*), are respected as various views held within the historic Christian Church. ***We seek to inform students that this is an in-house question that the Church can debate, but need not divide over.***

Role of Men and Women in the Church: The positions of *complementarianism* and *egalitarianism*, particularly in regards to roles within the Church (Pastor, Teacher, etc.), are respected as various views held within the historic Christian Church. ***We seek to inform students that this is an in-house question that the Church can debate, but need not divide over.***

Eschatology: The Church is historically united on the essential elements that Jesus Christ will return, call His Church, and judge the living and the dead (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:10). Beyond these, the Church has held various views on the nature of the rapture, the millennium, and other aspects of the end-times. ***We seek to inform students that these various views represent an in-house issue that the Church can debate, but need not divide over.***



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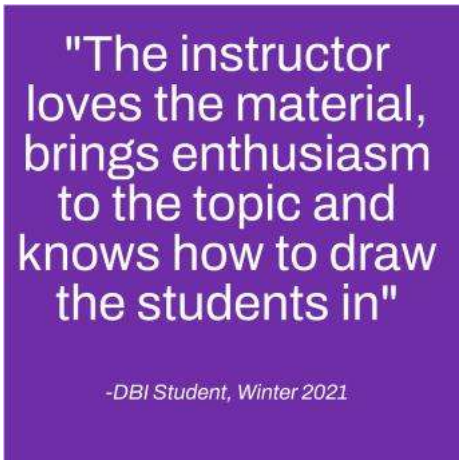

IMPORTANT DATES

REGISTRATION:

- **FALL:** August 2nd — September 1st, 2026
- **WINTER:** December 6th, 2026 — January 5th, 2027
- **SPRING:** March 7th — March 30th, 2027

SESSION DATES:

- **Fall 2026: TUESDAY:** September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17.
- **Winter 2027: TUESDAY:** January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23.
- **Spring 2027: TUESDAY:** March 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15.

"I was astonished at how my views and understanding of the Bible, history, current events, and my own walk with Jesus became clearer and so much more meaningful"

-DBI Student, Winter 2021

FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL STUDIES

Program Objective: To develop Christian leaders by equipping them with a foundational biblical, theological and ministerial education.

The Foundational Biblical Studies Program requires the successful completion of seven FOUNDATIONAL courses and one ADVANCED course. Each course consists of twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. Courses meet once a w eek on Tuesdays, for two hours, for the duration of the twelve weeks. If a course date falls on a holiday, then it will be at yo ur Instructors discretion on how to make up the hours lost/missed. When classes are cancelled due to weather and/or a sp ecial situation, students will be notified by phone/text/e-mail and class time will be rescheduled.

FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL COURSES

Apologetics Classical Issues
Church History I
Counseling from the Scripture
Essential Christian Doctrine
How to Study the Bible
New Testament Survey
Old Testament Survey

Apologetics Classical Issues:
This course is designed to equip Christians to understand and uphold the validity of the Christian faith. Apologetics prepares the student to intellectually withstand the frontal attacks and subtle influences of world religions and views, while effectively preparing them to evangelize.

Church History I:
This class will provide the student with the background history of the Orthodox Christian Church, including the early church fathers. The student will be exposed to over 2000 years of Christian church history and be able to recognize the value of knowing how history helps in understanding our times and not to repeat the mistakes of the past. A deep appreciation for the names, places, movements, and creeds of the Christian faith will be realized.

Counseling from The Scripture: (Self Confrontation)
This course is designed to help you become a biblical counselor in the body of Christ (BCBC). This course is for those who are compassionate, caring and concerned about seeing lives enriched by healing past issues, equipped by applying Biblical truth to current life issues, and empowered by experiencing the abundant life to fulfill their Kingdom Dream. This course is foundational in addressing the need for counseling in the world, the church and each counselor's personal life. Some of the topics will include the role of the Holy Spirit; becoming a counselor; ethics, procedure and protocol; understanding yourself; the process of change, utilizing scripture, theories on counseling, life span development, family dynamics and much more.

Essential Christian Doctrine:
The course is a basic overview of the major historic doctrines of the Christian faith. Students will begin to see how the essential doctrines of the faith relate to one another.

How to study the Bible: (Inductive Bible Study)
This course is designed to teach the student how to use the Inductive Bible Study method. The principles of observation, interpretation, and application will be used to analyze and explore Scripture, applying these principles to study one book of the Bible as an example.

