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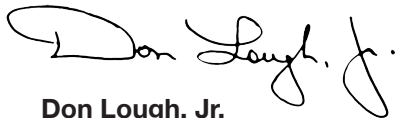
Welcome and thank you so much for prayerfully considering spending a year or two with us. It would be such a privilege to have you on our campus in New York or one of our teaching sites in Florida, Ontario, Korea, or Hungary.

The Word of Life Bible Institute is an incredible place to build a biblical foundation for life. Imagine being immersed in the Word of God every day and then having the opportunity to put it into action in a local church ministry, youth camp, community outreach or even as part of Open Air Evangelism, sports, or a music team. You learn the Word and then live it out! As a staff and faculty, you need to know our focus transcends the classroom. We want to train and prepare you for a life of service for Jesus Christ.

As you look through the pages of this catalog, it is impossible to miss that the Bible is at the core of all we do and offer. Resident professors, combined with widely-known adjunct faculty, will challenge you with the Word of God – perhaps like never before. There's simply no better place to get into the Word and to grow in your walk with the Lord. I know, because my time at the Bible Institute was one of the best years of my life.

Please let us know how we can pray for you and serve you as you consider God's direction for the days ahead.

I'm looking forward to meeting you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Lough, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don Lough, Jr.

Chancellor

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| OUR FOUNDATION

PHILOSOPHY

Word of Life Bible Institute as an educational institution has developed its entire program around a particular philosophy of education. This philosophy of education is based on three key words: Know (Study), Grow (Life), and Show (Ministry). These three words characterize our approach to education.

Believers are commanded to study the Word of God, accepting it as their foundation and authority. Since discipleship and character-building are the responsibility of godly leadership, we need to build an institution that will educate students in biblical doctrine and conduct through the classroom and lifestyle of our staff. Our goal is to produce students who practice excellence in their Christian life, bringing glory to God.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

A. **2 Timothy 2:15**

We believe that the Bible is not only the foundation for morality, but it is also authoritative in every area that it addresses. It is, therefore, the beginning of wisdom and a prerequisite for any academic endeavor.

B. **Colossians 2:6-7**

We believe that any area of Bible study must be built on a proper relationship with Jesus Christ.

C. **2 Timothy 2:1-2**

We believe that intellectual “knowing” is only a beginning step and that a student has not learned until he/she has put this knowledge into practice.

D. **Colossians 1:9-11, 2:8-9; Titus 2:7-8**

We believe that character development is a legitimate concern of education.

E. **Ezra 7:10; 1 Corinthians 4:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20**

We believe that staff and faculty are more than teachers. They are role models and, as such, must display Christian character and commitment before the students.

F. **2 Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:1**

We believe that doctrine is the foundation for all our endeavors.

MISSION

The mission of Word of Life Bible Institute is to educate each student within a rigorous academic and structured discipleship atmosphere preparing him or her to live a life of maximum effectiveness for the Lord.

INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

Word of Life Bible Institute seeks to produce students who:

1. **Know** – Cultivating an increasing knowledge of God and His Word through diligent and deliberate study.
2. **Grow** – Possessing a growing relationship with God through the practical application of biblical truth to daily life and participation in biblical community.
3. **Show** – Demonstrating a commitment and ability to model and share biblical truth and boldly proclaim the gospel of Christ.

PROGRAM

Word of Life Bible Institute is a two-year, non-degree granting institution whose high academic standards are recognized by most Christian colleges. The emphasis of the freshman year is Biblical Foundation, and it is offered at several locations around the world. The emphasis of the sophomore year is Ministry Foundation, and it is offered at the main campus located in Pottersville, New York. Students who complete the freshman year receive a Bible Certificate. A diploma is awarded for the successful completion of both years of the program. Each year is comprised of two academic semesters followed by a Ministry Practicum.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Word of Life Bible Institute maintains the following learning outcomes and anticipates students completing the program will:

- A. Understand the context, content, and contribution of every book of the Bible.
- B. Understand the basic doctrines and history of Christianity.
- C. Understand the historical, grammatical, and literal hermeneutical approach and its application to Scriptures.
- D. Understand how to take biblical and theological knowledge and apply it to life and ministry in any given context.
- E. Understand and implement effective research and writing techniques.
- F. Think critically from a Christian worldview about their studies, life, and ministry.
- G. Develop and incorporate spiritual disciplines into daily life with the goal of long-term spiritual progress.
- H. Study and apply biblical principles of leadership within various contexts.
- I. Learn and apply principles of discipleship within various contexts.
- J. Understand principles and techniques of ministry.
- K. Incorporate various principles and techniques into real-world ministry opportunities.

