

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS

School of Ministry

DESCRIPTION OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Catholic Biblical School is a four-year program of concentrated study that covers every book of the Bible from a Catholic perspective. The program is recommended for those wishing to meet the Lord in a deeper way through scripture and is intended for adults who are willing to make a commitment to complete all program requirements. It is especially beneficial for religious education teachers, lectors, and leaders of Bible study groups. However, no particular academic background is required and, the program is designed to edify students at all educational levels.

CLASSES

The 2011–2012 Catholic Biblical School program consists of 30 classes, which are offered at a variety of locations in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area and online. Classes begin the week of September 11, 2011, and end the week of May 13, 2012.

- Each class is two hours in length and includes: an opening prayer time, small group discussion on the written homework, and a presentation by the instructor that prepares students for the next assignment.
- Students typically spend 4–5 hours per week on the homework assignment that includes: readings from the biblical book being studied and supplementary materials, a geography task, and writing the answers to 5–6 questions.
- During the last class of each unit students take a short test.
- Students may elect to audit the course in which case, the student would not be required to complete any assignments/tests or to attend the discussion section of class time.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

In preparation for each year's biblical study, students read a summer book and complete a written assignment based on their reading. Students will discuss their summer assignment on the first day of class.

PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR 2011–2012

Option 1: Traditional Program Option

New students can register for the entire Year One: Old Testament Foundations—Genesis through Kings.

- Module 1: Fall, 2011 (Exodus; Leviticus; Numbers)
- Module 2: Winter, 2011–2011 (Deuteronomy; Genesis)
- Module 3: Spring, 2012 (Joshua; Judges; 1 & 2 Samuel; 1 & 2 Kings)

Option 2: Module Option

New students can register for individual modules:

Old Testament Foundations—Genesis through Kings

- Module 1: Fall, 2011 (Exodus; Leviticus; Numbers)
- Module 2: Winter, 2011–2012 (Deuteronomy; Genesis)
- Module 3: Spring, 2012 (Joshua; Judges; 1 & 2 Samuel; 1 & 2 Kings)

New Testament Foundations—Jesus and Discipleship

- Module 4: Fall, 2011 (Mark; Luke)
- Module 5: Winter, 2011–2012 (Acts of the Apostles; Pauline letters)
- Module 6: Spring, 2012 (John; Johannine letters [1 John; 2 John; 3 John]; Revelation)

Exile and Restoration

- Module 7: Fall, 2011 (Amos; Hosea; I Isaiah; Micah; Zephaniah; Nahum; Jeremiah)
- Module 8: Winter, 2011–2012 (Lamentations; Obad.; Ezekiel; II-III Isaiah; Haggai; Ezra; Nehemiah)
- Module 9: Spring, 2012 (1 & 2 Chronicles; Joel; Malachi; Ruth; Song of Songs; Psalms)

COURSE FEE

New students may register one module at a time, at \$200 per module (for a total of \$600 for the year) or they may register for an entire year upfront for \$575. Students may also participate in early registration and receive a discounted rate of \$525, if payment is submitted by April 29, 2011. The course fee is to be paid in full at the time of registration. Online students will also be subject to a \$20.00 technology fee which entitles the student to technological assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

TEXTBOOKS USED IN THE PROGRAM

Bible: Students may use any of these translations

- New American (the Catholic Study Bible is recommended)
- New Jerusalem
- Revised Standard or New Revised Standard with Apocrypha/Deuterocanonicals

Other Textbooks

- Supplementary textbooks are required. However, many textbooks are used continually throughout the four-year program.
- The total cost of these books is different for each year of the program. If you register for Foundations of the Old Testament (Year One), the cost is approximately \$115.00.

Textbooks are available through the University of Dallas Bookstore.

CERTIFICATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS

The Catholic Biblical School is designed as a certificate program.

- After completing the four years of the program, students earn a certificate of advanced biblical studies.
- To earn a certificate, the student must meet all attendance and coursework requirements.
- A student who is unable to fulfill these requirements may still be eligible to receive a participant certificate at the end of four years.

REGISTRATION

Registration is available online at <http://www.udallas.edu/academics/ministry> for both new and continuing students.

Students may also register for any year of the program or for individual modules by submitting a completed *Catholic Biblical School Registration Form* along with full course fee payment. **NO PART OF THE COURSE FEE IS REFUNDABLE.** The course fee does NOT include books or registration for the Orientation Day for first year students.

New students are encouraged to attend one of the Catholic Biblical School information sessions held at different locations in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. For dates, times, and locations of information sessions, please see our website at <http://www.udallas.edu/academics/ministry> or contact the Catholic Biblical School at 972.721.4118 for more information. If you are unable to attend an information session, you may schedule an individual meeting with one of the instructors if so desired.

For more information about the program, **contact the Catholic Biblical School at 972.721.4118.**