

Bethel University

Take a look inside to
learn more about
Bethel's Extension
study program...





“BU-X began out of a desire to expand the impact and reach of Bethel University far beyond our campus in Mishawaka, Indiana. You will be part of something larger and greater than you can imagine. You will be continuing Bethel’s mission of impacting communities through Christ-centered graduates.”

**-Dr. Barb Bellefeuille, Ed.D.
President of Bethel University**

*Click here to listen
to Dr. Bellefeuille
speak more about
the BU-X program.*





Jordan Bullard

Indiana, Class of '23

"Being able to experience the career I want to go into and at the same time getting the education to go into has been phenomenal."

Macrina Perez

Florida, Class of '24

"Education wise, Bethel [through BU-X] has provided opportunities for me to study fully online and has provided great professors who deeply care about me and my personal and spiritual growth. Though I am not physically there, I feel like family."





Cullen Fervida

Indiana, Class of '23

"I wanted a place where I could be curious and explore different career paths, earn my degree, and be part of a community. I didn't think I could find these things in one place, but BU-X has it all."

Joe Bragg

Michigan, Class of '25

"If you are looking to grow in your walk with Jesus and seeking to make significant improvements to your ministry, BU-X is a fantastic program."



Welcome students!

We are so excited to see your interest in a Bethel University extension site. We are excited to see God's continued faithfulness and work throughout this program. There are many great benefits to the Bethel University Extension Program, such as:

Accredited Degrees

Bethel University is a private, Christian university that holds the full power of accredited degrees in multiple fields of study. Students can participate in hands-on learning through a practicum or internship experience.

Affordability

Our program is uniquely priced at a flat rate of \$10,500 per year for full time. Financial aid is also available for those who qualify.

Flexibility

Students complete classes at your local church/organization partner. Classes are offered in a variety of formats (online or in-person) depending on availability and interest each seven weeks. Many students flex their schedules to work, take classes, and volunteer each week.

Community

Students join with other students at their partner site to complete online coursework, build community and complete practicums. Students engage in local community service and small group settings for chapel, devotions and discussions on topics relevant to being a Christian in the world today. Students are also connecting with other students and church partners across the BU-X network.

In Christ,

Terry Linhart, Ph.D.
Executive Director, BU-X

THREE STEPS TO BU-X

After you have been approved by your extension site, Student Services will meet with you 3 times to assist you through each step of the process.



ADMISSION MEETING

Student services will schedule a 30-45 minute meeting to walk you through the application and help you request all other required documents.



FINANCIAL AID MEETING

A financial aid meeting will be scheduled at the end of your enrollment meeting. This meeting will discuss your estimated costs, your financial aid needs, and how to apply for aid, including a FAFSA workshop, if you choose.



REGISTRATION MEETING

Your final meeting will be with your academic advisor. During this meeting you will schedule your classes for the upcoming semester.



MEET THE STUDENT SERVICES TEAM

The people who will walk you through the process from start to finish.



Becki Graves,
Admission Counselor & Director of Worship Arts

Becki is your first point of contact when applying to Bethel University through the Extension Studies program, and she will work with you on your application as you complete your file.



Branden Herron,
Director of Student Services

Branden oversees the student services function of the program with pastoral care working with students from enrollment through the financial aid application. Branden serves as a primary advisor for the BU-X program.

Why 3 steps?

Student Services wants to help take the stress out of the enrollment process and remove as many barriers to starting college as possible. This is why we have implemented "3 Steps to Joining BU-X." Following approval by your Site Director, we will contact you to schedule an enrollment meeting. During this meeting we will work alongside you to complete the admission application and request any additional documentation needed for your admission file. Our goal is to conclude this meeting having completed or started everything needed to get you ready for an acceptance decision! Equal attention and guidance are provided through the financial aid and advising meetings. In addition to explaining what kind of aid is available, we will help you apply and financially plan for the upcoming semester. Finally, we will introduce you to your Academic Advisor who will meet with you to schedule classes. We recommend joining these meetings from a laptop or desktop, whenever possible. We also encourage and welcome your parent(s) to participate in these meetings.