ACCREDITATION

Word of Life Bible Institute is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [15935 Forest Road, Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: (434) 525-9539; e-mail: info@tracs.org], having been awarded Reaffirmation III of its Accredited Status as a Category I institution by the TRACS Accreditation Commission on April 25, 2022. This status is effective for a period of ten years. TRACS is recognized by the United States Department of Education (ED), the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are verbally inspired of God, and they are without error in the original writings, and they are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, Who is eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ; His virgin birth; sinless life; His death to pay the penalty for our sins; His bodily resurrection; His exaltation to God's right hand, and His personal, imminent, pretribulational and premillennial return.
4. We believe that all men have sinned, and, therefore, guilty before God and are under His condemnation.
5. We believe that all who by faith receive Jesus Christ are then born again of the Holy Spirit, therefore, children of God and eternally saved, and that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to enlighten, guide, and enable the believer in life, testimony, and service. We believe that God answers the prayers of His people and meets their needs according to His purpose.
6. We believe that God gives spiritual gifts to all believers for the building up of the Body of Christ. However, the miraculous sign-gifts of the Spirit, such as tongues and healings, were limited to the early church.
7. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell.
8. We believe that all believers are called to a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices and alliances.
9. We believe that from the beginning with Adam and Eve, God ordained marriage as only between a man and a woman. All sexual activity outside of marriage, including homosexual practices, is in direct contradiction to God's Word and His institution of the home.
10. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female for His glory. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God, and the rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of God's decreed will and good plan for humanity and the individual.

A Statement on the Historicity of Genesis

Word of Life Bible Institute is committed to the historical and factual accuracy of the Book of Genesis. Therefore, we teach a recent creation of the entire universe and all forms of life in the six, 24-hour days of the Creation Week. We believe that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that all of mankind has descended from them and has inherited a sin nature from their fall into sin, resulting in a cursed creation. We believe in a personal Satan who led some of the angels to rebel, enticed Eve to eat the forbidden fruit, and continues to oppose God's program for human history. We believe in a worldwide flood which explains the disappearance of certain species recorded in the fossil record, the subsequent development of mankind from Noah, and the creation of language groups and nations from God's intervention at the Tower of Babel. We believe that Satan's attempt to overthrow God is doomed to fail and that the Lake of Fire has been prepared as a place of eternal conscious punishment for him, his demons, and all humans who reject Christ.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT

1. Word of Life Fellowship, Inc., including domestic and foreign affiliations under the Word of Life structure, is dedicated to the Lordship of Christ in all areas of life. The distinctives of Word of Life lay in its philosophy and goals. The Word of Life family is a community of a board of directors, staff members and students (hereafter referred to as “associates”). Each associate consequently bears certain responsibilities and obligations within the organization for the implementation of its philosophy and goals. In order that the organization functions efficiently and its goals be realized, it is necessary that there be a mutual commitment to a corpus of standards which involve the willing surrender of certain individual purposes and goals.
2. Word of Life follows specific biblical principles which relate to Christian behavior. Therefore, Word of Life prohibits practices, which are clearly forbidden by the Word of God, such as drunkenness, sexual immorality, dishonesty, and the like (I Corinthians 6:9-20). Further, to expect associates to exemplify Christian love, consideration for the rights of others, honesty, and a high sense of Christian ethics is to expect only that which the Word of God teaches to be primary in the character of the Christian (Ephesians 4:24-5:8).
3. Word of Life is firmly committed to a literal interpretation of the Bible and rejects any attempt to “reinterpret” Scripture in light of “modern” moral or psychological theories. In the biblical account of creation, the family was the first societal institution ordained by God (Genesis 1:27, 2:18-22). Furthermore, Scripture plainly declares that the first two humans created by God were a man and a woman (Genesis 1:27, 2:18-22). God joined the man and woman in the holy rite of matrimony and commanded them to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth (Genesis 1:28). Therefore, the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24, Romans 7:2, I Corinthians 7:10, Ephesians 5:22-23).
4. In both the Old and New Testaments, God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should take place outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. Accordingly, all forms of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God’s gift of sex (Genesis 2:24, 19:5, 13, 26:8-9, Leviticus 13:22, 18:1-30, Romans 1:26-29, I Corinthians 5:1, 6:9, I Thessalonians 4:1-8, Hebrews 13:4).

Since Word of Life believes that all sexual activity outside of marriage, including homosexual practices, are in direct opposition to God’s Word and constitutes a direct contradiction to God’s institution of the home, Word of Life will not employ or continue to employ men or women who promote or participate in homosexual behavior or any other sexual activity outside of marriage.

5. Word of Life recognizes the principles of Christian liberty within the sphere of those things, which are intrinsically innocent. However, Word of Life also recognizes that liberty needs to be restricted in certain instances. Scriptural precedent is found in Acts 15 and Romans 14, where certain practices inherently innocent were forbidden because they could do spiritual harm to other members of the Christian community.

Verses for reference include:

- 1 Corinthians 6:12 – Lawful, but not expedient (not profitable for our good).
- 1 Corinthians 10:23 – Lawful, but not edifying.
- 1 Corinthians 8:9 – Could be a stumbling block.
- Romans 1:32 – Christians are different and, by living like the world, we approve of it. There should be no pleasure in watching sin.

