



# UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS

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## School of Ministry

### CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

#### OVERVIEW

The Catholic Biblical School is a four-year program of concentrated study that covers every book of the Bible from a Catholic perspective. The program is recommended for those wishing to meet the Lord in a deeper way through scripture. It is especially beneficial for religious education teachers, lectors, and leaders of Bible study groups. However, no particular academic background is required and the program is designed to educate students at all levels. Each module consists of 10 classes, which are offered at a variety of locations in the Dallas – Fort Worth area and online.

#### PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR 2015-2016

Students can register for the entire year (fall, winter, & spring) or by individual modules online at the following website: [continuinged.udallas.edu](http://continuinged.udallas.edu)

#### MODULES 1-3: Old Testament Foundations - Genesis through Kings (ONLINE ONLY)

| Module  | Dates              | Topics                                |
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| <i>Module 1: The Exodus Experience</i>              | 9/6/15– 11/13/15   | Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers        |
| <i>Module 2: Reflections on the Origins</i>         | 11/15/15 – 2/19/16 | Deuteronomy and Genesis               |
| <i>Module 3: Taking, Governing, Losing the Land</i> | 2/21/16 – 5/14/16  | Joshua, Judges, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings |

#### MODULES 4-6: New Testament and Foundations - Jesus and Discipleship (PRINCE OF PEACE, PLANO ONLY)

| Module                                     | Dates              | Topics                                    |
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| <i>Module 4: Jesus: Two Synoptic Views</i> | 9/6/15– 11/13/15   | Mark and Luke                             |
| <i>Module 5: Jesus: A Pauline View</i>     | 11/15/15 – 2/19/16 | Acts and the Letters of Paul              |
| <i>Module 6: Jesus: Johannine Views</i>    | 2/21/16 – 5/14/16  | John, the Letters of John, and Revelation |

#### MODULES 7-9: Old Testament Continued - Exile and Restoration (SEVERAL LOCATIONS)

| Module                                     | Dates              | Topics  |
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| <i>Module 7: Prophecy Before the Exile</i> | 9/6/15– 11/13/15   | Amos, Hosea, I Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Nahum and Jeremiah                                     |
| <i>Module 8: Exile and Restoration</i>     | 11/15/15 – 2/19/16 | Lamentations, Obadiah, Ezekiel, II Isaiah, Haggai, Zechariah 1-8, III Isaiah, Ezra and Nehemiah |
| <i>Module 9: After the Exile</i>           | 2/21/16 – 5/14/16  | 1 & 2 Chronicles, Joel, Malachi, Zechariah 9-14, Ruth, Song of Songs and Psalms                 |



## CLASSES

For those who wish to get a **Certificate in Biblical Studies**:

- Each class is two hours in length and includes: First hour- an opening prayer time, small group discussion on the written homework. Second hour- a presentation by the instructor that prepares students for the next assignment.
- Students typically spend 4–5 hours per week on the homework assignment that includes: readings from the biblical book being studied and supplementary materials, a geography task, and writing the answers to 5–6 questions.
- During the last class of each module students take a short test.
- **SUMMER ASSIGNMENT**: In preparation for each year's biblical study, students read a summer book and complete a written assignment based on their reading. Students will submit the summer written assignment on the first day of class.

For those who elect to audit the course:

- Students may elect to audit the course in which case, the student can attend the lecture, but would not be required to complete any assignments/tests or to participate in the small group discussions.

## COURSE FEE

- The course fee is to be paid in full at the time of registration.
- For online students, an additional **Technology Fee (\$90.00/year)** is due at the time of registration. This fee covers the 24/7 technology service you receive when taking an online class.

| <b>Module Registration</b><br>(Available before each module) | <b>Early Registration</b><br>(Before 5/29/15) | <b>Regular Annual Registration</b><br>(6/1/15 – 9/4/15) | <b>Late Registration</b><br>(9/7/15 – 9/14/15) |
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| <b>\$255</b>   | <b>\$620</b>                                  | <b>\$655</b>  | <b>\$680</b>                                   |

## TEXTBOOKS USED IN THE PROGRAM

- **Bible**: Students may use any of these translations: New American (the Catholic Study Bible is recommended), New American Bible Revised, New Jerusalem, Revised Standard, or New Revised Standard with Apocrypha/Deuterocanonicals
- **Other Textbooks**:
  - Supplementary textbooks are required. However, many textbooks are used throughout the four-year program.
  - The total cost of these books is different for each year of the program. The average price is \$80.00 per year.
  - Textbooks are available through the University of Dallas Bookstore.

## CERTIFICATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS

The Catholic Biblical School is designed as a certificate program:

- After completing the four years of the program (12 modules), students earn a **Certificate of Advanced Biblical Studies**.
- To earn a certificate, the student must meet all attendance and coursework requirements.
- A student who is unable to fulfill these requirements may still be eligible to receive a participant certificate at the end of four years.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is available online at [continuinged.udallas.edu](http://continuinged.udallas.edu) for both new and continuing students.

**NO PART OF THE COURSE FEE IS REFUNDABLE.** The course fee does NOT include books.

New students are encouraged to attend one of the Catholic Biblical School information sessions held at different locations in the Dallas - Ft. Worth area. For dates, times, and locations of information sessions, please visit our website at [www.udallas.edu/cbs](http://www.udallas.edu/cbs) or contact the Continuing Education, School of Ministry at (972)-721-4118. If you are unable to attend an information session, you may schedule an individual meeting with one of the instructors if so desired.

For more information about the program, contact the Continuing Education, School of Ministry at **972-721-4118** or [mtamez@udallas.edu](mailto:mtamez@udallas.edu).