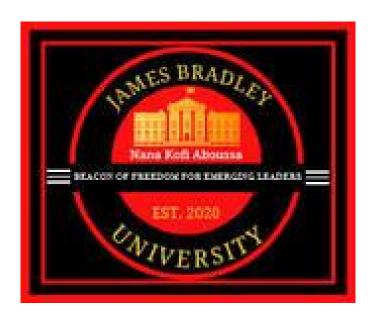
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JAMES BRADLEY UNIVERSITY 2025-26 ACADEMIC CATALOG

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Mission Statement:

The mission of James Bradley University is to be a beacon of freedom for emerging leaders. We strive to prepare scholars for career & service readiness through faith-based education, followed by teachings of disciplined discipleship & Christ-like values.

School Motto:

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." ROMANS 12:10 (NIV) This scripture instills in our students the ability to be selfless servants of Christ to all those we encounter in sharing the gospel.

What We Believe and Teach We believe in:

- + The salvation of Jesus Christ who died for our sins
- + The divine discipleship amongst the community of missionaries
- + The confession of sin as people of God we are never perfect like Christ
- + The proclamation of the Word of God

Further, the institution expects its faculty, regents, and students to adhere to Christian ideals, a high standard of scholarship, and the New Testament concept of Christian love and brotherhood.

The institution will endeavor to educate those who enroll in its classes to cling to the faith and to spread the Gospel so that all will be saved. The courses of study are designed solely to render men and women capable servants of God. To that end, the chief emphasis of the College is on the teaching of the Bible. Related subjects are taught which help increase the efficiency of the individual in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Affiliation:

James Bradley University is autonomous; however, we share in the fellowship of nondenominational Christian Churches & Southern Baptist Church (independent). We are committed to the principles of the Restoration Movement. The college is primarily supported by contributions from congregations and concerned individuals.

Location:

James Bradley University has an administrative office located at 6844 Bardstown Rd. Louisville, KY, 40291.

Chapel:

Chapel is considered to be a part of a student's regular curriculum and part of the Christian Service requirement. Services are developed to meet students' needs and are intended to truly be an inspirational time. Speakers include visiting ministers, faculty members, missionaries, etc. All students are expected to be in attendance when they have a class immediately before or immediately following Chapel. Students living in college-provided housing

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are required to attend all chapel services. Students are also expected to attend other special school-sponsored activities.

Student Life:

The administration desires to cooperate with the students to promote a wholesome and pleasant student life and a cordial relationship between the faculty and the student body. Wise counsel and guidance will always be available to the student needing assistance of any kind. Students are expected to follow the dress, behavioral, and other guidelines as found in the Student Handbook. These may be obtained from the Dean of Academic's Office.

Various recreational items are available for the students' relaxation. Additionally, there is an outdoor basketball court for impromptu games. All students are encouraged to participate in campus life in order to establish a support group of students and faculty who may be of aid in current studies and in future ministries.

Special Programs:

Special Programs such as lectureships and banquets are held annually. Experts in various areas of Christian service are selected to serve as guest speakers during these events. Alumni, former faculty, and friends of the institution all return to share in a time of fellowship, special recognition, and continuing education. All students are expected to attend these sessions. Some classes will require attendance and participation as a part of their semester assignments.

Alumni Association:

The Alumni Association of James Bradley University is composed of graduates and/or former students. The association has published "Living Records", which included alumni news and the history of the College. Dues go to help finance projects for the betterment of JBU. In an effort to maintain contact with the school and each other, they meet throughout the year at such events as graduation. They feel strongly that the ties and relationships made here as a student should last a lifetime.

Authorization:

James Bradley University currently operates as an In-State Religious College in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has been verified by the Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education through a letter of exemption on file with them. However, the institution's greatest authority for operation is the confidence and support of the congregations of Christian Churches/Churches of Christ who continue to depend upon this institution to provide trained personnel for local church leadership, missionaries, etc.