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FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING

The following information is included in your financial aid counseling session(s):

- Creating your Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID).
- Applying for aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Knowing your Federal Direct Loan eligibility and needs.
- Completing Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and the Master Promissory Note (MPN).
- Requesting and submitting financial aid documents as required.
- Searching for outside scholarships and loans.
- Making a financial plan to manage your tuition balance or refund.

Contact the Director of Student Services to find out more about the financial aid process!

FAQs for Student Admission

WHO SHOULD APPLY TO BU-X?

BU-X is for all high school graduates and interested young adults who look to discover and embrace their God-given mission within a platform of vocational ministry or the marketplace.

WHAT IS BU-X?

BU-X is a network of sites where students attend to take online courses from Bethel University (Indiana) so that they can stay involved in their local community, church or organization. Some courses will feature a online plus model where professors teach live over Zoom, while other courses will be work at your own pace each week. In addition to coursework, many sites offer leadership training, practical experience and engaging activities for college-aged students.

WHAT STUDENT ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

This varies by site and location, but each site may offer volunteer opportunities on a monthly basis, group outings and social gatherings.

WHAT ARE CLASSES LIKE?

BU-X courses are Christ-centered and vibrant, exhibiting a missional focus that matches the ministry of the local site. Courses are offered in either a 7-week (accelerated) or 14-week format. Each week's work must be completed before moving on to the next week. Students will be part of a supportive student community where learning is upbeat and positive.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL WEEK LOOK LIKE AT BU-X?

Students have scheduled classes and academic activities for approximately 3-4 days per week to work on coursework and engage in spiritual formation. Students may also participate in practicum experiences, small groups or other student activities as coordinated by each site.

WHO IS TEACHING THE CLASSES?

Bethel University will provide a quality curriculum taught by Bethel-hired faculty. Students complete classes at your local site. Classes will be offered in a variety of formats including online, online plus and in-person depending on availability and interest in each seven-week session.

CAN I TRANSFER CREDITS?

Dual-credit or college-level credits earned require that a student submits all transcripts prior to acceptance for an official review process. Yes, any credits from a regionally accredited college or university would generally transfer. For more questions, please visit [Bethel's Transfer Credit Policy page](#).

WHAT DEGREE DO I RECEIVE

WHEN I FINISH?

There are both two-year associate degrees and four-year bachelor's degrees available from Bethel University. Practicum experiences are available and offer valuable life experience, leadership development and ministry training from serving with a local business, ministry or organization.

HOW CAN I PAY FOR CLASSES THROUGH BU-X?

Because BU-X degrees are regionally accredited, financial aid is available to those who qualify. Students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loan programs. Additionally, monthly payment plans are available to many students with out-of-pocket tuition costs. For more information, please visit [Bethel's Financial Aid page](#).

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Students are admitted in either the fall (classes begin in August) or spring (classes begin in January) semesters. Students declare their intention to the local site. Then, after approval, students apply to Bethel University by selecting BU-X as their program of choice.

For more information visit our website BUX.BethelUniversity.edu or email us at BU-X@BethelUniversity.edu

Academics

DEGREES AND CLASSES OFFERED

DEGREES AVAILABLE

A.A. in Computer Science
A.A. in General Studies
A.A. in Ministry Leadership
A.A. in Pre-Education
B.A. in Multidisciplinary Studies
B.A. in Ministry Leadership
B.A. in Worship Leadership
B.A. in Business Administration
B.A. in Business Marketing
B.S. in Behavioral and Social Science

ONLINE AND ONLINE+ CLASSES

Students will be in a variety of course modalities through Bethel's offerings. Students may have a combination of asynchronous and synchronous classes.

ONLINE (Asynchronous): Some students will be enrolled in courses that are "at your own pace" with typical deadlines being on Wednesdays and Saturdays. An online week runs from Sunday morning to Saturday night.

ONLINE+ (Synchronous): Some courses are run with a LIVE ZOOM session, partially live at another location where students join at a set two-hour time frame.

HOW A SEMESTER WORKS

SESSION A (1ST 7 WEEKS)

Class 1
Class 2

1 WEEK
BREAK

SESSION B (2ND 7 WEEKS)

Class 3
Class 4

SESSION C (FULL 14 WEEKS) Class 5

Semester-long course with the same one week break in the middle.

