



GENERAL INFORMATION

- All courses are online, accelerated, and must be completed within the designated weeks given for completion. Students may take all courses or choose to take just one course in the order listed below under Semesters.
- No more than three courses are taken at a time without special written consideration from the administration office.
- Due dates / Honor status: Following the weekly due dates will ensure you stay on track and don't fall behind in your studies. Only students who complete their assignments on or before the due dates will be eligible for Honor status, if grades qualify.
- Fees for each course is due 1 week prior to taking a particular course. Students may pay the entire semester fees in full at any time. A payment plan is also available if you take a full course load. A full course load constitutes the full semester's classes. If you are not taking a full course load you are required to pay the course fees as you take a specific course.
- Payments are made through the Ascent online learning management site.
- All course work is submitted through the Ascent online learning management site.
- Courses are taken according to the date under the title of the course. Consideration for taking courses out of the date order will be made on an individual basis.
- Associate level courses are to be completed before proceeding to Bachelor courses.
- Required books: purchase any required books before you begin a course. You will find these located under the course title. Most books are available at online stores for under \$20.
- Students have 7 days from the enrollment date or start date (if late enrollment) into a course to drop without penalty. After 7 days no refunds will be granted and the student will receive a 0 for the course.
- Transcripts from previous institutions may be considered for transfer of credits to Ascent.
- Please submit transcripts received from other institutions for consideration with your application. These may be emailed or mailed.
- If you require financial assistance please fill out the request for financial aid form.
- You must have a High School diploma, GED or show proof you are currently obtaining a GED to apply. GED must be taken and passed 30 days prior to the end of the first semester courses.
- Access to the learning management system will be given once a student is accepted into Ascent College.
- Student ID's will be issued after the student has enrolled in the first course.

APPLY

You will find an online application at ascenteducation.net. You may also print the application from the website and mail to the address below.

You will receive an email after your application is reviewed as to your acceptance status.

REQUIRED NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE - \$25

You may pay your \$25.00 application fee online

When you submit your application, you will be prompted to pay the \$25 application. Follow the directions given. You may also pay with cash or by check made payable to Ascent Education.

PAYMENT PLAN

A monthly payment plan can be established per semester over a 10 month payment span if you are taking a full course load. Payments are due by the 15th of each month. After the 15th a \$2.50 per day fee will be accessed to each day late.

Monthly payments are as follows:

Associate: \$78.00 (10 months)

Bachelors: \$114.00 (20 months)

Masters: \$167.00 (24 months)

Fees may be paid in full at any time. If a student drops a class the student can request a refund of tuition fees paid up to 7 days after the course start date. After 7 days fees paid will not be refunded.

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ACCREDITATION

ABLC is accredited through Transworld Accrediting Commission International. ABLC is an institution that offers only religious and theological degrees, we are exempt from oversight by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Due to this the accrediting body name is not recognized by the U. S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

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SEMESTERS

2019 Spring Semester: August 19, 2019 – December 9, 2019

Thanksgiving Break: Week of November 25

GRADUATION 2019/2020

Graduation Date: Friday, May 15, 2020

ASSOCIATE DEGREE in Christian Ministry and Theology

Associate courses: 12 courses

Cost: Semester 1 - \$360 / Semester 2 - \$420

Total Cost: \$780

BACHELOR DEGREE in Biblical Studies and Leadership

Bachelor courses: 20 courses

Cost: Semester 1 - \$495 / Semester 2 - \$585 / Semester 3 - \$570 / Semester 4 - \$630

Total: \$2280.00

MASTERS DEGREE

**All are advance research courses*

Total: \$4008.00

Requires, one academic reference, one professional reference, one character reference, and academic writing sample of at least three (3) pages indicative of writing and research ability to interact with scholarly sources in a critical manner.

Masters Degree plans available in:

Divinity (MDiv)

Family Ministry

Organizational Leadership

Theology



ASSOCIATE SEMESTER 1

APOLOGETICS 1

10 weeks: Aug. 19 – Oct. 28

Cost: \$100

Category: Apologetics (AP2111)

Professor: John Holland

Course description: Apologetics deals with answering critics who oppose or question the revelation of God in Christ and the Bible. The purpose of this class is helping the Christian to "always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks them to give an account for the hope they have."

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 101

11 weeks: Aug. 19 – Nov. 4

Cost: \$110

Category: Leadership Development (LD5111)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Required book: The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, Revised & Updated 10th Anniversary Edition, John C. Maxwell ISBN: 9780785289357

Course description: Using The 21 Laws of Leadership will is a powerful, definitive book describing timeless laws of leadership to help students be a great leader. In each chapter, John Maxwell goes straight to the heart of a profound leadership law, showing you the success and failure of others and how you can apply the law to your life. If you're a willing student, you can learn the 21 Laws and put them into practice. Once you apply these leadership laws, you will be encouraged, and your ability to lead will expand. You may not be able to perfect all 21 Laws, but by learning them you will be able to build a team to help support you in leading well.