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Board of Regents:

The final authority in the determination of the administration, policy, and program of James Bradley University is vested in the Board of Regents. The current members of the Board of Regents are:

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Administration & Staff:

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FACULTY:

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DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Requirements:

James Bradley University grants the degrees & diplomas. The granting of all degrees or certificates is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) All entrance requirements must be submitted before the student's acceptance. These requirements include: a high school transcript or its equivalent, a completed application, application fee, references, a current photograph, college transcripts when applicable, etc. The student must be officially accepted before starting a second semester. (Exceptions to these rules may be made only by the Academic Committee.)
- 2) Certificates and degrees will be granted upon the completion of required semester hours of work per the class requirements as outlined in sections 3, 5, and 6 below.
- 3) An overall grade point average of 2.00 or above ("C" or above) is required for graduation. A minimum of 32 semester hours (one year) of work must be taken in residence at James Bradley University. (For one or two-year undergraduate programs, 16 semester hours of work from JBU are required. For graduate programs, 18 hours are required from JBU.)
- 4) The Master of Sacred Literature degree program is open to all college baccalaureate graduates; however, it is best suited to Bible college graduates. Liberal arts and university graduates may take this degree by fulfilling prerequisites. The M.S.L. will be awarded after the completion of 30 additional hours and an acceptable thesis in most areas of concentration or 36 hours of additional work. The student may opt to work on the thesis after discussion with the Academic Office.
- 5) The thesis for the Master of Sacred Literature degree, worth six credit hours, is written in the student's concentration area under the guidance of his or her faculty supervisor. The thesis is typically 100- 200 pages in length and conforms to the Chicago Manual of Style. It addresses a limited subject in a thorough and organized manner, thereby demonstrating the student's research and writing skills as well as the subject's application for ministry. The thesis is read and graded by the student's faculty supervisor and a second faculty member. The student generally enrolls in GEN 510 Thesis Research during the semester in which he or she completes the thesis; however, the student may enroll for two semesters of Thesis Research. This is primarily to spread the cost of the tuition over two semesters. If a student enrolls for two semesters of Thesis Research, he or she will be given a grade of Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) for the first semester while being charged for three (3) hours of tuition. The second-semester grade will reflect all six hours of credit, but the student will again be charged for three (3) hours of tuition. Specific guidelines for researching and writing a thesis are available from the Academic Office.

All classes must be taken for graduate credit. Each M.S.L. student will be expected to complete more class work than the non-graduates if taking the same class. Arrangements for this work will be handled by the Professor and student. For more details, contact the Academic Office.

- 6) Any student enrolled in a degree program and/or all on-campus students will be expected to serve in some form of Christian Service during each semester of their college careers. Failure to fulfill this requirement may result in the student being placed on Behavioral Probation or expelled. The Board of Regents of James Bradley University may refuse to grant a degree to anyone who fails to satisfactorily complete this requirement.
- 7) Electives in any year of study may be selected from courses suited to the student's stage of advancement and are subject to the approval of the President, Academic Dean, and/or Registrar.
- 8) Candidates for degrees must possess good Christian character and must uphold the spiritual standard and purpose of James Bradley University. The Board of Regents of James Bradley University may refuse to grant a degree to anyone who does not comply with these Christian principles.
- 9) All financial obligations to the College must be met before a degree will be granted or a transcript issued.
- 10) Students are required to fulfill their degree requirements of the current catalog in a 6-year period. If a student fails to complete it in the necessary time, their credits will be applied to the degrees of the current school year catalog. An appeal can be made to the Academic Committee.
- 11) Students must attend graduation exercises to receive degrees or certificates. Under extreme extenuating circumstances, some students may be granted degrees in absentia; however, requests must be made in writing to the Academic Office no later than four weeks before the date of graduation. The Board of Regents must grant final approval.

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CERTIFICATE & DIPLOMAS

Certificate of Christian Leadership (C.C.L.) Concentration: General Ministry

The purpose of this certificate is to provide students with the opportunity to develop their leadership abilities which will better equip them for general Christian service.