New Testament Survey:
This class is designed to systematically survey the books of the New Testament portion of the Bible Students will learn all 27 books in sequential order. They will learn each book's: historical setting, and literary features, one sentence summary, teachings about salvation, identifying Christ in the book, when events of the book happened, how the books fit into God's story and fulfilled prophecy .

Old Testament Survey:
This class is designed to systematically survey the books of the Old Testament portion of the Bible. Students will learn all 39 books in sequential order. They will learn each book's: historical setting, and literary features, one sentence summary, teachings about salvation, identifying Christ in the book, when events of the book happened, how the books fit into God's story, and prophecies declared.

ADVANCED BIBLICAL STUDIES

Program Objective: To further develop Christian leaders who have completed the Foundational Biblical Studies Program, by equipping them with a more advanced biblical, theological and ministerial education.

The Advanced Biblical Studies Program requires the successful completion of the Foundational Biblical Studies Program and an additional six Advanced courses from the following list.*

Each course consists of twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. Courses meet once a week on Tuesdays, for two hours, for the duration of the twelve weeks. If a course date falls on a holiday, then it will be at your Instructors discretion on how to make up the hours lost/missed. When classes are cancelled due to weather and/or a special situation, students will be notified by phone/text/e-mail and class time will be rescheduled.

ADVANCED COURSES

Books of The Bible Courses

The Pentateuch
The Birth of the Kingdom of Israel
The Kingdom of Israel
The Restoration of the Kingdom of Israel
The Psalms
The Art of Godly Living
The Major Prophets
The Minor Prophets
The Intertestamental Period
The Gospels
Acts
Romans
The Epistles of Paul
Hebrews & General Epistles
Revelation

Specialized Theme Courses

Apologetics World Religions
Applied Apologetics & Evangelism
Church History II
Counseling Special Issues
God the Son, A Study of Jesus
Hermeneutics
Introduction to Greek
Introduction to Greek II
Introduction to Hebrew
Introduction to Hebrew II
Systematic Theology
The Parables & Teachings of Jesus
Theology of Prayer
Theology of Worship

**If an advanced course from this list was previously taken and counted towards your Foundational Biblical Studies Diploma, it cannot count towards the 6 additional course requirement for the Advanced Biblical Studies Diploma.*

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

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Acts, The Book of:
This class is a study of the record of radical change in "the Acts" or "actions" of the followers of Christ after the resurrection. Observing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, through the spreading of the Gospel and some noteworthy activities of Paul during that time.

Apologetics World Religions:
This class will expose student to the major views that make up the religious and philosophical landscape of today's world. They will learn the major differences between the major religions and they will learn how to effectively evangelize those from other world views who are open and defend their faith against those who are antagonistic.

Applied Apologetics & Evangelism:
This class is designed to help students utilize their knowledge about the gospel and apologetics and translate it into effective conversations that can lead others to Christ. Students will train in utilizing apologetics in practical situations for real life encounters. Among the topics covered are: Articulating a gospel presentation clearly; directing conversations toward the gospel message; argument construction and refutation; preparing for common objections; ways to effectively practice for an actual conversation/encounter; deciding to whom one's gospel outreach efforts will be directed; and various outreach strategies. This class is for students who want to have a part in seeing their family, friends, and community come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ

Art of Godly Living: An Introduction to Biblical Wisdom:
A study of the Old Testament books generally recognized as wisdom books: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job. Consideration will be given to the relation of these books to the Old Testament as a whole and their individual theological and ethical thrusts.

Church History II:
Continuing the study of the Christian church from the eleventh century on through the twentieth century. Special attention will be given to the most notable periods like the Renaissance, Reformation and the first and second "Great Awakenings." We will also heavily consider the development of the modern day Pentecostal and Charismatic movements.

Counseling Special Issues:
This course is designed to teach you how to apply God's word to the issues of life. As we continue to look at the condition, changes and cries of our society. This course is designed to provide Hope, Help, and Healing in specific areas such as: Anger Depression, Addictions, Fear, Stress, Sexual Abuse, Grief and Loss, Premarital Counseling and more. This course will equip counselors to minister to those who are broken, backslidden, or in bondage with confrontation, love and grace.