- Ephesians 5:6-7, 11 – Don't be deceived with vanity and participate in it.
 - Colossians 3:17 – Make sure it pleases the Lord, not the emotions - flesh or self.
 - Hebrews 12:1-2 – Lay aside weights as well as the sin.
6. Certain principles of conduct are a necessary part of the effort to establish an atmosphere within which the goals of Word of Life can be realized. For this reason and in an effort to maintain a consistent and above-reproach testimony to youth, Word of Life requires associates to refrain from the possession or use of alcoholic beverages, all smoking products, recreational and illicit drugs, gambling, and social dancing. Ceremonial dancing at special family events such as weddings and anniversaries is permitted. Biblical discretion and restraint will be exercised in all choices of entertainment, including radio, television, all forms of audio and visual recordings, movies, stage productions, computer and video gaming, various forms of literature and social media (Psalm 101:3, Romans 14:13-17, I Corinthians 9:22-23, I Corinthians 10:31, 2 Corinthians 6:3, Philippians 4:8, Ephesians 5:3-4, I Timothy 4:12, Titus 2:12). Furthermore, it is expected that associates will actively support a local Bible-believing church through service, giving, and allegiance (Hebrews 10:24-25).
 7. Word of Life rejects the principle that exposure to and/or experimentation with doubtful and objectionable practices is essential to the development of moral or intellectual discernment and/or discrimination. Word of Life reserves the right to make the final decision in any questionable area.
 8. Word of Life recognizes that observance of Word of Life standards does not comprise the whole of an individual's responsibility to God and hence does not necessarily indicate that one is living a life of full commitment. The philosophy of Word of Life, however, maintains that willingness to obey these standards shows a maturity and spiritual concern for the whole Christian community (Galatians 5:13-24).
 9. Conduct that is an offense to good taste, sound morality, or Christian propriety will not be acceptable. While some may not have personal convictions wholly in accordance with Word of Life standards, the purpose underlying them necessitates the honorable obedience to them. If an individual can no longer in integrity conform to them, that person should withdraw from Word of Life. Willful disobedience of these standards will bring about dismissal from Word of Life immediately.
 10. To ensure the doctrinal position of Word of Life will be maintained in an uncompromising manner and believing a consistent and exemplary life should be expected of those who undertake the instruction and guidance of Christian youth, it is required that those associated with the organization shall individually affirm by signing the following at the time of initial association and shall so reaffirm at such time as determined by Word of Life.

COMMITMENT TO INTEGRITY

Word of Life Bible Institute (WOLBI) is devoted to operating with integrity in all respects. While operating with integrity is widely considered to be a “best practice,” regardless of the professional or personal endeavor, we understand that it is more than just that. It is a God-given mandate (Titus 2). It is not optional and is a powerful way for believers to adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing others to glorify God (1 Peter 2:12). This biblical basis for integrity is reflected in the second point of WOLBI’s institutional standard of conduct and is expected of all staff, faculty, and students:

Further, to expect associates to exemplify Christian love, consideration for the rights of others, honesty, and a high sense of Christian ethics is to expect only that which the Word of God teaches to be primary in the character of the Christian (Ephesians 4:24-5:8).

Therefore, in every sense, WOLBI aims to accurately and transparently represent itself in all matters to all relevant constituents, be it the general public, students, staff, faculty, accrediting bodies, or government entities. Without exception, all institutional functions are performed ethically and are regularly internally assessed to ensure integrity and excellence. WOLBI willingly and fully cooperates with any external audits and assessments as needed or required by federal or state education law, or as requested by our accrediting body, the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

|| ADMISSIONS

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age at the time of Registration.
2. Since the Bible Institute is a postsecondary institution, applicants must be high school graduates, have obtained a GED, or have met the requirements of New York State (or their state) regarding high school completion.
3. Transcripts are required for all secondary and postsecondary education.
Note: To be considered as a transfer student from another higher education institution to Word of Life, applicants must have earned a total of 12 transferrable credits. Please see transferability information below.
4. Applicants must be in agreement with Word of Life's Statement of Faith and must signify a willingness to abide by its Standard of Conduct.
5. Applicants must give testimony to being born again and must indicate a sincere desire to study the Word of God.
6. Applicants must receive three positive adult recommendations. Recommenders must not be a peer (in age) or a family member and must have known the applicant for at least six months.

It is recommended that each student take either the ACT or SAT test and have the results sent to the Admissions Office at Word of Life Bible Institute. The ACT scores are preferred. The ACT School Code is 2991; the SAT School Code is 7974.

Note: Once a student has been accepted to Word of Life Bible Institute or one of its teaching sites, transfer of that acceptance to another teaching site must be approved through the Word of Life Bible Institute Admissions Office.

ABILITY TO BENEFIT

It is in the student's best interest to receive either a high school diploma or its equivalent before beginning college work. Students who do not possess a high school diploma or who have not passed the General Education Development tests are required to demonstrate the ability to benefit from the programs offered at Word of Life Bible Institute. Homeschooled students will need to provide a Home School Verification form or proof of a completed state test if required by the student's home state. If a student cannot provide evidence of their Ability to Benefit, they will not be eligible for Federal Student Aid and may not enroll at the Bible Institute. For further questions about the Ability to Benefit requirements, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Students of any race, color, sex, national origin, and ethnic origin are admitted to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at Word of Life. While Word of Life does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, as a religious institution, Word of Life reserves the right to deny admission or to terminate the enrollment of persons whose lifestyle, words, actions, or otherwise do not align with the Word of Life statement of faith, code of conduct, or other policies of this organization.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Due to difficulties that often arise, international students are advised to make early contact with the Admissions Department. Please note that all documents must be translated into U.S. English. Applicants are advised to adhere to the following procedures:

1. Complete and submit the application, written testimony, and three reference forms.
2. All international applicants must be able to read, write, and communicate, in English. Students who do not have English as their first language must take an English proficiency test before enrolling. We accept the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the Duolingo English Test (DET). Applicants need to visit the TOEFL Website to send their scores to Word of Life. Applicants must achieve a minimum of 61 on IBT, 170 on CPT, or 500 on PBT. The TOEFL code for Word of Life score requests is 3955. The Duolingo score must be a 90 or higher.
Students who have completed one of Word of Life's SYME programs must pass the MPT (Michigan Placement Test) with a score of 81 (with 4 months completed), 71 (with 6 months completed), or 61 (with 8 months completed) to attend the Bible Institute. In addition to the program graduation requirements from SYME, we ask that students score a 90 or higher in the DET (Duolingo English Test)
3. Must submit high school and any post-secondary transcripts for verification and authentication.
4. Obtain and complete a Financial Support Declaration.

