



Bethel School of Discipleship (BSD) – 2019 Information

1. Mission of BSD

- Bethel School of Discipleship is a two-year program consisting of courses in discipleship and biblical studies designed to build strong believers who are equipped to make disciples.

2. Two Years

- **BSD Year One – Foundational Courses in Discipleship**
 - Class Time: Sundays, 11:00am-12:15pm in the “former sanctuary”.
 - Prerequisite: None
- **BSD Year Two – Foundational Courses in Biblical Studies**
 - Class Time: Sundays, 9:00am-10:15am in the “former sanctuary”.
 - Prerequisites:
 - Graduation from BSD Year One (which includes church membership)
 - Participation in either a Life Group or a Department/Ministry

3. After classes have been held, within 36-48 hours, the audio and notes should be on the Bethel Equip website.

4. Materials Cost

- The materials cost is due at the time of registration.
 - Exception: One may audit the first course before deciding to register, and then pay before the start of the second course.
 - A payment schedule can *potentially* be set up
- BSD Year One: \$50 (\$25 for students, single parents, spouses of full price registrants, and those 60 years and older)
- BSD Year Two: \$50 (\$25 for students, single parents, spouses of full price registrants, and those 60 years and older)

5. Refunds

- To receive a refund, you must provide the administrator written notice of your withdrawal.
 - A full refund will be given for notice given by the end of the **first class you attend** for which you registered.
 - A 50% refund will be given for notice given before the end of the **first course for which you registered**.
 - After the first course for which you registered is completed, refunds will not be available.

6. Materials

- Upon registration, course notes and a binder will be provided.
- Graduates: all graduation materials including the use of a gown will be provided.

7. Homework

- Homework normally should be completed prior to next class.
- Be sure to check off the completion of homework on your personal checklist to keep track of your progress. You are responsible for tracking the completion of assignments.

8. Course Assessments

- An assessment (test) will be given at the end of most courses.
- The assessment is primarily used as another learning tool. If you do not get 70%, you will need to retake the assessment. You can retake the same assessment multiple times.

9. Attendance

- We highly encourage our students to attend BSD in person versus online in order to grow in relationship with other students, which will provide encouragement, accountability, and motivation to finish strong.
- In order to graduate, you must make up any missed classes. You will need to listen to the class audio, fill in the student notes, complete any homework assignments, and take any missing assessments.
 - If you miss a class, you are responsible to inform the course administrator of your absence and any make-up work you have completed.
 - You can find the class audio and student notes on the Bethel Equip website: www.bethequip.org.
 - Underneath Bethel School of Discipleship click “Learn More” and then scroll down to the ‘Download Class Audio and Notes’ section.

10. Registration

- Anyone is welcome to join at the beginning of any BSD course.
- Registration will be available year round via online and at class for those unable to join at the beginning of the academic year.
- You can register in one of two ways. (Bethel Equip prefers you register online.)
 - At www.bethequip.org, click “*Learn More*” under School of Discipleship. Scroll down past the course list for your respective year, then click on “Register.”
 - At class: anyone is welcome to join at the beginning_of any BSD course.

11. Contact Information

- Director of Bethel Equip: Pastor Bruce Fidler
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Bethel School of Discipleship (BSD) Courses and Graduation Requirements – Year One

1. List of Courses

January 27, 2019
• Bethel School of Discipleship Orientation – 11:00am
Beginning February 3, 2019
• Life of Faith (4 weeks)
Beginning March 3, 2019
• Personal Transformation (4 weeks)
Beginning March 31, 2019
• Spiritual Disciplines (4 weeks)
Beginning May 5, 2019
• Evangelism (4 weeks)
Summer Break [June 2 – July 28]
Beginning August 4, 2019
• Spiritual Gifts (4 weeks)
Beginning September 1, 2019
• Discipleship (4 weeks)
Beginning October 6, 2019
• Servant Leadership (4 weeks)
Beginning November 3, 2019
• Life Groups (3 weeks)
Graduation: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 (tentative)

2. Year One Graduation Requirements

- BSD Year One graduates will receive a *Certificate in Discipleship*.
 - Note: The program is not officially accredited at this time.
- In order to graduate, requirements must be met for attendance, weekly homework, course assessments, and any make-up work due to absences.
 - If a student is unable to graduate for any reason, they are responsible for submitting required coursework documentation to the course administrator by the specified deadline in order for their records to be preserved beyond that academic year.
 - If the student does not graduate, but desires to go ahead with courses not yet completed, then the student will not have to pay the materials cost for going on into next year's school year.
 - If a non-graduating student chooses to not go ahead in the next school year, but later desires to re-enroll in a subsequent year (for example, 2 years later), then the materials cost is again payable at the rates current at that time.