Requirements

New Testament		10
Survey	2	
Gospels	2	
Acts	2	
N.T. Electives	4	
Old Testament		6
Survey	2	
O.T. Electives	4	
History/Theology		4
Electives		12

Total hours for Certificate **32**

C.C.L. Certificate Requirements General Bible

The purpose of this certificate is to provide students with the opportunity to develop their leadership abilities which will better equip them for general Biblical Knowledge.

Requirements

General Bible		4
Hermeneutics	2	
Historical Overview of the Bible	2	
New Testament		10
Survey	2	
Gospels	2	
Acts	2	
N.T. Electives	4	
Old Testament		6
Survey	2	
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O.T. Electives	4
History/Theology	4
Electives	8

Total hours for Certificate

<u>32</u>

C.C.L. Certificate Requirements Concentration Leadership Development

The purpose of this certificate is to provide students with the opportunity to develop their leadership abilities which will better equip them for ministerial leadership in the local congregation

Requirements

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Total hours for Certificate

<u>32</u>

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Certificate of Christian Leadership Concentration: Preaching
The purpose of this certificate is to provide students with the opportunity to develop their leadership abilities and basic competency when speaking in the pulpit. This certificate is primarily designed for older male students.

Requirements

Ministry studies		12	
Homiletics	2		
Old Testament Preaching	2		
New Testament Preaching	2		
Preaching/Ministry Electives	6		
Biblical studies		16	
Hermeneutics	2		
Old Testament Survey	2		
New Testament Survey	2		
Gospels	2		
Acts	2		
Biblical studies Electives	6		
General Studies		2	
Electives		2	
Total hours for Certificate		<u>.</u>	<u> 32</u>

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ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Associate of Sacred Literature - Concentration: General Ministry

This degree is intended to provide students with a basic Biblical background which will better equip them for general Christian service.

A.S.L. Degree Requirements

General Studies				
English		6		
Speech		3		
Psychology		3		
History		3		
General Electives		11		
Total hours of General Studies			26	
Biblical Studies				
Hermeneutics		2		
Theology/Apologetics		4		
Bible Survey (BOT 110, BNT 110)		4		
Old Testament		8		
New Testament		10		
Gospels	2			
Acts	2			
Romans	2			
N.T. Electives	4			
Total hours of Biblical Studies			28	
Practical Studies				
Orientation to Christian Service		1		
Christian Education		4		
Ministry Electives		5		
Total hours of Practical Studies			10	
Total hours for Associate Degree				<u>64</u>

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Associate of Sacred Literature Concentration: Preaching
This degree is intended to provide students with a basic Biblical background which will better equip them for the Christian ministry in the local congregation. This certificate is primarily designed for older male students.

A.S.L. Degree Requirements

General Studies				
English		6		
Speech		3		
Psychology		3		
History		3 3 2		
General Electives		2		
Total hours of General Studies			17	
Biblical Studies				
Hermeneutics		2		
Theology/Apologetics		4		
Bible Survey (BOT 110, BNT 110)		4		
Old Testament		8		
New Testament		10		
Gospels	2			
Acts	2			
Romans	2			
N.T. Electives	4			
Total hours of Biblical Studies			28	
Practical Studies				
Orientation to Christian Service		1		
Homiletics		4		
Evangelism		2		
Christian Education		2		
Preaching Electives		8		
Sermon Preaching Practicum		2		
Total hours of Practical Studies		19		
Total hours for Associate Degree				<u>64</u>

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Associate of Christian Education

This degree is intended to provide students with a basic Biblical background along with varied practical courses in Christian Education which will better equip them for general Christian Education ministries in the local congregation.