Epistles of Paul, The:
This course offers an overview of the epistles of Paul. Special attention is given to the theology of Romans and Galatians and the doctrine of salvation inherent in Paul's writings.

God the Son—A Study of Jesus:
This class will do a deep dive into the theological view of Jesus as found primarily in the Gospel of John. The other Biblical writings of John will be referenced, as well as other Old and New Testament books.

Gospels, The:
The four New Testament Gospels recount God's visit to earth as a man to save humanity, yet many Christians regard them as either too familiar or too perplexing to appreciate them as God intended. This course peels back the centuries of tradition, misinterpretations, and careless reconstructions to reveal Jesus as originally portrayed in his first-century historical and cultural contexts. You'll learn how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each craft a unique portrait of Jesus that is thoroughly consistent with the others. The Gospels will come alive as you explore the arguments, theology, and practical implications of each author. You'll not only learn facts about Jesus, you'll deepen your relationship with him.

Hebrews & General Epistles:
This course will study the different aspects of Jesus Christ as Savior, High Priest, and Lord that are central to the book of Hebrews. This book that is essential to unlocking the unity of the Scriptures and the importance of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's covenant with His people. The course also includes a brief study the book of James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude.

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Hermeneutics:
This class will teach the art and science of proper Bible interpretation. Students will be exposed to the major genres and literary styles of biblical writing and will be taught how to understand the historical context and original meaning of a given passage of scripture.

Intertestamental Period, The:
Study the 400 years between the First and Second Testaments in the Bible. Learn who the Pharisees and the Sadducees were; the origin of Hanukkah; how God brought about His redemptive plan; and more.

Introduction to Greek:
This course is an introduction to the Greek language of the New Testament. Students will be both challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages and be given a basic set of tools and resources for doing so.

Introduction to Greek II:
This course is a continuation to the Intro to Greek class. Students will be further challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages and be given additional sets of tools and resources for doing so.

Introduction to Hebrew:
This course is an introduction to the Hebrew language of the Old Testament. Students will be both challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages and be given a basic set of tools and resources for doing so.

Introduction to Hebrew II:
This course is a continuation to the Intro to Hebrew class. Students will be further challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages and be given additional sets of tools and resources for doing so.

Kingdom of Israel, The Birth of:
This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the birth of the Kingdom of Israel with emphasis on the sovereignty of God and his plan in bringing forth the Messiah. Key books to be covered in this course will be Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. Various aspects of the Sovereignty of God in history will be examined through the background of each book, along with key events, political and geographical impact, and significant spiritual themes.

Kingdom of Israel, The:
This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the birth of the Kingdom of Israel with emphasis on the sovereignty of God and his plan in bringing forth the Messiah. Key books to be covered in this course will be 1 Samuel to Chronicles. Various aspects of the Sovereignty of God in history will be examined through the background of each book, along with key events, political and geographical impact, and significant spiritual themes.

Kingdom of Israel, The Restoration of:
This course is designed to give the student a deeper exposure of the birth of the Kingdom of Israel with emphasis on the sovereignty of God and his plan in bringing forth the Messiah. Various aspects of the Sovereignty of God in history will be examined through the background of each book, along with key events, political and geographical impact, and significant spiritual themes.

Major Prophets, The:
This is a study of life and writings of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. Students will learn the historical background of these prophetic books, their main theological messages and the importance of the role of the prophet in Israel.

Minor Prophets, The:
This course looks at the role of the prophet and prophetic literature in Israel by examining the writings of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Students will learn the main message of each book and their impact for our lives today.

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Parables & Teachings of Jesus, The:
The Parables and Teachings of Jesus will focus on what Jesus taught during his three-year public ministry. Topics will include what he said about God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), man, sin, heaven and hell and other major themes, with a special emphasis on His teaching on the Kingdom. The class will discuss interpretation of parables and will look at each parable in detail. The remainder of Christ's teachings (discourses and "short sayings") will be discussed as time permits.

Pastoral Epistles, The:
This course exposes students to an expository treatment of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus. It Includes insights into ministry of the church on lay levels and the unique offices of elders and deacons.

Pentateuch, The:
This course will survey the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy and lift up key themes and stories that form the basis for and identity of the Judeo-Christian worldview. Students will also gain an understanding of the importance of the Pentateuch in the life of Israel and the New Testament authors.