ACCELERATED CLASSES

Yes, classes are accelerated; however, in this model with the support from each site students are being successful with the shortened classes. Students take only 2-3 courses for a 7-week session; therefore, it is a high focus, high intensity for a short time frame. Students must take at least 12 credit hours to be considered full time. Dropping below that number may affect a student's financial aid.

START YOUR BETHEL DEGREE

AT YOUR EXTENSION SITE



2 + 2 YEAR DEGREES

Students can begin these degrees at their extension sites by completing two years' worth of coursework toward the degree. Students would simply major in the A.A. in General Studies, the A.A. in Ministry Leadership, or the A.A. in General Studies - Pre-Education. These degrees overlap with the Bethel Core of general education courses that students are required to take as a part of their educational path with Bethel. After two years, students would transition to taking courses at Bethel's main campus.

DON'T WAIT, START YOUR DEGREE NOW!

Students would have a huge cost savings for the first two years of their degree by taking online courses at the extension sites. Then, students would be able to transition to Bethel to take the remaining courses to finish their degree. The cost savings would derive from the lower cost the first two years of their degree and by staying embedded within their local community and church. Additionally, extension site students are already Bethel students, so the transition process is smooth!

COST:
\$10,500 /yr.

BU-X is a flat-rate tuition for up to 17 credit hours per semester. Some courses require additional fees.



Scan the QR code to visit our website for more information about each degree.



PRE-EDUCATION

This affordable degree track is a 2+2 program designed for students to complete the first two years at an extension site. The goal of the A.A. is to foster students' ability to think deeply, give them appropriate exposure to a K-12 classroom, and prepare them to finish their bachelor's degree in education. The degree is especially well-poised to appeal to students who have an interest in education, while allowing them experiences to determine their area of specialty within the field of education.



PRE-LAW

The Pre-Law major is designed to afford students a diverse education covering different fields that will prepare a student for a legal education. Law schools look to candidates who have a broad-based education which can cover several disciplines. This kind of diversified education teaches students skills needed for the LSAT and a legal education rather than specific knowledge on a single subject. The major will also help students develop an understanding of ethical patterns and professional conduct in the study of law from a Christian perspective.



BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

The Bi-vocational Ministry major prepares graduates for serving in ministry while simultaneously working in another field. Many churches nationwide are moving toward employing bi-vocational pastors who lead the church while also working another job. This major provides a strong foundation in biblical study, theology, teaching/preaching, evangelism, and discipleship and enables a student to prepare for work in another vocational field. Students completing this supplemental major must also complete another full major for a bachelor's degree during their studies at Bethel. The bi-vocational ministry major pairs well with most other majors on campus, including communication, business, marketing, theater, and graphic design.

STUDENT SERVICES & CAMPUS OFFICES

1 ADMISSION

Our admission counselor(s) will help each student complete the admissions process. The admission process follows our easy, 3-step process.

2 FINANCIAL AID

We have a financial aid counselor(s) who will help guide students through the process of financial aid or student loans.

3 STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Student Accounts team keeps students' bills up-to-date and provides services (primarily through Nelnet) for managing monthly payments and refunds.

4 REGISTRAR

Once transcripts are submitted, the Registrar evaluates them to make sure they are complete. The Registrar's office also evaluates to look for any dual-credit or college credit a student may have previously earned.

5 ACADEMIC ADVISING

Our academic advisors help students to understand classes available to them. They walk students through selecting appropriate courses as well as completing an application for graduation.

6 ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Center for Academic Success has available online tutoring. They also offer student evaluations and arrange accommodations for students with disabilities.

QUICK LINKS

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[BU FINANCIAL AID](#)

[BU-X WEBSITE](#)

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[STUDENT ACCOUNTS](#)



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TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDATIONS

ONLINE STUDENTS

The following are recommendations for personal student computers:

- Operating system: Windows 10, Mac OS X 10.12 or newer
- Processor for Windows computers: Intel i3, i5, i7 or AMD RYZEN 3, 5, 7, 9 suggested. Atom and AMD E processors are not recommended.
- Ram: Recommended 8GB, minimum 4GB
- Hard Drive: Recommended at least 128GB
- CD/DVD Drive is optional
- Internal Wireless Card Supporting G/N/AC bands

Required Software

Anti-Virus software is required.

