

# Highlands Bible Institute

## FAQ

### ***Why should I enroll in Highlands Bible Institute?***

Highlands Bible Institute equips those who are actively engaged within the local church to become more effective servant-leaders of Jesus Christ.

### ***What does HBI cost?***

Tuition is \$50 per unit. Ten-week classes are two units; five-week classes are one unit. Students who take classes solely for enrichment pay half the tuition cost.

### ***Who are the instructors?***

Classes are taught by experienced elders and pastors who have proven highly effective in church ministry. Many of our instructors hold graduate degrees, and all are called by God, highly trained, and are gifted teachers.

### ***Is Highlands Bible Institute accredited?***

HBI is not accredited and is not currently pursuing accreditation. We have chosen to remain unaccredited and seek to demonstrate the credibility of HBI through compliance with generally accepted accreditation standards and through the ministry effectiveness of our students. Additionally, we want to keep the cost of tuition affordable so that more students have the opportunity to take classes and remain free from school debt.

### ***What programs or certificates does HBI offer?***

We offer three program options for students who desire certificates:

- Certificate of Biblical Studies
- Certificate of Theological Studies
- Certificate of Pastoral Studies.

### ***What is the difference between taking a class for credit and taking a class for enrichment?***

Certificate students should expect to complete 3-5 outside written assignments, take 2-3 formal assessments, and meet attendance requirements. Enrichment students are not required to do assignments or assessments.

### ***Who may enroll at HBI?***

All prospective HBI students must actively serve in their local church. Additionally, students must:

- Be a committed follower of Jesus Christ.
- Agree with our Statement of Faith and Statement on Diversity.
- Complete and submit an online application.
- Be at least 18 years of age and completed high school. *(Note: Pastoral Studies certificate students must have or be pursuing a bachelor's degree and/or demonstrate through life experiences, character, and maturity their qualifications for future full-time*

*ministry that is consistent with 1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1.)*

### ***When are classes held?***

Sunday and Tuesday evenings from 6-9 pm.

### ***How do I sign up for classes?***

Applications are available online, and completing an application does not guarantee acceptance. Once students are admitted, they will receive a link with instructions to register for classes.

### ***What courses does HBI offer?***

The following classes are available to Biblical Studies, Theological Studies, Pastoral Studies, and Enrichment students:

- Old Testament Survey (2 units)
- New Testament Survey (2 units)
- Principles of Biblical Interpretation (2 units)
- Systematic Theology 1 (2 units)
- Systematic Theology 2 (2 units)
- Contemporary Issues (1 unit)
- World Religions and Cults (1 unit)
- Personal Spiritual Growth and Gifting (2 units)
- A Survey of Church History (2 units)

The following classes are only available to Pastoral Studies students.

- Growing Intimacy with God (1 unit)
- Financial Stewardship (1 unit)
- Principles for Effective Christ-centered Teaching (2 units)
- Care and Counseling (1 unit)
- Planning & Programming Ministry (1 unit)
- Building & Leading Ministry Teams (1 unit)

*(In addition, we host various "Leader Forums" where students hear from gifted ministry and community leaders on various leadership topics. These classes may meet on campus or in other locations specific to the topic and experience.)*

### ***Are scholarships available?***

For tuition assistance, prospective students must contact the office and request an HBI Tuition Assistance form. To make a donation simply visit our website.

### **For other questions, contact:**

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