

BETHEL COLLEGE

Mission Statement

Bethel College, affiliated with the Missionary Church, is a Christian community of scholars and learners dedicated to building lives of commitment for leadership in the church, the nation and the world. Bethel provides liberating academic programs to challenge the mind, to enlarge the vision and to equip the whole person for lifelong service.

It Is a Place

where you may find your way into a satisfying life of service. A world suddenly changed by the explosion and instantaneous communication of knowledge demands more than skills from its inhabitants. Technology enables us to contact more lives directly than ever before, but to touch those lives requires men and women of integrity and spiritual vision.

Bethel Believes

- God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and the Author of salvation.
- The Bible is the divinely inspired, only infallible, authoritative Word of God, and the unchanging rule of faith and practice.
- Man's relationship to God, which was lost through sin, is restored through faith in the redeeming work of Christ, God's divine Son.
- The Church is composed of persons who are born of the Spirit and empowered by Him to live a holy life devoted to the fulfillment of the Church's Great Commission.
- The personal return of Christ will bring about the end of the present age, the Judgment and the beginning of the glorious age to come.

Within this Christian perspective, Bethel College offers educational opportunities for all students, traditional and adult, who are interested in a liberal arts program of studies with career and personal growth orientations. A coeducational college, it offers programs including master's, baccalaureate and associate level degrees for the broad spectrum of students and in a variety of settings.

Furthermore, the college is located in an urban community with rich educational and cultural resources, and it participates in a consortium of colleges and universities where educational opportunity is enhanced through the sharing of these resources.

Recognizing that the future offers opportunities and challenges which must be met by a responsive academic community, the college affirms its commitment to provide liberating and relevant academic programs, while holding to its Christian responsibility to be a witness and participant in the contemporary world. As a Christian college, we accept the person of Jesus Christ and His gospel as normative for the values we seek to understand, live and communicate.

We propose to accomplish this mission by

- Creating quality teaching-learning experiences which consist of studies in common areas of learning, together with studies which develop knowledge and skill in a particular curriculum;
- Encouraging all members within the college community to develop personal relationships that foster and sustain growth in spiritual,

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intellectual, physical and social dimensions, as well as in professional competence;

- Offering experiences beyond the classroom which contribute to the development of the broadly educated individual and the competent professional;
- Fostering a spirit of scholarship, inquiry and independent study which provides stimulus and background for a life of learning;
- Striving to prepare students to serve the Church, the community and the society at large; and,
- Challenging total Christian commitment within the college environment.

To These Ends

We've set, as our objectives, the goals that each Bethel graduate should possess:

- An awareness of the accumulating body of knowledge as an incentive for study and research;
- The ability to think analytically and critically, to appreciate the thinking and culture of others, and to communicate effectively and creatively;
- An understanding of the factors in the physical, mental and spiritual development of one's own personal growth;
- Social and civic attitudes leading to responsible participation in human relationships ranging from individual contacts to world citizenship and including people from differing religious, racial, ethnic and economic contexts;
- An appreciation of God's creation and of humanity's cultural achievements in the arts and sciences as an outgrowth of increased understanding; and,
- Competence through acquired understandings and skills considered fundamental to certain professions or areas of specialization.

Bethel Foundations

Bethel College was founded in 1947 by the Missionary Church, a denomination with roots in both the Mennonite and Methodist traditions. The college has maintained a close relationship with the denomination throughout its history and considers itself to be a part of the evangelical movement in the United States. Today, over 20 different church denominations are represented within our student body.

Values-Based Education

Bethel is a college of deep Christian commitment, a place where an open and joyful emphasis is placed on Christian values and principles in everyday life. At Bethel, every administrator, staff and faculty member associated with our institution believes in preserving the values and principles associated with an independent, private Christian college. We believe that Christian education is more than teaching a theology based on biblical truth. It is teaching students how to apply those truths and values in their day-to-day lives.

Bethel College is committed to assisting students with the pursuit of academic achievement, social development and personal relationships. Our commitment is to

strengthen the hearts, as well as the minds of our students.

Bethel College is building men and women of integrity and spiritual vision. This is what sets Bethel apart. We believe building strong leadership in government, the business community and the home will give Bethel students the foundation on which they can build their futures.