General Studies				
English		6		
Speech		3		
Psychology		3		
History		3 3 2		
General Electives		2		
Total hours of General Studies			17	
Biblical Studies				
Hermeneutics		2		
Theology/Apologetics		4		
Bible Survey (BOT 110, BNT 110)		4		
Old Testament		8		
New Testament		10		
Gospels	2			
Acts	2			
Romans	2			
N.T. Electives	4			
Total hours of Biblical Studies			28	
Practical Studies				
Orientation to Christian Service		1		
Homiletics		4		
Evangelism		2		
Christian Education		2 2		
Preaching Electives		8		
Sermon Preaching Practicum		2		
Total hours of Practical Studies		19		
Total hours for Associate Degree				<u>64</u>

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BACHELOR DEGREES

Bachelor of Sacred Literature

Major: Bible with a concentration in General Studies

This degree majors in Bible with a concentration in General Studies and is intended to provide students with a strong Biblical background along with varied practical courses that will effectively equip them to serve in their chosen areas of ministry.

General Studies			
English		12	
History		6	
Speech		3	
Philosophy		3	
Psychology (GPS 111)		6	
General Electives		20	
Total hours of General Studies			50
Biblical Studies			
Hermeneutics		2	
Theology (BTH 221, 222, 331, 332)		8	
Theology Electives		8 2 4	
Apologetics		4	
Bible Survey (BOT 110, BNT 110)		4	
Old Testament		16	
Pentateuch	2		
History	2 2 2 2		
Wisdom Literature	2		
Prophets	2		
O.T. Electives	8		
New Testament		20	
Gospels	4		
Acts	4		
Romans	2		
Pauline Epistles	2		
General Epistles/	_		
Revelation	2		
N.T. Electives	6		
Total hours of Biblical Studies	-		56
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Practical Studies

Orientation to Christian Service		1		
Practical Ministries		11		
Homiletics (Men)				
(PCM 221)	8			
Practical Studies (Women)	8			
Missions & Ministry Electives	3			
Christian Education		4		
Evangelism		4		
Internship/Field Education		2		
Total hours of Practical Studies			18	
Total hours for Bachelor Degree				<u>128</u>

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Bachelor of Sacred Literature

Major: Bible with a concentration on Preaching

This degree majors in Bible with a concentration in Preaching and is intended to provide students with a strong Biblical background and equip them for speaking in the pulpit. This degree is offered for men only.

B.S.L. Degree Requirements

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General Studies			
English		12	
History		6	
Speech		3	
Philosophy		3	
Psychology		6	
General Electives		7	
Total hours of General Studies			37
Biblical Studies			
Hermeneutics		2	
Theology (BTH 221, 222, 331,	, 332)	8	
Theology Electives		2	
Apologetics		4	
Bible Survey		4	
Old Testament		16	
Pentateuch	2		
History	2		
Wisdom Literature	2		
Prophets	2		
OT. Electives	8		
New Testament		20	
Gospels	4		
Acts	4		
Romans	2		
Pauline Epistles	2		
General Epistles/			
Revelation	2		
N.T. Electives	6		
Total Hours of Biblical Studies	S		56
Practical Studies			
Orientation to Christian Service		1	
Christian Education		4	
Homiletics		18	
Homiletics (PCM 223 & 224)	8		

Old Testament Preaching	2			
New Testament Preaching	2			
Preaching Electives	4			
Preaching Practicum	2			
Practical Ministry		6		
Evangelism		4		
Internship/Field Education		2		
Total hours of Practical Ministry			35	
Total hours for Bachelor Degree				128

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Bachelor of Sacred Literature

Major: Bible with a concentration in Family Ministry

This degree majors in Bible with a concentration in Family Ministry and is intended to provide students with a strong Biblical background and equip them for ministry of the complete family in the congregation.