Windows computers:

- Microsoft Office Suite (2016 or newer). The latest version of Microsoft Office can be used/downloaded for free while you are a student from My.BU.
- Browser: The most recent version of the following: Chrome, Firefox or Edge. Canvas works best with Chrome.

Mac computers:

- Microsoft Office Suite (2016 or newer). The latest version of Microsoft Office can be downloaded for free while you are a student from My.BU.
- Browser: The most recent version of the following: Chrome, Firefox or Safari. Canvas works best with Chrome.

Internet:

- Online courses require an internet connection of 4 Mbps or higher.

STUDENT NEXT STEPS...



TEXTBOOKS

Discover what textbooks to purchase:

- Students should log into My.BethelUniversity.edu
- From Home.
 - Hover over "Students" [orange tab].
 - Click on "Course List." This is also where students see their class schedule.
 - Click on "Textbook" to locate the correct textbook for each course.
 - At this point, students can choose to purchase from the BU Bookstore.
 - Or, they can find a good new/used option from another store.



EMAIL

Students can also access their Bethel email from My.BethelUniversity.edu

- Click on the email button near the middle of the page.
- Students should check their Bethel email on a daily basis.



CANVAS

Access Canvas courses:

- Students can also access their Bethel courses from My.BethelUniversity.edu
- Students will complete all coursework delivered through Canvas.
- Click on the Canvas button near the middle of the page.
- There is also an iOS phone app. Simply search "Canvas Student," download the app, login by selecting Bethel University - Indiana. Students log in with Bethel credentials.