Bethel Is Accredited By

- The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, (800) 621-7440
- Indiana Professional Standards Board, 251 East Ohio Street, Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2133
- The International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), P.O. Box 25217, Overland Park, KS 66225
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), 2010 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-1023
- National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, 33rd floor, New York, NY 10006, (212) 363-5555 Ext. 153
- Indiana State Board of Nursing, Health Professions Bureau, Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington Street, Room 041, Indianapolis, IN 46204
- Public Laws 16, 346, 550 and 894, for training veterans and their survivors

Bethel Is a Member Of

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- AuSable Institute of Environmental Studies
- Christian Center for Urban Studies (CCUS)
- Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
- Council of Independent Colleges (CIC)
- Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI/ICIF)
- Indiana Conference of Higher Education (ICHE)
- Jerusalem University College
- Midwest Nursing Alliance
- National League for Nursing
- Northern Indiana Consortium for Education (NICE)

Counseling Services

Counseling services are available to all full-time Bethel College students. It is the primary purpose of the center to assist the student to develop his/her fullest potential in personal, emotional and spiritual areas of life while here at Bethel College. The center is under the direction of the Student Development Office, with specialists available in personal counseling, therapeutic counseling, spiritual counseling and other specific areas of counseling needs.

Career Services

Programs are designed to assist students in developing understanding and awareness of their skills, interests, personalities and values as they relate to career development. Students can explore these areas through various assessment programs available in the Career Services Office. Related college majors and career directions are considered in individual counseling sessions.

Resources are made available which allow students to research specific career paths and make vocational decisions. When students are ready to begin a job search, information and job marketing skills are provided. Assistance is provided in many areas: developing cover letters and résumés, networking, interviewing and other areas important to finding employment.

Academic Facilities

The Bethel College campus has numerous buildings which house the various academic programs. In the heart of the campus is the Bowen Library. In addition to being home to all of the Bethel library resources, the Bowen building houses the Bowen Museum, conference rooms and classrooms. The Middleton Hall of Science houses a small theater/lecture hall; traditional classrooms; and chemistry, biology, physics, anatomy and physiology, and nursing laboratories. The Wiekamp Athletic Complex consists of the Goodman Gymnasium, the Gates Gymnasium, classrooms, locker rooms, a weight room and an exercise area. The campus auditorium is the focal point of the Everest-Rohrer Chapel/Fine Arts Center. It also houses the music and drama faculty and the Weaver Gallery, as well as provides space for music classes, areas for music group practice and rooms for private practice and lessons. The Art Center has classrooms and a studio, equipped for the various art classes. The Huffman Administration Building houses administrative offices and some faculty offices.

The Academic Center houses a majority of the academic classrooms, the main computer center for student use, the Educational Resource Center (ERC), the American Sign Language/Interpreting (ASL) program; the Adult and Graduate programs and many faculty offices.

Bethel Living

Our students share the experience of a college program aimed at development in the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social/psychological and professional competence areas. Whether it's sharpening up your professional skills in a club with like-minded students, participating in musical, dramatic or athletic activities, or simply enjoying the zest of being alive at a party, concert or outing, it's happening at Bethel. These activities are designed with you in mind so you may be assisted in developing a sense of purpose, a greater degree of autonomy and a satisfying network of relationships with other people.

A few of the groups that might appeal to your particular interests:

- **American Sign Language Club** is a unique organization for students studying to serve the d/Deaf and/or hard of hearing population by signing.
- **MU KAPPA International** (Greek letters for M & K) is a unique new ministry organized by missionary kids themselves specifically to address their own felt needs. "By MKs for MKs" aptly describes its overriding focus. The purpose of MU KAPPA International is to help MKs in their cultural transitions; to promote growth, unity and Christian fellowship among chapter members; and to help coordinate the efforts of missions and para-mission

organizations to maximize the potential of over 30,000 MKs.

- **The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)** has the purpose of confronting athletes and coaches with the challenge and adventure of following Christ and serving Him through the fellowship of the church and in their vocations. FCA activities include huddle meetings, social events and service projects.
- **The Christian Ministries Association** includes young men and women who intend to enter the Christian ministries. In addition to the annual ministerial conference, the association meets regularly to discuss issues related to Christian ministries.
- **The House of Higher Learning** is an organization committed to the biblical concept of ethnic diversity and unity within the community. Anyone interested in cross-cultural learning is invited to participate.
- **Kingdom Mobilizers** is an organization which promotes worldwide missions involvement. Anyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend weekly meetings.
- **The Right-To-Life Club** is a student chapter of the local, state and national organization. It exists to promote the right of the unborn and to educate the college community of the pro-life movement.
- **The Science Club** is organized to provide students interested in the natural sciences an informal exposure to interesting topics in the natural sciences, a closer look at career opportunities in the sciences and a support group for students studying the natural sciences. Membership is open to all who attend monthly meetings.
- **The Student Education Association for Childhood Education International** is a professional organization. During each meeting, pertinent issues and practices related to the teaching profession are discussed. All education students are urged to become members.
- **The Writer's Club** assists members in improving their freelance writing skills and in seeking publication of magazine and book manuscripts. The organization helps students by providing fellowship, tips, networking, and critiquing and editing of manuscripts.

