

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 IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (BSBS) – ACCELERATED DEGREE COMPLETION*Program Coordinator: Israel Loken, Ph.D.*

The 120-credit hour program with a major in Biblical Studies culminates in a Bachelor of Science degree designed to equip men and women with the skills necessary for ministry in a variety of contexts. Upon completion of the program, successful students will be able to:

1. Defend biblically one's position on major biblical interpretive issues.
2. Learn and apply principles for Christian ministry.
3. Categorize major doctrines of the Bible.

On-ground 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 on-ground courses are accelerated, with some schedule for five weeks in length. Online students take classes that are five to seven weeks in length, and the classes occasionally overlap. For students who transfer in 90 hours, the program is designed to be 18 months of three consecutive semesters, requiring 9-12 credits each semester from the CBS core curriculum. Students are members of a continuing class, a cohort group, among whom an atmosphere of shared learning is cultivated; this atmosphere also encourages the development of personal, family, ministry, and career interests. Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biblical Studies.

The Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies is composed of upper division college-level courses totaling 30-credit hours offered in an accelerated form as follows:

1. The 30 hours consist of ten 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:
 - 30 hours CBS baccalaureate core curriculum—all earned at CBS
 - 36 hours general education courses—transferred-in and/or earned at CBS
 - 54 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 following 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. 30 credit hours of BSBS curriculum
3. 36 credit hours of approved general education
4. 54 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 IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (ADCP)

This cohort program has major courses that are designed to be taken in order as shown by this table:

GENERAL STUDIES	HRS	MAJOR COURSES	HRS
ENGLISH 9 hours		BIBLE and THEOLOGY 30 hours	
English or Spanish Composition 1	3	BIBL 3301 Biblical Interpretation	3
English or Spanish Composition 2	3	THEO 3330 Major Bible Themes	3
Literature	3	BIBL 3311 Special Issues in the Pentateuch	3
SOCIAL SCIENCE 3 hours		BIBL 3312 Special Issues in the Historical and Wisdom Literature	3
Western Civilization or US History	3	BIBL 3313 Special Issues in the Prophetic Literature	3
PHILOSOPHY/SOCIAL SCIENCES/RELIGIOUS STUDIES 6 hours		BIBL 3321 Special Issues in the Gospels	3
Social Science/Religious Studies ¹	6	BIBL 3322 Special Issues in Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES 3 hours		BIBL 3323 Special Issues in General Epistles	3
Fine Arts/Humanities ²	3	THEO 3331 Theological Method or THEO 1311 Introduction to the Bible	3
MATH/SCIENCES 6 hours		GNED 2312 Culture, Race, and the Church or THEO 3341 Apologetics	3
Computer Science or Math	3	SPIRITUAL AND MINISTRY FORMATION FOUNDATION 3 hours	
Natural Science ³	3	MSSF 1311 Spiritual and Ministry Formation Foundation	3
COMMUNICATIONS 3 hours		Free Electives 51 hours	
Speech ⁴	3		
GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVE 6 hours			
Any courses from the categories above	6	Free Electives	51
CANDIDATE ORIENTATION FOR GRADUATION 1 unit			
ORIE 1019: Candidate Orientation for Graduation	1u		

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

²Music Theory, Philosophy or Art Appreciation.

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

⁴Expository 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. Spanish majors must take the speech class in Spanish.