TRANSFERRING TO WORD OF LIFE BIBLE INSTITUTE

Word of Life Bible Institute will consider for transfer coursework completed at accredited institutions of postsecondary education whose accrediting agencies are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Only coursework completed at a C average or better will be considered for transfer after a review by the registrar. Students need to provide a transcript for all accredited coursework taken and indicate a desire to transfer coursework before enrolling in the current semester. Coursework earned at a non-accredited institution may be submitted for review with an official transcript and course descriptions. Coursework earned at non-accredited institutions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the registrar. In most cases, refusal to transfer work will be based on content or academic standards incompatible with the courses required for graduation at Word of Life Bible Institute.

Since Word of Life Bible Institute offers a unified curriculum in each of the four academic semesters and exists as a discipleship program requiring that all resident students maintain a full load of coursework each semester, students may transfer in only the number of courses that would enable them to maintain a full load, substituting the transferred courses with electives or video coursework. Students may also transfer in an entire semester's worth of coursework or an entire year's worth of coursework once the coursework has been evaluated by the registrar. Graduates of the Word of Life Bible Institute must complete 50% of the work towards graduation at Word of Life Bible Institute.

TRANSFERRING FROM WORD OF LIFE BIBLE INSTITUTE

Depending on the anticipated course of study and academic record, up to two years of credit is granted by most Christian colleges. Among the schools that have granted credit for coursework completed at Word of Life are the following:

- Appalachian Bible College
- Cairn University
- Calvary University
- Carolina University
- Cedarville University
- Davis College
- Grace College
- Cornerstone University
- Lancaster Bible College
- Liberty University
- Moody Bible Institute
- Pensacola Christian College
- Southeastern College at Wake Forest
- The Masters College
- Trinity College of Jacksonville
- Truett-McConnell University
- And many others

Scholarships are often offered by many of these schools to Word of Life Bible Institute graduates.

COST FOR 2026–2027

Tuition	\$10,400
Housing	\$7,300
Meals	\$4,300
Basic fees*	\$1,500
Total	\$23,500

** Fees for sophomore students do not include the cost of books. Fees for freshman students include a Logos Bible Software package which contains many of the required textbooks. Class notes are delivered via Canvas in Microsoft Word format optimized for use with Logos. Please visit our website <https://wordoflife.edu/academics/academic-resources/> for further information and a list of recommended computers. Some students may incur additional fees due to participation in specialty ministry programs or electives. All prices are subject to change without notice.*

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Word of Life Bible Institute bills students on the basis of two semesters. The fall semester is billed in July, and the spring semester is billed in January. Payments for the fall and spring semesters are due and payable when the bill is received. Payment plans are available; please contact the Business Office for details. Students may use credit/debit cards or checks to pay their school bills.

FINANCIAL AID

Each teaching site has its own financial aid offerings based on their unique context. Please refer to the addendums at the end of the catalog for the particular financial aid offerings.

The New York and Florida teaching sites participate in Federal Title IV financial aid programs and are eligible to process Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Plus Loans, Federal Work Study and FSEOG federal assistance programs. The Title IV school code is 011859. Word of Life Bible Institute is also approved for the training of veterans and dependents of disabled veterans in the U.S. Word of Life is eligible to participate in the Post-9/11 program at the New York campus and Florida teaching site.

Information concerning scholarships, financial aid, and applications are available online at www.wordoflife.edu.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

Word of Life Bible Institute is responsible to ensure that Title IV recipients are successfully working toward their educational goals. (Title IV, Part G, Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA))

Satisfactory Academic Progress refers to the minimum academic benchmarks for progressions towards the completion of the program. Word of Life (WOL) measures SAP by Cumulative GPA. WOL's SAP Policy for Title IV students is as strict as the school's standards for students in the same program not receiving Title IV aid. Students must complete the program with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. At each SAP Evaluation Checkpoint, WOL will check to see if the students' GPA is on track to meet this standard. Checkpoints are at the end of each payment period (semester). WOL rounds GPA to the hundredth place.

Successful Completion

Word of Life Bible Institute is a clock hour school. One Academic Year has 986 clock hours in it. To maintain Federal Aid, students must successfully complete all 986 clock hours. If a student fails a course, they have not successfully completed the hours of that course. At the end of the payment period (semester), the Financial Aid Department will make note of any students who have failed courses. Their next semester's federal aid will be delayed until their previous payment period hours are successfully completed.

At the end of the year, the Financial Aid Department may need to prorate PELL Grant and/or federal loans to account for any hours that were not successfully completed.

