

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE VIA ACCELERATED DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM (ADCP)

INTRODUCTION

The Accelerated Degree Completion Program format is designed to encourage college degree completion and to reduce the time required to earn that degree. The programs were developed primarily to meet the needs of working adults who are at least age 24 and who have completed 30 college credits. Program completion requires 120-144 hours, including 30-78 hours from the CBS core curriculum completed in residence at CBS.

Transfer students from accredited colleges, universities, schools, or Bible institutes receive full and equitable transfer credit for subjects appropriate to the program curricula. The amount of transfer credit is determined upon receipt and evaluation of the official transcripts of completed work.

ADMISSION/PREREQUISITES

The Bachelor of Science degrees via Accelerated Degree Completion Programs (ADCP) involve 123-147 curricular hours comprised of 36 general education hours, 33 free elective hours, and 54-78 hours of the CBS resident ADCP curriculum. The Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies, Organizational Leadership, and Biblical Counseling is the only CBS program that requires completion of 147 credit hours.

Students who have previously earned an accredited bachelor's degree, master's degree, or equivalent must still meet the General Education requirements for admission to the bachelor's Accelerated Degree Completion Program. Prospective bachelor's degree students must still meet the other admission requirements, including submission of official transcripts for all universities, colleges, and schools formerly attended.

STUDENT COMMITMENT

Students must be admitted into the College and fulfill the requirements for admission into the Bachelor of Science program. To support optimal academic success, students will participate in an ongoing sequence of academic advising including development of a degree plan and ongoing evaluation of progress toward degree completion.

Transfer students desiring admission to the Bachelor of Science Accelerated Degree Completion Program will need to provide:

1. Official transcripts from all previously attended, accredited institutions of higher learning.
2. Official verification for Credit by Demonstrated Competency, such as:
 - College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)
 - Military Equivalencies
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
 - Institutional Credit Examinations

PROFILE OF ADULT LEARNERS

CBS is dedicated to providing college-level programs to adult learners who are:

Goal-Oriented – Those who like a fast pace, follow logical order, and value personal accomplishment.

Activity-Oriented – Those who are social, talkative, multi-sensory, and need action.

Learner-Oriented – Those who prefer to learn for the sake of learning, are outcome-based, and want immediate, direct application.

Process-Oriented – Those who must know goals and objectives; benefits of and need for materials; and who draw from experience.

ACADEMIC HONORS DESIGNATIONS

Please refer to the Academic Honors section in the Academic Regulations section of the Catalog.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Please refer to the Satisfactory Academic Progress section in the Academic Regulations section of the Catalog.

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

Entering students must have 30 hours of approved college credits from accredited institutions, 36 of which must be general education credits and 33 can be electives. CBS recognizes the distinct needs of adult learners. In addition to transfer credits from other accredited institutions, incoming students can demonstrate competencies and earn credit through:

1. College-level Examination Program (CLEP)
2. Military Equivalencies
3. Advanced Placement (AP)
4. International Baccalaureate (IB)
5. Institutional Credit by Examination
6. Prior Learning Credits

The CBS Registrar's Office will assist program candidates by identifying and suggesting manageable on-site or off-site courses of action to address course deficiencies. This may include earning and transferring credit hours from other approved postsecondary institutions to qualify for degree program admission.

ON-GROUND ADCP PROGRAMS

The following programs are available on ground on the CBS Houston campus:

- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies and Biblical Counseling
- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies and Christian Leadership (in Spanish only)
- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies, Biblical Counseling and Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies

Students take only one course at a time in the CBS core curriculum, attending one 4-hour class with breakout sessions for small-group collaborative and independent work each week. The courses are accelerated and are five weeks in length.

ONLINE ADCP PROGRAMS

The following ADCP degree programs are available online at the College of Biblical Studies:

- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies and Biblical Counseling
- Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies

Bachelor's degree students in these programs typically take only one CBS core course at a time which will require online discussions and additional assignments each week. The courses are accelerated and are five to seven weeks in length.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH SPLIT MAJORS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES AND
BIBLICAL COUNSELING (BSBC) – ACCELERATED DEGREE COMPLETION**

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The purpose of the 120-credit hour program with split majors in Biblical Studies and Biblical Counseling culminating in a Bachelor of Science degree is to provide a biblical model for biblical counseling. The training will prepare men and women to engage in church, parachurch, or private biblical counseling, and provide a base for seminary or other graduate training. The courses offered in the curriculum are not designed to meet academic or other requirements in any state for licensure as a professional counselor. Upon completion of the program, successful students will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the Biblical Framework model for biblical counseling.
2. Apply principles of biblical counseling to specific counseling situations.