Bowen Library

The Otis R. and Elizabeth Bowen Library supports the educational mission of Bethel College with a rapidly growing collection of resources and a variety of services.

Special collections may be found in the Bowen Museum and Archives, the Missionary Church Archives and Historical Collections, and the Bethel College Archives.

The Bowen Library provides access to its resources through the on-line public access catalog and circulation system, operated under the umbrella of the University of Notre Dame's automated on-line database system. Forty database systems are available. The library also has access to international bibliographic databases through OCLC, World CAT and the Internet.

Traditional inter-library loan service is offered by the Bowen Library. Additionally, borrowing privileges are available to students and faculty at the libraries of seven local institutions: the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College, Indiana University at South Bend, Goshen College, Associated Mennonite

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Biblical Seminary and Ivy Tech. The holdings of these libraries total well over three million volumes.

Education Resource Center

The Education Resource Center houses curriculum and juvenile books for grades K-12. The center also provides a laboratory for making projects and classroom games. Instructional aids and kits are available for field experiences. The center is intended for Education majors, but all Bethel students and staff are encouraged to make use of the equipment and supplies. It is housed in the Academic Center.

Academic Support Center

The Academic Support Center (ASC) seeks to service both students and faculty. It facilitates a tutoring program, monitors probationary students, sets up study sessions and provides special needs consultation and accommodation. It also provides a place for testing, administering make-up tests and tests for those with learning disabilities. In addition, help is available for all Bethel students who want to improve their study skills, time management, test taking or reading speed.

Bethel College 21st Century Scholars Support Services

Twenty-first Century Scholars are provided with a multifaceted support system while attending Bethel College. During the freshman year they participate in the Freshman Year Experience Program. Students are placed in a small group and assigned a professor and an upper-class student who serve as mentors. The group also remains together for a block of core coursework. This program is designed to assist students in making a smooth transition to college life.

Also available are the resources of the Academic Support Center (ASC). The ASC provides peer tutoring, individual help in writing essays and research papers, assistance in time management techniques and tips on study skills or test taking.

The ASC also helps students locate other needed services. Students who experience a high degree of test anxiety may be referred to the Bethel College Counseling Center for assistance with stress management. Students who exhibit signs of a learning disability may be referred to a local educational psychologist for testing or to another medical professional for vision or hearing testing. Those students with documented learning disabilities are provided with special assistance in taking exams (i.e., untimed tests, oral exams, computer assisted tests).

Students who are on academic probation arrange individual study plans with the ASC director.

Opportunities in Music

- **The Concert Choir** is a truly outstanding musical organization. Composed of 70 to 100 selected voices, the choir performs a broad spectrum of musical literature. The Concert Choir is in demand for performances in the local area and tours each year throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.
- **The Choral Society** is made up of the Concert Choir and singers from the community who join together to perform major choral works. The Choral Society has traditionally presented *Messiah* at Christmastime every other year.

- **Women's Chorale, Small Choral Ensembles, Gospel Teams and Opera Workshop** offer a wide variety of opportunities for participation in the music program. These groups provide music for churches, youth groups and service organizations.
- The **Brass Ensemble** is a specialized student ensemble made up of selected instrumentalists. This group performs throughout the year, both in individual concerts and with the Concert Choir.
- **The Concert Band** performs quality music from the band repertoire. The ensemble provides the opportunity to students for continued instrumental growth and development. The concert band performs two concerts each year on campus and is open to all interested students. **The Pep Band** performs for home basketball games.
- **The Jazz Ensemble** performs on and off campus each semester. It draws on the broad spectrum of jazz styles including: Swing, Bebop, Latin, Rock and Fusion styles. **The Jazz Combo**, comprised of musicians selected from the Jazz Ensemble, focuses on the development and refinement of improvisational skills.
- Other instrumental performance opportunities at Bethel College include: **Percussion Ensemble, String Chamber Orchestra, Flute Ensemble** and mixed ensembles.