Psalms, The:
This course is designed to give the student a broad exposure to the Psalms with emphasis on the basic different types of Psalms and how they fit into the Hebrew "Wisdom Literature" facts and themes of some of the Psalms. Various aspects of the historical background of some of the Psalms will be examined briefly along with key events, political aspects, geography, and important chronological data, if known.

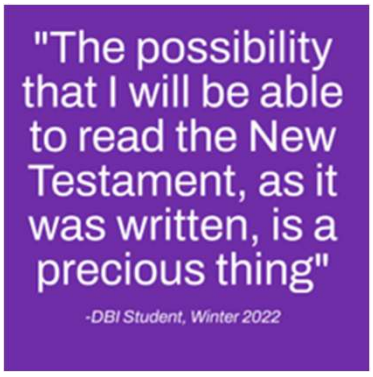
Revelation:
This course is designed to overview John's epistle of Revelation, and to examine the different scope of its prophecies and discuss the various systems of its interpretation that has emerged through history, with special emphasis on the orthodox protestant approach to scriptures.

Romans:
The Book of Romans is massively important to the Bible and Christian living! Have you ever struggled to understand it? This course will open your eyes to the fascinating world of Romans. It will enrich your love relationship with God by engaging deeply with the weighty truths of Paul's mightiest letter. This will give both the bird's-eye view and the worm's eye view of Paul's historical context, argument, and theology of Romans so that you can understand it, apply it, and teach it to others with confidence.

Systematic Theology:
This class is designed to expose the student to the major doctrines of the Bible. Each doctrine will be studied in an organized and connected manner with the goal of creating a tight knit theological system, which students can use for discerning truth from heresy.

Theology of Prayer:
This course will explore the biblical foundation for prayer and intercession. The prayers of kings, priest, prophets, apostles and Jesus Christ our Lord will be studied in depth. The course will also feature a prayer lab where students will have opportunity to experience prayer.

Theology of Worship:
This class attempts to help us develop an understanding of what worship is. What do we worship? Who do we worship? How and where do we worship? Additionally, we will explore the New Testament priesthood of believers, and what God expects us to offer in our worship of Him throughout our lives.



2026-2027 YEAR COURSE OFFERINGS

FALL 2026 SESSION

Registration Dates: August 2nd, 2026 — September 1st, 2026
Registration Hours: M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Or register online at www.detroitbibleinstitute.org

Apologetics Classical Issues – Pastor Mickey Badalamenti
This course is designed to equip Christians to understand and uphold the validity of the Christian faith. Apologetics prepares the student to intellectually withstand the frontal attacks and subtle influences of world religions and views, while effectively preparing them to evangelize.
Text Book: Evidence That Demands a Verdict by Sean McDowell & Josh McDowell
ISBN: 978-1-401-67670-4
TUESDAYS: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17.

Hebrews & General Epistles – Dr. Don Pedde
This class will primarily explore the book of Hebrews, a central book in the Bible that ties the Old and New Testaments together and reveals how Christ is the fulfillment of the Scriptures. The course will study the different aspects of Jesus Christ as Savior, High Priest, and Lord that are central to the book. The book of Hebrews is essential to unlocking the unity of the Scriptures and the importance of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's covenant with His people. The course also includes a brief study in James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude.
Text Book: Insights on Hebrews (Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary)
ISBN: 978-1414393773
TUESDAYS: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17.

Psalms, The — Reverend Keith Nelson
This course is designed to give the student a broad exposure to the Psalms with emphasis on the basic different types of Psalms and how they fit into the Hebrew “Wisdom Literature” facts and themes of some of the Psalms. Various aspects of the historical background of some of the Psalms will be examined briefly along with key events, political aspects, geography, and important chronological data, if known.
Text Book: Bring your Own Bible
TUESDAYS: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17.

Intro to Hebrew — Michael Smokovitz
This course is an introduction to the Hebrew language of the Old Testament. Students will be both challenged and inspired to seek deeper levels of knowledge and understanding of the Bible through its original languages and be given a basic set of tools and resources for doing so.
Text Book: Bring your Own Bible
TUESDAYS: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17.