On-ground students take only one course at a time in the CBS core curriculum, attending one 4-hour class session each week, with breakout times for independent, as well as small-group collaborative work. The on-ground courses are accelerated at five weeks in length. Online students take classes that are five to seven weeks in length, and the classes occasionally overlap. Students are members of a continuing class, a cohort group that develops personal, family, ministry, and career interests in an atmosphere of shared learning.

The Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies and Biblical Counseling accelerated degree completion program is comprised of upper-division college courses totaling 54 credit hours offered as follows:

1. The 54 hours consist of eighteen courses.
2. Students' focus will ideally be on one course at a time.
3. The same group of students will progress through the entire program together.
4. At graduation, successful students will have cumulative college-level credits as follows:
 - 54 hours CBS baccalaureate core curriculum—all earned at CBS
 - 36 hours general education courses—transferred-in and/or earned at CBS
 - 30 hours free elective courses—transferred-in and/or earned at CBS

DEGREE AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree students are expected to complete all degree and graduation requirements pursuant to their degree program within one year after successful completion of the research project course. Failure to comply will result in the student being withdrawn from the program and subjected to reenrollment procedures and fees.

1. Successful completion of all admissions requirements including completion of high school diploma or GED
2. 54 credit hours of BSBC curriculum
3. 36 credit hours of approved general education
4. 30 credit hours of approved free electives
5. Cumulative 2.0 grade point average
6. Intent to Graduate form filed by deadline
7. Academic advising sessions as required
8. Graduation/Diploma fee
9. No unresolved disciplinary matter, including but not limited to, student code of conduct violations, library, and/or financial obligation
10. Completion of exit counseling for students with Stafford or PLUS loans
11. Approval by CBS faculty
12. See Graduation Requirements for additional requirement(s) for all academic programs

DEGREE PLAN FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH SPLIT MAJOR IN BIBLICAL STUDIES AND BIBLICAL COUNSELING (ADCP)

This cohort program and the MAJOR COURSES are designed to be taken in order as shown by this table:

GENERAL STUDIES	HRS	MAJOR COURSES	HRS
ENGLISH 9 hours		GENERAL EDUCATION 3 hours	
English Composition 1	3	ENGL 3330 Advanced Research and Writing	3
English Composition 2	3	BIBLE and THEOLOGY 27 hours	
Literature	3	BIBL 3301 Biblical Interpretation	3
SOCIAL SCIENCE 3 hours		THEO 3330 Major Bible Themes	3
Western Civilization or US History	3	BIBL 3311 Special Issues in the Pentateuch	3
PHILOSOPHY/SOCIAL SCIENCES/RELIGIOUS STUDIES 6 hours		BIBL 3312 Special Issues in the Historical and Wisdom Literature	3
Social Science/Religious Studies ¹	6	BIBL 3313 Special Issues in the Prophetic Literature	3
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES 3 hours		BIBL 3321 Special Issues in the Gospels	3
Fine Arts/Humanities ²	3	BIBL 3322 Special Issues in Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
MATH/SCIENCES 6 hours		BIBL 3323 Special Issues in General Epistles	3
Computer Science or Math	3	THEO 3331 Theological Method or or THEO 1311 Introduction to the Bible	3
Natural Science ³	3	COUNSELING STUDIES 24 hours	
COMMUNICATIONS 3 hours		MSBC 3311 Theological Foundations for Biblical Counseling	3
Speech ⁴	3	MSBC 3312 Comparative Analysis of Psychological Counseling, Christian Integrative Counseling, and Biblical Counseling	3
GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVE 6 hours		MSBC 3313 Introduction to Biblical Framework Counseling	3
Any courses from the categories above	6	MSBC 3314 Analysis of Common Problems Through Biblical Framework Counseling	3
FREE ELECTIVES 27 hours		MSBC 3315 God's Design for the Home	3
	27	MSBC 4301 Advanced Concepts in Biblical Framework Counseling 1	3
SPIRITUAL AND MINISTRY FORMATION FOUNDATION 3 hours		MSBC 4302 Advanced Concepts in Biblical Framework Counseling 2	3
MSSF 1311 Spiritual and Ministry Formation Foundation	3	MSBC 4303 Biblical Counseling Process and Methodologies	3
CANDIDATE ORIENTATION FOR GRADUATION 1 unit			
ORIE 1019: Candidate Orientation for Graduation	1u		

¹ History, Philosophy, Logic, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Public Policy, Counseling, Bible, Theology, Foundations of Spiritual Life or Apologetics.

² Music Theory, Philosophy or Art Appreciation.

³ Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Geology or Anatomy and Physiology.

⁴ Expository Preaching classes, MSPM 3301-3305, may substitute for Speech. These classes are for men only. MSCE 3323 Women Teaching Women may substitute for Speech. This class is for women only.