Applies to: Enrolled students receiving Title IV Funding of any kind including PELL Grants, Federal Student Loans, TEACH Grant, FSEOG, and Federal Work Study. This also applies to students receiving VA education benefits.

Business Office

Each student is expected to have completed arrangements necessary to meet any and all financial obligations by Registration. Diplomas are not issued until all financial obligations have been met. Satisfactory academic progress must be maintained to be eligible for all federal and veteran aid programs.

REFUNDS

If a student withdraws or is dismissed from school, refunds will be granted on the following basis:

Within the first week	100 %	<i>Meals refunds will be granted on the actual number of weeks remaining in the semester after week six.</i>
During the second week	85 %	
During the third week	70 %	<i>Federal/State grants and loans will be refunded according to current Federal/State regulations.</i>
During the fourth week	55 %	
During the fifth week	40 %	<i>Students receiving Veteran's benefits may be contacted by the VA in the event the VA is due a refund.</i>
During the sixth week	25 %	
After the sixth week	No refund except meals	

DISMISSAL

The student handbook is available online at www.wordoflife.edu and is provided for all students when they register. This handbook supplies additional information concerning all areas of life at the Bible Institute. Any student who cannot cheerfully abide by these would be expected to withdraw from the school. Academic dismissal may occur when a freshman finishes below a .75 cumulative GPA after one semester, a sophomore finishes any semester below a 1.50 cumulative GPA and who have been on Academic Probation for the previous period, or a student fails to attend classes. Exceptions to this policy may be made by petition to the Academic Dean.

NEW YORK CAMPUS

The New York main campus is situated in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains. Its 270 acres stretch northward along the western shore of Schroon Lake, offering panoramic views of God's creation at every turn. Montreal, Quebec, is 120 miles north, while Albany, the state capital, lies just 77 miles due south. The colorful Lake Placid Olympic Village, historic Fort Ticonderoga, and many ski resorts are also within easy driving distance. The campus is easily accessible by car or bus via the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87), which runs north and south within one mile of the school, and by plane at the Albany International Airport.

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NEW YORK CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026-2027

August 28	Student Leadership Training
September 4	Fall Semester Arrival
September 8 – December 17	Fall Semester
December 18 – January 10	Christmas Break
January 11 – May 14	Spring Semester
March 13-30	Spring Break
April 9-11	Missions Conference
May 15 – June 5	Summer Break
June 5 – August 13	Summer Ministry
August 14	Graduation

These dates are subject to change. Please check the calendar page on the www.wordoflife.edu website for current information.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Student Life is to help students cultivate healthy relationships with Christ and others through providing leadership, a discipleship atmosphere, and development in spiritual disciplines.

STAFF INTERACTION

Word of Life Bible Institute strives to maintain a close relationship between students and staff. Many members of the staff of Word of Life Fellowship are involved in discipling students during the school year. Staff members encourage students as they grow in their personal time with the Lord, discuss things they are learning in class, and challenge them in areas where the student may be struggling. Students have ready access to any staff or faculty member and are encouraged to seek help and counsel for spiritual, academic, or personal problems.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Every year a number of students are selected to participate in the leadership of our campus. The two primary positions of leadership are Dorm Resident Assistants and the Service Resident Assistants. Students are selected based on their high Christian character, leadership ability and contribute in a major way to the development of the student body. Student Leaders also receive a scholarship.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Bringing together Bible knowledge and practical application of that truth is a key component of the Student Life Department. Each semester the Student Council organizes a variety of social activities to give students a fun way to get to know other students and to implement in a practical way what they are learning in the classroom. Some of these events include coffee houses, paintball, skiing, snowboarding, hiking, talent shows, sports tournaments, as well as many other events and activities. A variety of sports opportunities also exist at Word of Life both in casual and intramural settings including football, soccer, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, basketball, and table tennis. There are a variety of means, in addition to the classroom, for students to grow in their walk with God. The Student Life Department is responsible for developing chapel services and Campus Community Gatherings where the Word of God is taught in a passionate and dynamic way.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council members are elected by the student body and volunteer their time to serve as representatives of the student body to staff and faculty, as well as serving the student body by hosting on-campus events.

HEALTH CENTER

Campus Security and Health Center staff, in conjunction with local 911 services, are available to respond to emergencies. Upstate Concierge Medicine provides telemedicine access for routine illnesses and injuries. This service provides fast and easy healthcare access 24/7/365. All students are automatically enrolled as members in this program while they are enrolled at the Bible Institute. With this program, students have access to a physician by phone, with secure messaging and/or video chat. Our facilities are located near off-campus, walk-in and emergency-care facilities. Students may contact one of the area medical centers to schedule a doctor's appointment.

CONFERENCES

We consider these conferences to be an integral part of the program, and all students are required to attend.

Missions Conference

Several days are devoted to a special mission's emphasis during the spring semester. Speakers and seminars as well as personal interaction with the missionaries themselves provide valuable insight and motivation. God often uses this conference to dramatically change the direction of students' lives.

Rooted Conference

During the spring semester, students will participate in a special conference dedicated to apologetics. Students will learn how to answer tough questions about their faith, and explore real-life issues relating to science, morality, and culture.

Young Adult Weekend

At the beginning of the spring semester, we host a conference for Bible Institute students & young adults. We bring in speakers and musicians to set the spiritual environment for the second half of the year.