Requirements

General Studies		
English	12	
History	6	
Speech	3	
Philosophy	3 3 3	
Psychology	3	
General Electives	6	
Total hours of General Studies		33
Biblical Studies		
Theology (BTH 221, 222, 331, 3	332) 10	
Doctrine of Man	2	
Apologetics	4	
Why Youth leave the faith 2	2	
Elective	2	
Bible Survey	4	
General Bible	6	
Hermeneutics	2	
Historical Overview of the Bible	2	
Family Systems From a Biblical Perspect	tive 2	
Old Testament	16	
Pentateuch	2	
History	2	
Wisdom Literature	2 2 2 2	
Prophets	2	
OT. Electives	8	
New Testament	18	
Gospels	4	
Acts	4	
Romans	2	
Pauline Epistles	2	
General Epistles/		
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Revelation	2			
N.T. Electives	4			
Total Hours of Biblical Studies			58	
Practical Studies				
Orientation to Christian Service		1		
Christian Education		8		
Introduction to Christian Ed	2			
Principles of Teaching	2			
Christian Education of Children	12			
Adolescent Education	2			
Counseling		12		
Principles of Counseling	2			
Ministerial Counseling	2			
Basic Counseling Skills	2			
Marriage and Family Counselin	_			
Pre-Marital Counseling	2			
Counseling Issues for Senior Adults 2	_			
Practical Ministry		8		
Ministry with Youth		2		
Contemporary Issues in t	he Fan	_		
Family Ministry in the ch		-		
Family and Home Manag				
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Homiletics (men)			4	
Practical Ministry Electives (we	omen)		(4)	
Evangelism		2		
Internship/Field Education		2		
Total hours of Practical Ministry			37	
Total hours for Bachelor Degree				128

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Bachelor of Arts (Ministerial)

Majors: Bible and Christian Ministries

This degree majors in Bible and Christian Ministries and is intended to provide students with a strong Biblical background along with a concentration of courses in the area of practical studies which will effectively equip them to serve in their chosen areas of ministry.

B.A. (Min.) Degree Requirements

General Studies			
English		12	
History		6	
Speech		3	
Philosophy		3	
Psychology		6	
Biblical Language		12	
General Electives		8	
Total hours of General Studies			50
Biblical Studies			
Hermeneutics		2	
Theology (BTH 221, 222, 331, 332)		8	
Apologetics		4	
Bible Survey (BOT 110, BNT 110)		4	
Old Testament		12	
Pentateuch	2		
History	2 2 2 2		
Wisdom Literature	2		
Prophets	2		
O.T. Electives	4		
New Testament		17	
Gospels	4		
Acts	4		
Romans	2		
Pauline Epistles	2		
Gen. Epistles/Revelation	2		
N.T. Electives	3		
Total hours of Biblical Studies			47
Practical Studies			
Christian Education		4	

Missions		2		
Practical Ministries		25		
Orientation to Christian Svc.	1			
Homiletics (Men:PCM 221, 222)	8			
Practical Studies (Women)	(8)			
Administration	2			
Practical Theology (PCM 240)	4			
Evangelism	4			
Internship/Field Education	2			
Practical Studies Electives	4			
Total hours of Practical Studies			31	
Total hours for Bachelor Degree				<u>128</u>

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MASTER DEGREE

Master of Sacred Literature

The purpose of this degree is to provide a broadening and deepening post-baccalaureate education to equip Christian leaders for greater effectiveness in their chosen areas of ministry.

M.S.L. Degree Requirements

Concentration Area: Bible & Theology

This concentration area is designed to better equip Christian leaders by developing greater depth in the handling of the Word.

Bible/Theology/Apologetics**	19
Church History	2
Practical Studies	2
Electives	7
Thesis (or Bible electives)	6
Total hours for Master Degree	

** Biblical Division courses must have prior approval of the Academic Office. Students will not be permitted to repeat Bible courses taken for undergraduate credit. Two hours of Biblical language or hermeneutics are a prerequisite for this concentration area as the basic introductory course.

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Concentration Area: Practical Ministries

This concentration area is designed to better equip Christian leaders to witness with more conviction, preach or teach with greater depth, and/or lead the local congregation with a deeper understanding of their needs.