2026-2027 YEAR COURSE OFFERINGS

WINTER 2027 SESSION

Registration Dates: December 6th, 2026 — January 5th, 2027
Registration Hours: M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Or register online at www.detroitbibleinstitute.org

Church History – Dr. Don Pedde
This class will provide the student with the background history of the Orthodox Christian Church including the early church fathers. The student will be exposed to over 2000 years of Christian church history. To recognize the value of knowing how history helps in understanding our times and not to repeat the mistakes of the past. A deep appreciation for the names, places, movements, and creeds of the Christian faith will be realized.
Text Book: Church History in Plain Language, Fifth Edition by Bruce L. Shelley
ISBN: 978-0-310-11596-0
TUESDAYS: January 5, 12, 19 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23.

Revelation – Dr. Randy Rheaume
This course is designed to overview John's epistle of Revelation, and to examine the different scope of its prophecies and discuss the various systems of its interpretation that has emerged through history, with special emphasis on the orthodox protestant approach to scriptures.
Text Book: Larry R. Helyer & Richard Wagner. The Book of Revelation for Dummies. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2008
ISBN: 978-0470045213
TUESDAYS: January 5, 12, 19 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23.

The Art of Godly Living– Brian Wassom
A study of the Old Testament books generally recognized as wisdom books: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job. Consideration will be given to the relation of these books to the Old Testament as a whole and their individual theological and ethical thrusts.
Text Book: Holy Bible
TUESDAYS: January 5, 12, 19 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23.

Theology of Prayer – Dr. George Johnson
This course will explore the biblical foundation for prayer and intercession. The prayers of kings, priest, prophets, apostles and Jesus Christ our Lord will be studied in depth. The course will also feature a prayer lab where students will have opportunity to experience prayer.
Text Book: Praying the Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough, By: Dr. Elmer L. Towns.
ISBN: 978-0830720422
TUESDAYS: January 5, 12, 19 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23.

2026-2027 YEAR COURSE OFFERINGS

SPRING 2027 SESSION

Registration Dates: March 7th – April 6th, 2027
Registration Hours: M-Th 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Or register online at www.detroitbibleinstitute.org

Counseling from The Scripture – Dr. Sabrina Black

This course is designed to help you become a biblical counselor in the body of Christ (BCBC). This course is for those who are compassionate, caring and concerned about seeing lives enriched by healing past issues, equipped by applying Biblical truth to current life issues, and empowered by experiencing the abundant life to fulfill their Kingdom Dream. This course is foundational in addressing the need for counseling in the world, the church and each counselor's personal life. Some of the topics will include the role of the Holy Spirit; becoming a counselor; ethics, procedure and protocol; understanding yourself; the process of change, utilizing scripture, theories on counseling, life span development, family dynamics and much more.

Textbook(s): Lay Counseling, Revised and Updated: Equipping Christians for a Helping Ministry by Siang-Yang Tan
ISBN: 978-0310524274
Live Right Now: Honest Answers to Life's Tough Questions by Dr. Sabrina Black
ISBN: 9781572938168
TUESDAYS: March 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15.

Pentateuch, The – Dr. Analee Dunn

This course will survey the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy and lift up key themes and stories that form the basis for and identity of the Judeo-Christian worldview. Students will also gain an understanding of the importance of the Pentateuch in the life of Israel and the New Testament authors.
Textbook: Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Pentateuch by George J. Wenham
ISBN: 978-0830825516
TUESDAYS: March 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15.

Apologetics World Religions – Pastor Mickey Badalamenti

This class will expose student to the major views that make up the religious and philosophical landscape of today's world. They will learn the major differences between the major religions and they will learn how to effectively evangelize those from other world views who are open and defend their faith against those who are antagonistic.
Textbook: The Kingdom of the Cults: The Definitive Work on the Subject—A Go-To Reference on World Religions, Sects & Cults by Walter Martin
ISBN: 978-0764232657
TUESDAYS: March 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15.