FACILITIES

Classrooms

In New York, freshman classes are held in The Wyrzten Center, a 1,200-seat auditorium. Sophomore classes are held in the Mezzanine of the Wyrzten Center, a 300-seat auditorium.

Libraries

In New York, the Library and Study Center houses over 25,000 volumes. In Florida, the Lehman Strauss Library houses over 15,000 volumes. Students have access to Bible commentaries, resources, theological works, biographies, devotionals, and Christian life books. There are also thousands of online resources including Galaxie Online Theological Journal Database and EBSCO eBooks available for students in the Library section of the Student Portal:

wol.is/studentportal

IV MINISTRY

MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Ministries Department is to provide training for each student to participate in multiple, meaningful ministry opportunities that have the potential of significantly impacting the lives of others.

MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY

Full participation in the Word of Life Bible Institute program entails participation in various ministry opportunities, which enable students to put what they're learning in the classroom into practice in real-time, real-world settings. The goal is for students to not only learn principles from God's Word, but also to learn how to apply these principles in everyday life in service to God and others. In light of this goal, every student is assigned to a ministry team on which they will serve throughout the school year.

Freshman Students

Every freshman student has the opportunity to participate in one of our tryout ministries, which include sports teams, music teams, and gaming ministry. Students who are not selected for a tryout team will be assigned to a more general ministry team that will provide opportunities to help with local church youth events, Word of Life Reverb events, retreats, and other evangelistic outreaches. Additionally, every freshman student sits through a ten-hour accredited course and is taught how to take everyday conversations and direct them towards spiritual matters, ultimately culminating in the sharing of the gospel. The year culminates with the Freshman OAE trip to New York City, in which freshman students joins a 4-5 day trip to the city to participate in several day of organized street evangelism. Attendance is subject to the completion of all course requirements.

Sophomore Students

Sophomore students, who already possess varied ministry experience due to their completion of the freshman program, are provided with some unique ministry opportunities. In addition to tryout ministries and general ministry teams, sophomore students may participate on Church Support Ministry teams. These are teams of students that are sent out each week to churches in the local area to help in any way possible, often serving as youth leaders, praise team members, and Sunday School teachers. The goal is that sophomore students will be challenged to consider the importance of the local church and the need for people to leverage their spiritual gifts for the good of the local body. Through sports, drama, music, gaming and consistent weekly involvement in local churches and our campus community experience, students are provided with a wide range of experiences that will best prepare them for a future of service, with a special emphasis placed on ministry in and through the local church.

SAMPLE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Note: Ministry offerings vary at teaching sites.

Snowcamp

Each weekend during the winter, Word of Life Bible Institute hosts up to 430 young people at our New York campus and 100 at our Canadian campus for Snowcamp. Many students have the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge to practical experience as camp counselors. The students will be involved in every aspect of the camp from counseling, to working on maintenance, to running the program. Those at the Florida teaching site will counsel in their winter camping program.

The Unseen

The Unseen is the name of our worship bands on our New York campus.. These bands are given the opportunity to be involved in a wide variety of ministry events such as campus worship services, weekend ministry trips, Missions Conference, Snowcamp, and tours. Students in this group will play a role in inviting a congregation to worship God through song. Members of The Unseen must commit to fulfilling the entire summer ministry with Word of Life New York. Auditions for The Unseen will take place by video submissions throughout the year and then personal interviews during Opening Weekend.

Collegians

Collegians is our student choir in New York, a group who sings mostly contemporary worship songs, as well as some gospel songs, hymns, and a cappella pieces. Collegians will have the opportunity to perform for a variety of on-campus events such as chapels, Snowcamp, and conferences throughout the year. Students in this group will grow in their knowledge and application of music theory. This class is extracurricular, requiring just a little more than 1 hour per week for rehearsal (periodically extra time will be needed for performance preparations such as sound checks or sectionals). Auditions for Collegians usually take place during Opening Weekend but can be scheduled earlier.

Sports Ministry

The Word of Life Bible Institute in New York provides incredible opportunity for discipleship and evangelism through the avenue of sports. This ministry is available for those students who have special abilities in the area of athletics. Tryouts are necessary to select the students who will form the teams that represent Word of Life Bible Institute.

Sports offered:

- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Women's Volleyball
- Men's Cross Country
- Women's Cross Country

Drama

This program allows students to use their dramatic abilities to minister in churches, Christian schools, and elsewhere. Students must try out during the first week of school. The drama teams practice at least once a week. Performances include both short skits and more specialized, longer presentations involving salvation and dedication themes.

Ministry Teams

Students on Ministry Teams will assist in various ministry outreaches and events both on and off campus, primarily focusing on teen ministry. In addition, students provide support to other organizations or businesses in the community and on campus.

Open Air Evangelism

Training in street evangelism is offered under the supervision of Word of Life's Open Air Evangelism. Students spend time in urban areas such as New York City, Tampa, or Toronto, learning to be a witness to children and adults. All freshman students are required to participate in a Freshman OAE trip(s) that takes place during the spring.

Service Assignments

Every student while in attendance at the Bible Institute will receive a service assignment, which runs six to eight hours per week. Students serve in a variety of areas such as food service, maintenance, and housekeeping. While ministry assignments enable students to minister to others off campus, service assignments provide an opportunity for students to minister to their brothers and sisters on campus, putting Christlike service into action amidst the body of Christ. This is such a significant part of the Word of Life Bible Institute program that service assignment participation is included as a graded portion of the Christian Disciplines course.

