

Bethel Seminary Academic Catalog

2020-2021

Spring 2021 Addendum

This addendum accompanies the published pdf version of the 2020-2021 catalog for Bethel Seminary. Any content changes, updates, and corrections will take effect during the Spring term of the 2020-2021 academic year. The Bethel Seminary [online catalog](#) is consistent with this addendum.

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Academic Policies

Auditing Courses

Auditing a course allows degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking students to benefit from the content of a course that is not graded or taken for credit. For an audit to be recorded on the transcript, regular attendance at the class sessions and participation in the class, when feasible, are required. Individual instructors may also require some portion of class assignments from auditors. Unless noted below a per credit audit fee applies to all auditors.

Students who audit a course and then wish to receive credit at a later date must register again for the course and pay tuition. Students are not permitted to change an audited course to a course taken for credit after the first 7 days of the course.

It should be noted that students seeking to enroll in a course for credit will be given priority over auditors when a class has reached its maximum enrollment.

Spouses of master's level seminary students are eligible to audit courses at Bethel Seminary at no charge, under the conditions stated:

- The seminary student must be enrolled for credit in the same term as their spouse.
- The number of audited courses taken during a semester may not exceed the number of courses the student takes for credit in that semester.
- The spouse must seek approval from the course instructor for audit.
- In order for audit charges to be waived, spouses must submit an "Application to Audit" form prior to registering for the course.

Others wishing to audit courses must meet the following requirements:

- Must have earned a four-year degree or its equivalent. If the applicant is not a college graduate he or she may submit a petition indicating the reason for taking the class and college work completed.
- Must submit an "Application to Audit" form.
- Students who have taken Elementary Greek at the undergraduate level may audit NT 541-NT 542 as a review before entering NT 652.

Graduation Requirements

Students are responsible for meeting the graduation requirements set forth in the catalog at the time of their matriculation. Students who have re-enrolled are subject to the graduation requirements set forth in the catalog at the time of their re-enrollment.

Students must complete all degree requirements in the academic year in which they plan to graduate. Candidates for a degree of Master of Arts, Master of Divinity, or Doctor of Ministry must meet residency requirements for their degree, if applicable.

In addition to fulfilling all academic requirements, all Seminary students must fulfill the following graduation requirements:

- Participate in the required assessment and evaluation program;
- Participate in formation experiences and assessments as indicated in the degree requirements;
- Complete Supervised Ministry requirements, if so indicated in the degree program requirements;
- Achieve a GPA of 2.0 or above. (Students in the M.A.M.F.T. and M.A.M.H.C. programs must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in their M.F.T./M.H.C. program courses).

Commencement

Commencement is held in the spring of each year. All degrees are voted on by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the faculty. Students shall complete the online commencement application and indicate at that time whether they will participate in person or in absentia. Participation in graduation ceremonies is strongly encouraged.

All seminary students must apply for graduation by February 1 of the academic year in which they intend to graduate. Students must also meet internal deadlines set by their program of study in order for their application to be approved. Any student who fails to complete the application by the deadline for their degree will not be listed for graduation that academic year. Any questions concerning eligibility to commence should be directed to the Student Success Advisor.

Commencement Application and Information can be found at bethel.edu/events/commencement.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Departmental Scholarships

Scholarship funds are available to students who maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Students must be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credits per semester to receive a full scholarship. Scholarships may be prorated for less than full time attendance. Scholarships are disbursed evenly between fall, spring and summer semesters. Most scholarships are offered only to current students in a master's program who already have established a GPA at Bethel Seminary, unless otherwise noted.

To be considered for scholarship funds, returning students must complete an online application made available during the spring semester. New students just beginning Seminary are not eligible for returning student scholarships. Instead, new students may be considered for a renewable incoming student scholarship by completing the Seminary Merit Scholarship Application.

The deadline for returning students to apply is April 15th each year. The deadline for incoming students varies depending on start date.

Scholarship details and application links can be found: <https://www.bethel.edu/seminary/financial-aid/types/scholarships/>