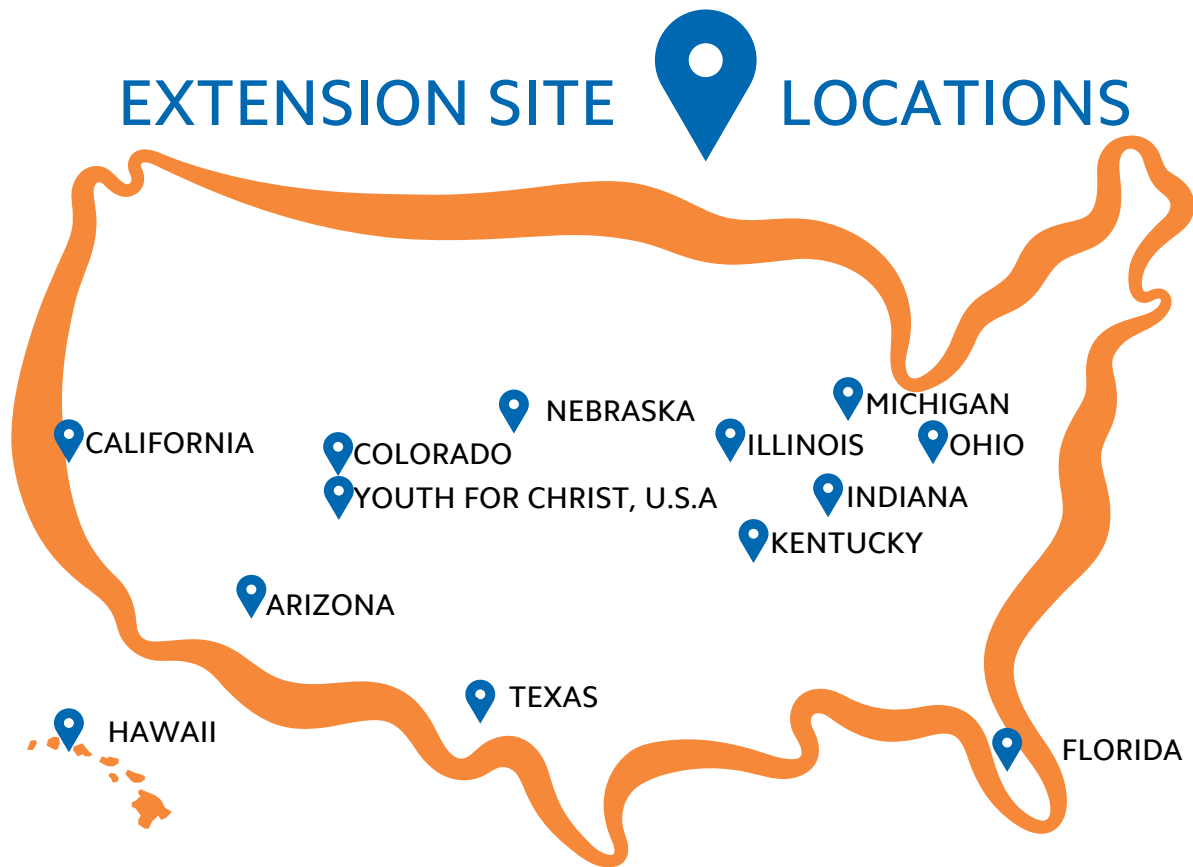
WELCOME VIDEOS

Watch welcome videos by clicking on the links below:

- [A Message from The President of Bethel University](#)
- [The Bethel Bookstore](#)

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THE **BU^x** DIFFERENCE

Local Christ-Centered Partnerships
Reduced, Flat-Rate Tuition
Practical Experience
Accredited Degrees
Mentoring

SITE DIRECTORY LIST

BU@CFW

Lifeway Bible Fellowship

Contact: Pastor Quincy McGhee

Fort Wayne, IN

<https://www.bucentralfortwayne.com/>

BU@CW

Colonial Woods Missionary Church

Contact: Pastor Dan Hamrick

Port Huron, MI

<https://www.cwmc.church/bu>

BU@DCC

Discovery Christian Church

Broomfield, CO

<https://www.buatdcc.com/>

BU@Foundry

The Foundry

Contact: Rozlyn Miller

Houston, TX

<https://www.bufoundry.com/>

BU@Grace

Grace Missionary Church

Contact: Pastor Shawn Harrison

Celina, OH

<https://www.buatgrace.com/>

BU@Grace

Grace Church

Contact: Pastor Nate Patterson

Camby, IN

<https://bethelatgrace.com/>

BU@HCC

Harvest Community Church

Orlando, FL

<https://www.harvestflorida.org/bethel/>

BU@HMC

Hope Missionary Church

Contact: Leah Gerber

Bluffton, IN

<https://hope4thefamily.com/buathmc/>

BU@Kaua'i

Kalaheo Missionary Church

Contact: Nicole Schmaeling

Kalaheo, HI

<https://www.buhawaii.com/kauai>

BU@La Casa de Cristo

La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church

Contact: Pastor Matt Knopf

Scottsdale, AZ

<https://lacasadecristo.com/bethel/>

BU@NMC

Nappanee Missionary Church

Contact: Pastor Terry Bley

Nappanee, IN

<https://www.buatnmc.com/>

BU@NP

North Platte Berean Church

Contact: Kristen Price

North Platte, NE

<https://npberean.org/bunp>

BU@Nueva Cultura

Nueva Cultura Missionary Church

Contact: Miguel Cardenas-Colon

Chicago, IL

<https://www.buatnuevacultura.com/>

BU@O'ahu

Bridge Church of the Nazarene

Contact: Pastor Michael Halcomb

Honolulu, HI

<https://www.buhawaii.com/oahu>

BU@PCC

Pathway Community Church

Contact: Pastor Brian Beall

Fort Wayne, IN

<https://pccfw.org/buatpcc/>

BU@River City

River City Community Church

Contact: Pastor Clay Burkholder

Selma, TX

<http://reallife.org/bu/>

BU@The Bridge

The Bridge Community Church

Contact: Austin Shaner

Decatur, IN

<https://www.thebridgecc.org/bethel>

BU@UC

Union Chapel Ministries

Contact: Jeff Hughes

Muncie, IN

<https://www.unionchapel.com/buatuc>

BU@YFC

Youth For Christ, International

Contact: Tamara Doeh

Englewood, CO

<https://www.buatyfc.com/>

BU@St. Mark - School of Ministry

St. Mark Missionary Church

Contact: Pastor Kristen Wagnerowski

Mishawaka, IN

<https://stmarkmissionary.org/bustmk>