COURSE FRAMEWORK

1. A DBI approved instructor will teach the course.
2. The course will be for a duration of 12 weeks (2-hour sessions) with one 10-minute break.
3. Each student to receive credit must attend 10 of the 12-week sessions or a minimum of 20 hours per course.
4. Each student must successfully complete requirements outlined in the syllabus provided by the instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM

Letters	*Grade Points*	*Grade Scale*	*Letters*	*Explanation*
A	4.0	95-100	W	Withdrawal, No Penalty
A-	3.7	90-94	I	Incomplete
B+	3.3	87-89	AU	Audit
B	3.0	84-86		
B-	2.7	81-83		
C+	2.3	79-80		
C	2.0	77-78		
C-	1.7	75-76		
F	0	0-74		

DBI employs a letter-grade system. A student must attain at least 75% of the available points to pass a course. The following letter grades and their achievement equivalents listed below are used by instructors at DBI to reflect a student's performance in a course. "Incomplete" and "Withdrawal" are recorded appropriately. Students who receive "Incomplete" must resolve it within one month of the last date of the class or an "F" is recorded for the class. Transcripts are issued only by student's request. Students will receive written notice of their grades after each session is completed.

ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP WORK REQUIREMENTS

Our Attendance Policy:
A student cannot miss more than 2 classes of a given course and still pass. Exceptions may be made for students that successfully complete and pass their coursework within the Detroit Bible Institute's guidelines. Students who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be notified in writing by the administrative office.
Please be advised that if you are an online student, you are required to keep your video feed on and use your proper first name as your screen name to receive credit for attending any class.

Our Leave of Absence Policy:
A student that has registered and completed at least three weeks of classes and find themselves experiencing sickness, work scheduling conflict, and/or family hardship, is eligible for a leave of absence. This leave will allow the student to take this class when it is offered again through the Detroit Bible Institute without having to pay again for the course. This leave of absence will expire the next session after it has been offered again**.**

Our Make Up Work Policy:
All make up work for each absence is due one week prior to the end of course.

CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Decisions regarding credit for previous education and training are made by the Executive Director. New students who have completed the equivalent course work of the Foundational Biblical Studies Program through another ministry training school may enroll directly into the Advanced Biblical Studies Program if approved by the Executive Director. New students interested in this advanced standing must first submit all pertinent transcripts to the Executive Director who will review them and decide.

For consideration, please email your transcript to: **info@detroitbibleinstitute.org**

ADMISSION & ENROLLMENT POLICY

The Detroit Bible Institute admits students who demonstrate a desire to grow in their knowledge of Scripture and their devotion to Jesus Christ. While there are no formal academic prerequisites for admission, enrollment is intended for individuals who are prepared to engage thoughtfully, participate consistently, and pursue their studies with spiritual maturity. Once enrolled, students remain eligible to register for courses on an ongoing basis, provided they maintain good academic and financial standing. DBI seeks to cultivate a professional and prayerful learning environment. To support this, the following age guidelines apply: Individuals aged 18 and older are invited to enroll as adult learners. These students are responsible for managing their course registration, financial obligations, and academic progress with diligence and integrity reflective of a servant of God.

Students aged 16 and 17 may be admitted on a limited basis. A completed Parental Consent Form is required prior to enrollment. The form may be requested from **info@detroitbibleinstitute.org** or is included with the DBI registration form. Minor students are expected to uphold the same standards of conduct and participation as adult learners, and parents are encouraged to remain prayerfully engaged in their student's experience. Enrollment at DBI reflects a commitment to active participation, personal responsibility, and a sincere desire to grow in both knowledge and faith.

AUDIT DESCRIPTION & POLICY

Auditing a course allows you to attend lectures and participate in class discussions purely for personal enrichment, without the commitment of earning academic credit. When you audit a course, you are not required to complete assignments or take exams. You will not receive a grade. Formal registration is required, and tuition fees apply.

A student may request, in writing, to change from an "audit" status to a "for credit" status **through the third week of class.** After this period, no changes can be made regarding the audit/for credit status of a student, and no refunds will be given. Any previously audited courses later taken for credit will incur all expenses as outlined in the financial section of this catalog.

For consideration, please mail your written request to: administrator@detroitbibleinstitute.org

ENROLLMENT/REGISTRATION DATES

August 2—September 1, 2026, December 6, 2026—January 5, 2027, March 7 — April 6, 2027.

ACADEMIC AND CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to conduct their personal and professional lives responsibly, ethically and in a manner that respects the integrity of others. Criminal activity, disruptive conduct, harassment, cheating, assault, destruction of property or insubordination are considered grounds for dismissal. The DBI administration reserves the right to dismiss a student for the above-stated reasons or for any other reason deemed detrimental by DBI.

RIDE POLICY: For the safety of students, DBI staff and DBI volunteers, staff and volunteers are not to give rides to students.