Dramatic Productions

- Each year the Theatre Arts Department produces three major dramatic offerings. The fall play is usually a comedy like *A Midsummer Night's Dream* or *Arsenic and Old Lace* and the winter performance a more serious drama such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* or *The Crucible*.
- In the spring a major musical such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *West Side Story* or the *Scarlet Pimpernel* is performed. On occasion a major musical and dramatic revue may be presented. *One Enchanted Evening* has featured the works of Rodgers and Hammerstein one year and Irving Berlin in another, with over 100 people involved in each production.
- **The Genesians**, a religious drama troupe, also provides opportunities for participation in drama. This troupe travels extensively throughout the Midwest giving performances that emphasize the message of Christ. Churches, civic groups and young people at camps and youth conventions have been very responsive to such presentations. The Genesians' repertoire has included such works as *The Light is Too Dark*, *Ten Miles to Jericho*, *The Uncondemned*, *The Long Road Home* and *Cell 66*.
- **Studio Classic Theatre** is the newest addition to the Theatre Arts Department program. Plays such as Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* and Samuel Beckett's *Endgame* will be presented in the Octorium.
- **Studio 200**. Each year there are usually several student one-act productions directed by theatre arts majors. Often 50 people are involved as actors and production staff.

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- **Summer Dessert Theatre.** During two weekends in July the Theatre Arts Department presents a dessert theatre production that includes exotic desserts, music and original comedy such as *The Saga of Gold Hill Gulch*, *She Was Only a Garbage Man's Daughter* and *Uncle Harry...Is That You?*

Athletics

Varsity Athletics at Bethel College include competition in baseball and wrestling for men; softball and volleyball for women; and basketball, cross-country, soccer, golf, track and tennis for both. Bethel College is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and adheres to the academic and social standing prescribed by the association. The college also holds membership in the Mid-Central College Conference and the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA).

The Intramural Program provides opportunities for both men and women to participate in organized competitive and recreational activities. Various methods are used to organize students and faculty members into teams for such activities as floor hockey, flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis, dodgeball and weight lifting. Exercise and weight rooms are available in Goodman Gymnasium for student and faculty members to use, with the proper identification.

Publications

The Bethel Beacon, the award-winning student newspaper, is published by the Bethel College Student Association. It provides a student view of activities at the college and is in general circulation on the campus.

Crossings is Bethel's literary magazine, produced by students and issued by the Language & Literature Division. *Crossings* not only publishes the winners of the annual Bethel Writing Contest but also highlights poetry, short fiction and nonfiction prose of other Bethel students, faculty and staff.

The Helm is Bethel's award-winning yearbook produced by the Division of Language and Literature and is a pictorial record of the year's activities. *The Helm* has received numerous awards for excellence in competition with other college yearbooks for the past several years.

Student Government

All full-time students (12 hours or more) of Bethel College are voting members of the Bethel College Student Association. The governing body of the association is the Student Council.

The Student Council promotes student and college-community interests through self-government and student organizations. Membership in the council includes its officers—president, vice president, treasurer, speaker of the Senate and recording secretary—as well as two elected representatives from each class and chairpersons of the major Student Association committees. Through its standing committees, the Student Council organizes much of the regular student activities, as well as plans for various conferences and musical concerts. The Student Council also joins the faculty in selecting students to serve on permanent faculty committees.

Just for Fun

The Student Council's **Social Life Committee**, in conjunction with the activities director, plans various all-school activities, adding a light touch to the school year. These include Christmas and Valentine's Day banquets, the "Battle of the Bands," Mid-

night Breakfasts and Film Festival. Of course, spontaneous day-to-day fun is available in the Acorn recreation area where students gather for snacks, games or TV viewing, as well as in the Nameless Café, a student-run coffee house.

Spiritual Life

Bethel desires to foster Christian insight, growth and commitment. Some of the regularly featured events are chapel services, vespers and Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Chapel Services are held three times a week, uniting the faculty, staff and students in a common experience of worship. These 50-minute services are chiefly religious in emphasis, although occasionally the chapel period is devoted to academic or social events.

Vespers are conducted each Wednesday evening on the campus under the direction of the Spiritual Life Committee of the Student Council. Both students and faculty share in the fellowship of the Vespers services.

Sunday Worship is conducted both morning and evening in numerous churches in the South Bend/Mishawaka area. Students are expected to attend and participate in the services and activities of a local church on a regular basis.

