

GENERAL EDUCATION ENTRY STANDING

Entry Standing Level

The Entry Standing:

- Determines which General Education requirements a student must fulfill and the number of interims that must be completed.
- Is assigned when students take their first Bethel class after their date of high school graduation.
- Is based on semester credit hours from another institution that have been completed prior to enrolling at Bethel and accepted for transfer, as well as any coursework taken for credit through a Bethel-sponsored high school and/or early college program.
- Will not be changed from the original level assigned unless a student leaves Bethel and returns after a period of two or more years, during which time they earned credits at another college or university and did not complete any courses at Bethel.

In 2017, Bethel updated the General Education program to require all students take GES 140 Introduction to Wellbeing and GES 160 Inquiry Seminar. As such all incoming Freshmen and transfer students are required, based on their Entry Standing Level, to successfully complete these two courses to earn their degree.

Access Bethel's General Education Curriculum Policies webpage (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academic-affairs/curriculum/general-education/>) for further listings of General Education Policies and Transfer Entry Standing Charts.

Students who already have a Bethel Bachelor's degree and who are completing a second degree or major are considered to have met all General Education requirements. They need only meet the requirements for the major, including the major residency requirement.

Helpful Notes:

- Entries of 'Yes' mean students must take the course to complete their chosen degree
- Entries of 'No' mean students are exempt from taking the course to complete their chosen degree
- Students can meet the GES 125, GES 130, GES 160, THE 201, and L course requirement through the Humanities program, (courses: GES 145, GES 147, GES 244, and GES 246)

Entry Standing Charts for students who entered prior to Fall 2019 can be found on the General Education Curriculum Policies webpage (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academic-affairs/curriculum/general-education/>)

Print Version: Entry Standing Level Chart for students entering Fall 2019 and beyond (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academic-affairs/files/general-education-transfer-chart-students-entering-2019-forward.pdf>)

General Education Requirement by Entry Standing 2019-2020	Freshman	Sophomore 1	Sophomore 2	Junior	Senior	Completed MNTC	Completed A.A. B.A. or B.S.
Credits	0-29	30-44	45-59	60-89	90 +		
PERSONAL DEVELOPME							

Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L)	Yes	Yes	Choose L or G	No	No	No	No
Comparative Systems (G)	Yes	Yes	Choose L or G	No	Choose 1: G, S, U or Z	No	No
Second Language (S)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Choose 1: G, S, U, or Z	No	No
World Cultures (U)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Choose 1: G, S, U, or Z	No	No
Cross-cultural Experience (Z)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Choose 1: G, S, U, Z	Yes	Yes
SENIOR CAPSTONE							
Contemporary Christian Issues (P)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total Credits	49-50	46-47	40-41	28-29	25-29	19	10
OTHER REQUIREMENTS							
Interims that must be completed at Bethel	3	3	2	1	0	2	1

* Must be taken at Bethel

** GES 160 Inquiry Seminar includes both speaking and writing components. GES 160 can be fulfilled by transferring in courses that fulfill the writing component (GES161 Inquiry: Writing) and the speaking component (GES162 Inquiry: Speaking). Students may also transfer a course that meets the writing component (GES161 Inquiry: Writing) and take one of the following Speaking courses: COM 110 Basic Communication, COM 318 Argumentation and Debate, COM 324 Professional and Technical Communication, COM 386 Advanced Public Speaking, or COM 387 Speaking in Ministry Contexts at Bethel.

Bachelor's Degree (Ministry Scholars)

Overview of program:

Ministry Scholars take up to five pre-seminary courses (totaling 15 credits) as part of their baccalaureate program (totaling a minimum of 122 credits). The requirements of the student's major will affect whether certain pre-seminary courses count toward Electives, General Education, or their Major.

While the program is meant for those interested in ministry, any bachelor's degree can complete the program. If students have other majors, these courses can be taken with elective credit and several for certain letter tags.

2021-2022 Degree Requirements:

Pre-Seminary Courses*

Course	Title	Credits
MIN 200	Foundations of Ministry	3
Choose up to 15 credits from the following courses or course pairs:		
BIB 260 & BIB 265	The Life and Teachings of Jesus and The Life and Teachings of Paul	6
MIN 310Z & THE 326G	Conflict, Reconciliation, and the Church and Christian Theology in Africa, Asia, and Latin America	6
MIN 320	Spiritual and Faith Formation	3
THE 263	Christian Social Ethics	3
THE 311	Early Church to Reformation Theology in Global Perspective	3
One Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course		3
Total Credits		27

* CAS courses BIB 321, BIB 326, BIB 336, BIB 370, BIB 375, BIB 440, COM 387, GES 413P, GES 433P, MIN 330, PSY 325G, RES 305, and THE 315, if taken as part of the student's undergraduate degree, can waive up to 12 Seminary elective credits.

The program also includes two 0-credit courses: Formation Assessments and Vocational Assessments, both of which are typically completed by spring semester of year four, or CAS senior equivalent.

Advanced Standing with Credit Waiver

The possible 5 pre-seminary courses (totaling 15 credits) that Ministry Scholars can complete are eligible for advanced standing with credit waiver for 4 MA Min courses (totaling up to 12 credits) at the Seminary. Seminary faculty have reviewed the CAS courses to ensure that successful completion of each eligible CAS course indicates that the student has achieved the

outcomes normally achieved in the respective Seminary course. In order to receive Advanced Standing with Credit Waiver for any of the Seminary courses under this program, students must earn a "C" or better in the respective CAS course. The courses for which CAS graduates are eligible to receive Advanced Standing with Credit Waiver are listed below.¹

- CAS course THE 311 Early Church to Reformation Theology in Global Perspective waives the requirement for Seminary course HS 510 Church History Survey.
- CAS course THE 263 Christian Social Ethics waives the requirement for Seminary course TS 516 Christian Social Ethics.
- CAS course MIN 320 Spiritual and Faith Formation waives the requirement for Seminary course SP 510 Introduction to Spiritual and Personal Formation
- CAS courses THE 326G Christian Theology in Africa, Asia, and Latin America & MIN 310Z Conflict, Reconciliation, and the Church waives the requirement for Seminary course GC 512 Global, Cultural and Contextual Ministry
- CAS courses BIB 265 The Life and Teachings of Paul & BIB 260 The Life and Teachings of Jesus waives the requirement for Seminary course NT 516 New Testament Survey: Narratives, Letters, and Revelation.