RECORDING & DISTRIBUTION POLICY: DBI maintains a video & audio recording of each session for 2 weeks beyond the session, which is made available to students for review. Students are requested not to video or audio record classroom content. Students are not permitted to forward any DBI content to 3rd parties.

REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION

1) For the Foundational Biblical Studies Program - Successful completion of the 7 core classes and 1 advanced class.

2) For the Advanced Biblical Studies Program - Successful completion of the Foundational Biblical Studies Program + the successful completion of any 6 additional advanced classes.

A diploma will be given for the successful completion of the Foundational Biblical Studies program or Advanced Biblical Studies program offered by DBI. A public recognition will be conducted for those who successfully complete the requirements.

Graduates will be notified of fees and details prior to the end of the school year.

DIPLOMA UPON COMPLETION

A Diploma in Foundational Biblical Studies will be awarded to students who successfully complete the Foundational Biblical Studies Program. Students enrolled in the Advanced Biblical Studies Program who fulfill all program requirements will receive a Diploma in Advanced Biblical Studies.

STUDENT RECORDS AND TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Detroit Bible Institute student records, except records of grades, including enrollment data, payments of fees, and attendance shall be maintained for no less than three (3) years following graduation. A student's grades and transcripts shall be retained in perpetuity by the school and shall be available upon his or her request. A school that is no longer operating shall turn over its student records to the board. All student transcripts will be kept electronically, utilizing database software. **Requests for transcripts must be made in writing to: administrator@detroitbibleinstitute.org.** DBI will issue its own transcripts but will not issue copies of transcripts from other institutions. No other documents pertaining to the student or the student's work will be copied or released.

PROGRAM TRANSITIONAL INFORMATION

Students who registered into the DBI Biblical Studies Program prior to the start of the 2009-2010 school year (July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010) *and* have completed at least 5 core classes will have the same course requirements to complete the program as originally outlined.

REGISTRATION FEE AND COST PER CLASS

After three business days of registration, the sessional cost of registration is non-refundable. This fee is $25 per student, per session. Tuition for each course is $125. After three business days the registration fee is nonrefundable.

If your application is rejected before you enroll, we'll issue a full refund of all tuition paid. We may, however, keep an application fee of up to $25. Should you withdraw within three business days of registering, all tuition will be refunded. All refunds are processed within 30 days.

EQUIPMENT TO BE FURNISHED BY STUDENT AND SCHOOL

No equipment is required for any of the classes by the student except for their own basic school supplies and books. DBI will provide all equipment/furniture consistent with a learning environment. Such items may include chairs, tables, desks, boards, projectors, Wi-Fi, electronic equipment, etc.

A STUDENT WISHING TO WITHDRAW FROM THE DETROIT BIBLE INSTITUTE MUST

Submit a written notice to the Administrative Director, Crystal Steiniger, who also acts as Registrar. Stated below is our withdrawal and refund policy. **Submissions should be sent directly to: administrator@detroitbibleinstitute.org.**

WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND POLICY

Courses at the Detroit Bible Institute are designed as intentional learning experiences rather than trial offerings. Students are encouraged to prayerfully consider their course selections prior to registration, as each class requires consistent participation and contributes to the overall learning environment. All tuition and fees paid by an applicant shall be refunded if the applicant is not accepted by the Institute prior to enrollment. An application fee of not more than $25.00 may be retained if the application is denied. All tuition and fees paid shall be refunded if cancellation is requested within three (3) business days after registration. All approved refunds will be issued within thirty (30) days.

If an applicant withdraws later than the third business day after registration, the following policy becomes effective:

- **Before classes begin: 100% Refund, minus processing fees.**
- **After Class 1 & before Class 3 Begins: 80% Refund, minus processing fees.**
- **After Class 3 & before Class 4 Begins: 50% Refund, minus processing fees.**
- **After Class 4 Begins: 0% Refund**

Students considering withdrawal are encouraged to communicate with their instructor or DBI administration before making a final decision. In cases of documented hardship, exceptions may be considered.

COMPLAINTS

Students who wish to file a complaint with the State of Michigan may do so at www.michiganps.net.

PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

Courses are not for employment purposes. Placement assistance is not available through DBI. Also, health services are not available through DBI. PLEASE SEE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (located in the front office).