Spiritual Emphasis Services are held during each semester. During this period a guest speaker ministers at the chapel hour and in specially scheduled evening services.

World Christian Action Conference is held each January for three days during which class schedules are rearranged. The primary emphasis of this conference is missions, both international and domestic.

Deeper Life Conference is a three-day event scheduled in April, during which a guest speaker addresses three chapels and two evening services for the purpose of challenging believers to a deeper commitment of faith.

On Standards

As a Christian institution, Bethel College has as its purpose the education of the whole person. We recognize that our students represent a wide range of backgrounds, aptitudes, needs and goals. Each person is viewed as an individual with certain responsibilities to the college community.

Bethel is committed to the integration of faith, learning and living in an ongoing process. Bethel strives to assist students in developing into mature Christian men and women who are equipped to meet all of life head-on. While we seek to strengthen each member of the community, we realize that not all students may fit into the Bethel College community. If the conduct of any member of the college community is found to be detrimental, either to one's own personal development or to that of other members of the community, we seek to aid that member. However, if that member shows serious or continued violation of responsibility, the college will dismiss that member from the community.

All students should have a working knowledge of the college Lifestyle Covenant and expectations as outlined in the Student Handbook. Admission to Bethel College signifies an agreement with the institution to comply with its policies and regulations. As members of the college community, all students agree to uphold these policies and standards both on and off campus. The Student Handbook also describes the policy for appeals of disciplinary decisions.

The compelling motive for good order and discipline at Bethel College flows from Christian convictions held by faculty, staff and students. As a community, we recognize both the power and potential of life lived under the grace of Jesus Christ. Recognition of this fact is a challenge to students to be responsible and to strive for the highest standards of Christian conduct.

All members of the Bethel College community are expected to honestly conduct

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their own lives in terms of the following:

1. Scripture commends certain qualities of right; and these, therefore, are to be encouraged. They include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, honesty, forgiveness, humility, service to others, non-discrimination and fairness.

Scripture condemns such sins of attitude as greed, jealousy, pride, lust and hatred. Although these are more difficult to discern, they lie at the heart of the relationship between God and humankind and can lead to unacceptable behavior.

Similarly, there are certain actions that are expressly prohibited in Scripture and that cannot be tolerated for members of the Bethel College community. These include theft, dishonesty, gossip, profanity, vulgarity (including crude language), sexual promiscuity (including adultery, homosexuality, premarital sex), drunkenness, immodesty of dress and occult practices.

2. The Bethel College community recognizes the danger to one's physical and/or psychological well-being in the use of certain products. Therefore, members of the Bethel College community are to refrain from the use of pornography, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, hallucinogenic drugs (including marijuana) or narcotics not authorized by a physician. Under no circumstances are the above to be used on or off campus, or in transit to or from any college-related activity.
3. Because of the traditional evangelical Christian view that social dancing is not considered an acceptable activity, social dancing is not permitted on campus, nor will the college or affiliated organizations sponsor social dances. However, acceptable forms of experience and/or expression include ethnic games and the use of choreography in drama, musical productions, athletic events and other formal academics.
4. Consideration for others and standards of good taste are a prime concern within the Bethel College community; therefore, the display of affection in public and/or in lounges must be within these limits. Likewise, one's dress should reflect modesty, cleanliness and simplicity.
5. As part of the Bethel College community and its purpose to educate the whole person, attendance at chapel is required and recorded. Adjustments in attendance requirements must be approved through the Student Development Office. Attendance at Sunday services is expected for each individual at the church of his/her choice.
6. All activities and campus public programs sponsored by individuals or student groups must be approved in advance by the Student Development Office. Advisors are to be present for all club and organization activities.
7. Automobiles must be registered with the Student Development Office and must be insured. Freshmen living on campus are not allowed to have cars on campus. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances are only granted through an appeal process.

Residence Life

All students under 21, except those who live in their own homes, are expected to live in the college residence halls and to board at the dining hall during their first four semesters at Bethel. Policies concerning campus life follow the standards stated above and are embodied in the Student Handbook, which is given to every student during the orientation program.

Life in each residence hall is overseen by the resident director and a staff of student resident assistants. This residence hall staff provides immediate counseling and leadership in the activities of the residence hall.

Programs of Study

Bethel College offers programs of study leading to the Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Ministries (M.Min.), Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate Degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) degrees. Minors are optional unless specifically required to support a given major. In such cases the description of the major includes this requirement.