INTRODUCTION TO HERMENEUTICS 1

3 weeks: Aug. 19 – Sept. 9

Cost: \$30

Category: Bible (BI1111)

Professor: Jerry Tucker

Course description: Evangelical Christians affirm the Scriptures as God's inerrant word, but we still disagree sometimes over the meaning of particular verses or passages. And these differences can influence our Christian doctrine and practice. One reason for these disagreements is that there are many different approaches to interpreting the Bible. In this course we will discover approaches to interpretation and which is the most responsible.

BIBLE SURVEY OLD TESTAMENT

4 weeks: Sept. 9 – Oct. 7

Cost: \$40

Category Bible: (BI1112)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: This course helps students to understand the basic understanding of the overarching message and content of Old Testament Scripture. Discover how topics relate to the fundamental worldview of the Bible, and to the big picture of the Scripture. Each part of Scripture contributes to this big picture and when students come to understand the main story of the Bible, many of the things previously known come into clearer focus. Confusing things will begin to make sense. Students will realize how each part of the Bible contributes to this meaning, and will be better prepared to use the whole Bible in their lives and ministries.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

4 weeks: Oct. 7 – Nov. 4

Cost: \$40

Category: Theology (TH3111)

Professor: Jerry Tucker

Course description: Modern evangelical theology is extremely diverse. Even those only somewhat familiar with Christian doctrines are aware that devout believers have different views on many topics. Others wonder if theological unity is even a worthy goal. How are followers of Jesus to determine what theological convictions to hold? And what is more, how do we decide what level of conviction to assign to any particular Christian belief? What role does interpreting Scripture play? What can we learn from the hundreds of years of church tradition? How about our present church community? And what part should individual Christian living and judgment play? This course will give you clear answers to all of these questions.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

4 weeks: Nov. 4 – Dec. 9

Cost: \$40

Category: Theology (TH3112)

Professor: Jerry Tucker

Course description: Faithful Christians have always recognized the importance of progress in biblical history, especially as it relates to humanity's fall into sin and to God's redemptive work. Biblical theology is a specialized discipline that studies this progress by tracing the development of theological ideas between historical epochs. Used rightly, this is a helpful tool for interpreting and applying the Bible.

ASSOCIATE SEMESTER 2

APOLOGETICS 2

10 weeks: Aug. 19 – Oct. 28

Cost: \$100

Category: Apologetics (AP2122)

Professor: Dr. Ann M. Black

Course description: Taking off where Apologetics 1 left off, students will study more controversial subject matters as they continue to advance in learning the purpose of this course in helping the Christian to "always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks them to give an account for the hope they have."

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 201

10 weeks: Aug. 19 – Oct. 28

Cost: \$100

Category: Leadership Development (LD5122)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Required book: Developing the Leader Within You, John C. Maxwell ISBN-13: 9780785281122

Course description: Leadership is not an exclusive club for those who were "born with it." The traits that are the raw materials of leadership can be acquired. Link them up with the desire and nothing can keep you from becoming a leader. This course will supply the leadership principles. You must supply the desire.

HERMENEUTICS 2

3 weeks: Aug. 19 – Sept. 9

Cost: \$30

Category: Bible (BI1123)

Professor: Jerry Tucker

Course description: Too often we read the Bible from the perspective of the modern world. We interpret its words based on our understanding of the native language, and from the perspective of their modern worldview. In this course you will discover the importance in learning the meanings of biblical interpretation.

BIBLE SURVEY NEW TESTAMENT

3 weeks: Sept. 9 – Sept. 30

Cost: \$30

Category: Bible (BI1124)

Professor: Dr. Ann M. Black

Course description: This course explores the two fundamental features of the New Testament by examining why the NT gives so much attention to the Kingdom of God and how the central themes relate to the new covenant in Christ, where they originated, and what they mean for us today

BUILDING YOUR THEOLOGY

4 weeks: Sept. 30 – Oct. 28

Cost: \$40

Category: Theology (TH3123)

Professor: John Holland

Course description: Explore typical definitions, and describe and evaluate the perspectives of these definitions. Define what Christian theology is, explores the theological traditions that gave shape to Christian theology, and outline the basic tenets of Reformed theology. Explores what the Scriptures teach about revelation, the dynamics of understanding revelation, and how to develop confidence in theological conclusions. Summarizes the outlooks on theological authority in the Medieval Roman Catholic Church, the early Protestant Church and in contemporary Protestantism.