V ACADEMICS

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The Academic Department seeks to provide students with a thoroughly biblical worldview utilizing a curriculum that covers all sixty-six books of the Bible and every category of theology while caring for the daily academic needs of the student and helping students and alumni transition to their future collegiate, graduate, and postgraduate level studies.

ACCREDITATION

1. Word of Life Bible Institute is accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, an institutional accrediting body. TRACS can be contacted at 15935 Forest Rd, Forest, VA 24551, or by phone at **434.525.9539**, **www.tracs.org**.
2. The New York State Education Department approves Word of Life Bible Institute for operation in New York State.
3. Word of Life Bible Institute is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.
4. The New York State Education Department approves Word of Life Bible Institute for the training of veterans.
5. Transfer to other schools: Depending upon the anticipated course of study and academic record, two years of credit are normally granted by most Christian colleges for those students completing two years at Word of Life Bible Institute.

COURSE OF STUDY

A refreshing exposure to a diversity of teaching styles and ministry philosophies makes the Word of Life Bible Institute experience unique. Resident faculty members teach Bible Survey, Systematic Theology, and Research and Writing to the entire freshman class, providing a unified overview of the sixty-six books of the Bible and the principal doctrines of the Christian faith. Adjunct faculty provide an interesting diversity as they exegete books of the Bible, teaching from their perspectives as pastors, missionaries, evangelists, college presidents, or college and seminary professors.

Word of Life Bible Institute offers a 24-month course of study in New York. A diploma is awarded for the successful completion of two years, each of which is comprised of two academic semesters and one term of practical ministry emphasis. Students who complete the freshman year are recognized with a Bible Certificate and are eligible to continue to the sophomore year of the program. Students who finish the freshman year with under a 2.0 will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance.

GRADING SCALE

Percent	Grade	Points/Hour	Percent	Grade	Points/Hour
93-100	A	4.00	73-76	C	2.00
90-92	A-	3.70	70-72	C-	1.70
87-89	B+	3.30	67-69	D+	1.30
83-86	B	3.00	63-66	D	1.00
80-82	B-	2.70	60-62	D-	.70
77-79	C+	2.30	0-59	F	.00

Grades may be viewed through the student portal. All grades issued at the end of the semester are final and are placed on the student's transcript. When grades are computed, a student may be placed in one of several classifications depending upon their grade point average: Dean's Honor List (3.50 or above), Dean's List (3.00-3.49), and Academic Probation (2.00 or below). Details of Academic Probation and Dismissal are found in the Student Handbook. There is limited academic assistance offered for students with academic struggles: study intensives, peer tutoring, study skills seminars, and academic advising. Students may contact the Academic Department (**academics@wol.org**) for further information regarding these programs. Students are involved in a full schedule of classes, a six to eight-hour/week service

assignment program, chapel services, personal quiet time, and weekly ministries. The schedule normally provides for morning classes. Afternoons are occupied with service assignments and free time.

Saturdays and Sundays are occasionally devoted to special seminars and practical experience in various ministry areas. Special emphasis is given to expose each student to many different ministry opportunities. Electives are offered as available.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Students must complete the core curriculum and obtain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher.
 - 1. Students who successfully complete the Freshman year and associated Ministry Practicum receive a Bible Certificate.
 - 2. Students who successfully complete the Sophomore year on the main campus in New York and associated Ministry Practicum receive a Diploma.
 - 3. Students must successfully pass Christian Disciplines, a non-classroom, non-credit bearing course, to receive the respective Bible Certificate or Diploma.
- B. Students will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises but will not receive their diploma/certificate until all financial obligations have been met in full.
- C. Freshmen students having a cumulative average of less than 2.00 or not successfully passing Christian Disciplines receive a Certificate of Attendance at the commencement exercises.
- D. Sophomore students having a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.00 or not successfully passing Christian Disciplines are not able to participate in commencement exercises. They do not receive a Diploma or a Certificate of Attendance.
- E. Students who begin their academic year with the spring semester and successfully complete their year at the end of the fall semester are eligible to participate in the next commencement exercise.

Students may begin classes in either September (fall semester) or January (spring semester).

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT INFORMATION

WOLBI student achievement information is updated annually and available for public review at:

wol.is/righttoknow

Additional student achievement data can be found at:

wol.is/studentdata

FRESHMAN CURRICULUM

FALL SEMESTER

HOURS*

Old Testament Literature	BIBL1011	3
Old Testament Exposition I	BIBL1021	3
Romans and Galatians	BIBL1321	2
Research and Writing	ENGL1011	3
Evangelism and Discipleship	EVAN1011	2
Christian Disciplines I	PRTH1010	0
Systematic Theology I	THEO1011	3
Total		16

SPRING SEMESTER

Daniel and Revelation	BIBL1031	2
New Testament Literature	BIBL1301	3
Gospel and Acts	BIBL1311	3
New Testament Exposition I	BIBL1331	3
Hermeneutics I	BIBL1601	2
Christian Disciplines II	PRTH1020	0
Systematic Theology II	THEO1021	3
Total		16

SUMMER SEMESTER

Ministry Practicum I	YMIN1011	3
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Note: Course offerings may vary at teaching sites.