3. Additional Requirements

- ***BSD Year One students are required to complete the following items.*** They will receive training as needed to do so as part of the program's classes.
 - Become a member of Bethel and actively serve in the church.
 - Be in a life group or be involved in a ministry department.
 - Complete chapters 1-4 of the Purple Book.
 - Use the *GOD TEST* to talk to at least two people about God and the Gospel.
 - Attend the House-2-House outreach scheduled for the BSD Year One class. (If unable to attend the scheduled date, the student will be responsible to attend another House-2-House outreach on their own.)
 - Use the *One2One* booklet to talk to at least one person about the Gospel and what it means to follow Jesus as his disciple.
 - Attend and complete Experiencing Spiritual Freedom (ESF).
 - Complete any additional items presented during the academic year.

4. Honors Requirements

- BSD Year One students must read the entire **New Testament** starting at the beginning of their enrollment in BSD Year One and finish prior to Graduation, in order to graduate with honors.

5. Next Steps

- BSD Year One graduates will be encouraged to take any of the next steps:
 - Become active in our ENGAGE ministry.
 - Become active in our Ministry Team.
 - Lead a Life Group.
 - Participate in a Ten Days Missions trip.
 - Enroll in BSD Year Two or apply to Bethel Leadership Institute (BLI). Year One graduates may enter BLI instead of enrolling in BSD Year Two. There is significant overlap in the biblical courses taught in Year Two and those in BLI. If a student is prepared to take on the additional time and cost, we encourage them to apply for admission. More information on BLI can be found at bethelworld.org/next-steps/bethel-equip/enli

Note: *Graduation from any of our Bethel Equip programs does not guarantee a specific role or set of responsibilities and leadership within Bethel or Every Nation.*

Bethel School of Discipleship (BSD) Courses and Graduation Requirements – Year Two

1. List of Courses

January 20, 2019
• Bethel School of Discipleship Orientation – 9:00am
Beginning January 20, 2019
• Interpreting the Scriptures (4 weeks)
Beginning February 17, 2019
• Old Testament Survey (6 weeks)
Beginning March 31, 2019
• Systematic Theology (8 weeks)
Summer Break [June 2 – July 28]
Beginning August 4, 2019
• New Testament Survey (6 weeks)
Beginning September 15, 2019
• Metanarrative of the Bible (4 weeks)
Beginning October 13, 2019
• Church History (6 weeks)
Graduation: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 (tentative)

2. Year Two Graduation Requirements

- BSD Year Two graduates will receive a *Diploma in Discipleship & Biblical Studies*.
 - Note: The program is not officially accredited at this time.
- In order to graduate, requirements must be met for attendance, weekly homework, course assessments, and any make-up work due to absences.
 - If a student is unable to graduate for any reason, they are responsible for submitting required coursework documentation to the course administrator by the specified deadline in order for their records to be preserved beyond that academic year.
 - If the student does not graduate, but desires to go ahead with courses not yet completed, then the student will not have to pay the materials cost for going on into next year's school year.
 - If a non-graduating student chooses to not go ahead in the next school year, but later desires to re-enroll in a subsequent year (for example, 2 years later), then the materials cost is again payable at the rates current at that time.

3. Additional Requirements

- **BSD Year Two students are required to complete the following items.** They will receive training as needed to do so as part of the program's classes.
 - Complete chapters 5-12 of the Purple Book.
 - Take someone through chapters 1-4 of the Purple Book.
 - Attend the House-2-House outreach scheduled for the BSD Year Two class. (If unable to attend the scheduled date, the student will be responsible to attend another House-2-House outreach on their own.)
 - Volunteer with Experiencing Spiritual Freedom (ESF) to pray for someone enrolled in the ESF seminar program.
 - Start a Life Group.
 - Complete any additional items presented during the academic year.

4. Honors Requirements

- BSD Year Two students must read the entire **Old Testament** starting at the beginning of their enrollment in BSD Year Two and finish prior to Graduation, in order to graduate with honors.

5. Next Steps

- BSD Year Two graduates will be encouraged to take any of the next steps:
 - Become a leader in our ENGAGE ministry.
 - Become a leader in our Ministry Team.
 - Become a leader in another Bethel department or ministry.
 - Assist a staff pastor or minister.
 - Attend any Sunday School Courses offered.
 - Consider applying for enrollment in Bethel Leadership Institute (BLI).

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