RESEARCH COURSE

6 weeks: Oct. 21 – Dec. 9

Cost: \$60

Category: Research (RE7121)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: Students will write an essay about their God-given Calling. Where and what is God calling them to do? A calling can be summarized as the understanding that each of us who love and follow Jesus are called for a purpose to do something significant with our lives for the Kingdom of God. You enter a calling with a prayerful unwavering commitment to go and do what God asks so that you can play your part of making an eternal impact in the lives of others.

BACHELOR SEMESTER 1

APOLOGETICS 3

10 weeks: Aug. 19 – Oct. 28

Cost: \$150

Category: Apologetics (AP2213)

Professor: Dr. Ann M. Black

Course description: In this advanced and final course in Apologetics students will be challenged in what they believe to be true and how to ultimately defend some of today's most controversial subject matters with a solid Biblical response of critics. Students will gain confidence to "always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks them to give an account for the hope they have."

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 301

12 weeks: Aug. 19 – Nov. 11

Cost: \$180

Category: Leadership Development (LD5213)

Professor: Dr. Ann M. Black

Required book: Honors Reward, John Bevere ISBN: 978-0-446-57883-7

Course description: Honor is the essential key to receiving from God and has the power to greatly enhance your life. Honor carries with it great rewards-rewards God desires you to have in the here and now. This course gives you practical skills to help you gain and retain powerful biblical principles and insights that will challenge you with soul-searching questions. Students will examine the true meaning of honor, explore its far-reaching effects and excavate the rich rewards that await for you

PAUL'S THEOLOGY

4 weeks: Aug. 19 – Sept. 16

Cost: \$60

Category: Theology (TH3214)

Professor: Jerry Tucker

Course description: Students will discover through Paul's passionate proclamation of the good news that the gospel is about the triumph of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God. It is about God redeeming and recreating the heavens and the earth through Jesus Christ, and about our participation in that renewed world.

HERMENEUTICS 3

5 weeks: Oct. 14 – Nov. 18

Cost: \$75

Category: Bible (BI2215)

Professor: Jerry Tucker

Course description: Hermeneutics is the science and art of interpretation. Students will learn to be responsible Christians and apply hermeneutics through this course to see the Bible as the infallible, inspired Word of God, and seek to apply its original meanings to the modern world.

BOOK OF HEBREWS

2 weeks: Nov. 18 – Dec. 9

Cost: \$30

Category: Bible (BI1216)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: Students will learn that Hebrews is one of the most challenging books in the New Testament. Many of its topics and themes are difficult to understand, and it tends to approach them differently than other New Testament books. But it helps when we recognize that the original audience was facing persecution and that they were tempted to turn away from Christ. That's why the author of

Hebrews placed his emphasis on standing strong in the faith, and it's why this book is one of the most valuable and encouraging to Christians in every age.

BACHELOR SEMESTER 2

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

10 weeks: Aug. 19 – Oct. 28

Cost: \$150

Category: Philosophy (PH4221)

Professor: Dr. Ann M. Black

Course description: Most basic Christian moral standards are questioned today. Christian morality has always been challenged and rejected by many unbelievers. But today, even many believers have lost their moral footing. Moreover, even believers who want to live ethically are frequently perplexed by the complexities of modern ethical decisions. Without a doubt, most Christians need guidance in understanding how to make biblical choices in the modern world. Not surprisingly, the guidance that Christians need can be found in the Bible. In this course students will discover that with a proper study of the Bible's own system of ethics, Christians can learn how to evaluate problems in the modern world in order to arrive at biblical solutions.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 401

8 weeks: Aug 19 – Oct. 14

Cost: \$120

Category: Leadership Development (LD5224)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Required book: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Peter Scazzero ISBN: 978031342465

Course description: In this course you will be introduced to key biblical themes that integrate emotional health with spiritual maturity. It offers a strategy for discipleship that leads to a powerful journey of transformation through a deep interior life with Christ. This course will walk you through a door that will change forever the way you lead, love God, others, and yourself.

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLES

5 weeks: Aug. 19 – Sept. 23

Cost: \$75

Category: Theology (TH3225)

Professor: Jerry Tucker

Course description: As Christians we face many challenges to our faith. False teachings and worldviews assault our loyalty to Christ. Suffering tempts us to think that God is not in control, or that he does not have our best interests at heart. And our relationships with other believers are often strained to the point that we doubt the value of the church. In this course you will learn that Paul had incredible responses to these types of difficulties — responses that he outlined in his letters from prison that we can apply to our life today.

PRIMEVAL HISTORY

4 weeks: Sept. 23 – Oct. 21

Cost: \$60

Category: History (HS8221)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: Genesis 1–11 contains some of the most familiar stories in the Bible. The creation week, Adam and Eve, the Garden of Eden, Noah's ark, and the Tower of Babel. In its ancient context, this primeval history was not a simple historical record. In this course you will discover it was a forceful argument condemning Egypt and encouraging Israel to follow Moses to the Promised Land.