Christian Ministries/Missions**	15
Old Testament	4

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Practical Studies	2
Electives	7
Thesis (or Bible electives)	6
Total hours for Master Degree	

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Christian Ministries/Missions**	15
Old Testament	4

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New Testament	4
Theology/Apologetics	2
Church History	2
Electives	3
Thesis (or Field Practicum & Practical Studies electives)	6
Total hours for Master Degree	

** The classes that apply toward the M.S.L. – Practical Ministries concentration are those listed in the catalog under Christian Ministries, Missions, Christian Education (excluding 100 level classes), and counseling classes (excluding 100 level classes).

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Concentration Area: Family Ministry Masters

This concentration area is designed to better equip to Christian leaders to be shepherd the modern family in the church.

Total hours for Masters Degree		<u> 36</u>
Thesis (or Counseling/Practical Ministries Electives)	6	
Christian Education	4	
Bible	6	
Practical Ministries	8	
Counseling/Psychology/Family Systems	12	

Concentration: Preaching

This concentration area is designed to better equip Christian ministers to effectively present the Word of God in the local congregation.

Ministry Studies		20
Preaching	10	
Sermon Preaching Practicum	4	
Thesis (Ministry electives)	6	
Bible Studies		10
General Studies		2

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Electives 4 Total Hours for Masters Degree 36

- *Prerequisites for all Master Degree
 - 1. Bible Survey course for all areas of concentration.
 - 2. A basic introductory course in the area of concentration.

Financial Policy

In order to be good stewards in God's service, James Bradley University has adopted a financial policy, which will keep us financially solvent while providing a quality education at an affordable price. Upon registration for class(es), a student may pay all or part of the total cost of taking classes. This includes registration fees, technology fees, tuition, and any other fees, that pertain to the student's matriculation and graduation. Students who only partially pay will be billed monthly for the remaining amount due. A student may register for one (1) additional semester of classes with an outstanding balance from the previous semester. All outstanding student debts are to be paid in full within one (1) school year of the time the debt was assumed (i.e. a fall semester debt must be paid before registering for the next fall semester; a spring semester debt must be paid before registering for the next spring semester). Students may apply for scholarships to help pay their student accounts. Students who indicate a church is paying for the student account must provide JBU with a verifiable contact person through whom JBU may work regarding the student account. Until such contact is provided by the student and confirmed by JBU, JBU will bill the student directly, and the debt remains upon the student. All student debts must be paid before graduation.

Tuition and Expenses

A one-time application for an admission fee of \$35.00 is required and is nonrefundable. A semester registration fee is required of all students, both for credit and audit students, who are taking classes on campus or online at the time that they register for classes. This fee is a one-time per semester charge regardless of the amount of classes that are taken. Outreach students are not required to pay this fee. This registration fee is non-refundable and is payable as follows:

COST	CERTIFICATE 9-12 mo	ASSOCIATES 24mo	BACHELOR 36-48 mo	MASTER 36mo	DOCTORATE 24-36mo
MONTHLY	\$50.00	\$85.00	\$185.00	\$245.00	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$600.00	\$2,040.00	\$8,880.00	\$8,820.00	\$10,800.00

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The registration period is normally the business week before the semester begins. Late registration begins on the first day of the semester. The audit fee is \$25.00 per semester credit hour. Students taking courses on campus, online, or for credit will be charged a \$75 technology per semester. The technology fee does not apply to outreach courses. Students receiving degrees upon completion of their courses of study and compliance with all other graduation requirements will be required to pay a non-refundable fee.

In the event a student officially withdraws from a course, refunds will be made as follows:

During the first week of the term	100%
During the second and third weeks of the term	75%
During the fourth and fifth weeks of the term	50%
After the fifth week of the term	No Refund

All financial and other obligations to the school must be met before the student is eligible for graduation, receipt of any certificates, or the issuing of transcripts.

Transcripts

Official transcripts are only issued to other institutions. Unofficial transcripts will be issued to individuals. All transcripts have a fee of \$10.00 each. All requests for transcripts must be in writing and payment must accompany the request. Old student accounts must be paid in full before a transcript will be released.