RESEARCH COURSE

6 weeks: Oct. 21 – Dec. 2

Cost: \$180

Category: Research (RE7222)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: Students will choose one of four pre-chosen topics and write an argumentative essay using a biblical perspective to defend their argument.

BACHELOR SEMESTER 3

CHRISTIAN HISTORY

14 weeks: Aug. 19 – Dec. 2

Cost: \$210

Category: History (HS8332)

Professor: John Holland

Required book: Christian History: An Introduction, Alister E. McGrath ISBN: 9781118337806

Course description: Most basic Christian moral standards are questioned today. Christian morality has always been challenged and rejected by many unbelievers. But today, even many believers have lost their moral footing. Moreover, even believers who want to live ethically are frequently perplexed by the complexities of modern ethical decisions. Without a doubt, most Christians need guidance in understanding how to make biblical choices in the modern world. Not surprisingly, the guidance that Christians need can be found in the Bible. With a proper study of the Bible's own system of ethics, Christians can learn how to evaluate problems in the modern world in order to arrive at biblical solutions.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 501

12 weeks: Aug. 19 – Nov. 11

Cost: \$180

Category: Leadership Development (LD5335)

Professor: Dr. Ann M. Black

Required book: The Leadership Challenge, 5th Edition, James M. Kouzes & Barry Z. Posner
ISBN-13: 9780470651728

Course description: This course challenges you to become a better leader through evaluating your own performance and become more conscious about your choices and intentions. You will examine and improve your ability to put into action an exemplary leadership model by creating a leadership project. This course is for anyone in a leadership role. Whether you are an employee, a volunteer, a supervisor or a senior executive, a student or a parent, you will find this course applies to you.

THE GOSPELS

5 weeks: Sept. 2 – Oct. 7

Cost: \$75

Category: Bible (BI1337)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: The first four books of the New Testament — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — are commonly known as "the Gospels." In this course students will learn and be able to explain the life and ministry of Jesus, and the basis for most of the distinctive doctrines of Christianity.

THE PENTATEUCH

4 weeks: Oct. 7 – Nov. 4

Cost: \$60

Category: Bible (BI1338)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: The first five books of the Old Testament are commonly called the Pentateuch. They tell the story of the nation of Israel from creation to preparation for the conquest of the Promised Land. Students will discover that the Pentateuch is not simply just the historical account of God's chosen people.

ABRAHAM

3 weeks: Nov. 4 – Dec. 2

Cost: \$45

Category: Bible (BI1339)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: Christians, Muslims, and Jews all look to the patriarch Abraham as the father of their faiths, but these religions draw very different conclusions from his biography. This course explores the account of Abraham's life in Genesis from a distinctly Christian perspective in order to answer questions such as: What did these stories mean for those who first received them? And what do they mean for us today?

BACHELOR SEMESTER 4

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 601

12 weeks: Aug. 19 – Nov. 11

Cost: \$180

Category: Leadership Development (LD5346)

Professor: Dr. Ann M. Black

Course description: Leaders inevitably find themselves in front of people. That's why it's called leadership. As a result leadership and communication are forever linked. Using a five step approach, this course is designed to help you make your communications via sermons, presentations or meetings excellent.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 701

7 weeks: Aug. 19 – Oct. 7

Cost: \$180

Category: Leadership Development (LD5347)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Required book: Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage ISBN: 9780465062881

Course description: Leadership endurance is crucial to effective leadership. This course explores the benefits and downfalls of moving beyond fears to a place where focus becomes the necessity to face repeated crisis.

BOOK OF ACTS

3 weeks: Oct. 7 – Oct. 28

Cost: \$45

Category: Bible (BI13410)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: The Book of Acts, also called "The Acts of the Apostles," records the establishment of the early church under the leadership of the Apostles, and the activity and growth of the church during the middle of the first century. This course summarizes the structure, content, original meaning and modern application of the Book of Acts.

BOOK OF REVELATION

3 weeks: Oct. 28 – Nov. 18

Cost: \$75

Category: Bible (BI13411)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: The Book of Revelation records dramatic visions about the role of Jesus and the church in the history of the world. Its imagery can be confusing as it's so foreign to students. The overall message is clear: King Jesus is returning in victory. This course summarizes the structure, content, original meaning and modern application of the Book of Revelation. Students will conclude this course with a comparison of the Book of Acts and the Book of Revelation.

RESEARCH COURSE

6 weeks: Oct. 21 – Dec. 9

Cost: \$180

Category: Research (RE7343)

Professor: Dr. Cindy Byler

Course description: The final Bachelor level research paper will be in the form of a casual analysis essay. Students will select one figure from a pre-chosen list. Report on things pertaining to what that figure does to exemplify their position on the effect of movies (TV), or advertising in American culture. Students will report on what Biblical principles say about their findings.