Students will be involved for a minimum of 15 hours a week in our discipleship program. This includes a daily quiet time, dorm devotions, service assignment and Scripture memorization. Students will also participate in a ministry. This will include training and on-the-field experience. Hours will vary depending upon the semester.

**1 hour is equivalent to 15 classroom hours of 50 minutes each.*

SOPHOMORE CURRICULUM

FALL SEMESTER

HOURS*

Old Testament Exposition II	BIBL2011	2
Hermeneutics II	BIBL2601	2
Ministry of the Local Church	CHMN2011	2
Historical Theology	HIST2011	3
World Religions	HIST2021	3
Christian Disciplines III	PRTH2010	0
Apologetics and Worldview	SOCI2011	3
Total		15

SPRING SEMESTER

New Testament Exposition II	BIBL2301	2
Principles of Leadership	CHMN2021	2
Public Speaking and Preaching	COMM2011	3
Christian Disciplines IV	PRTH2020	0
Marriage & The Family	PSYC2011	2
Cross-Cultural Studies	SOCI2021	3
Dispensationalism	THEO2011	2
Philosophy of Youth Ministry	YMIN2211	2
Total		16

SUMMER SEMESTER

Ministry Practicum II	YMIN2011	3
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**1 hour is equivalent to 15 classroom hours of 50 minutes each.*

BIBLE EXPOSITION

Students receive exceptional teaching in the classroom from an impressive list of Bible scholars and expositors. Understanding God's Word is the first step to becoming effective leaders for Christ.

These courses are taught by adjunct faculty in one-week or two-week modules. This unique approach provides a highly qualified and versatile faculty. Ten class lectures are devoted each week to a specific module. Final exams for that module are given at the beginning of the following week. Courses taught by resident faculty contain multiples of ten clock hours of classroom activity. Topics taught by adjunct faculty have an additional thirty minutes for testing added to each ten clock hours of instruction.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

Students are not permitted to withdraw from the regular scheduled courses. Students may withdraw from electives without a penalty before the second class. Students withdrawing from the Bible Institute are required to see the Dean of Men or Women, Business Office, and Registrar for processing. Failure to do this may result in the student being issued F's for all coursework taken during the semester. Keys and ID's need to be turned in at this time. Refund policies are stated in the catalog. Students who withdraw at any point during the school year are responsible for getting their personal belongings home within two weeks. Students must contact the Dean of Men or Dean of Women to return to campus. Word of Life staff and students are not responsible for packing and shipping the belongings. After two weeks all belongings that remain on our property become abandoned property and will be donated or discarded. A student who does not return to campus from any scheduled break and does not communicate with WOLBI staff will be withdrawn from the program after two weeks of inactivity and withdrawn from all active courses.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

OLD TESTAMENT LITERATURE – BIBL1011

This course provides an overview of the Old Testament books of the Bible from Genesis to Malachi. Pertinent background and introductory material is developed. The theme and main teaching of each book are considered. The particular contribution of each book to the Canon is noted.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

OLD TESTAMENT EXPOSITION I – BIBL1021

An exposition of an assortment of genres of Old Testament biblical literature including a detailed exposition of the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis with an emphasis on the four key events of early human history: Creation, The Fall, The Flood and The Tower of Babel.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

DANIEL & REVELATION – BIBL1031

This course is an exposition of the two major apocalyptic books of the Bible. The exposition of Daniel will include an emphasis on the timeline provided by this book for the interpretation of the rest of prophetic Scriptures. Special attention will be given to the importance of a strong testimony in a decadent society. The exposition of the book of Revelation will be provided from a futuristic interpretation, including a literal seven-year tribulation and a literal thousand-year reign of Christ (Millennium).

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

OLD TESTAMENT WISDOM LITERATURE – BIBL1061

(South Korea Teaching Site)

An introductory study of Old Testament Wisdom literature by various authors with the goal of familiarizing students with the variety of literary genres found in the Wisdom Literature and expanding their understanding of its message, purpose, and importance to Christian living.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

INTRODUCTION TO ISAIAH – BIBL1071

(South Korea Teaching Site)

An introductory study of Isaiah with the goal of familiarizing students with the variety of literary genres found in this important foundational book to both the Jewish faith in the Old Testament period and the theology of the early Church; as well as expanding students' understanding of its message, purpose, and importance to Christian living.

15 clock hours – 1 Course Hour

EXPOSITION OF SELECTED BIBLICAL LITERATURE – BIBL1081

(Hungary Teaching Site)

An introduction to essential historical, cultural, and other contextual backgrounds of Old and New Testament books followed by the exposition of Genesis 12-50, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Ephesians. The course will focus on the importance of various Biblical contexts and the content, biblical theology, and relevant application of the four Bible books.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

NEW TESTAMENT LITERATURE – BIBL1301

This course provides an overview of the New Testament books of the Bible from Matthew to Revelation. Pertinent background and introductory material is developed. The theme and main teaching of each book are considered. The particular contribution of each book to the Canon is noted.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

GOSPELS AND ACTS – BIBL1311

This course provides an exposition of literature from the four Gospels. Events of the last week of the Life of Christ will be covered in depth. This course will also include a detailed exposition of the Book of Acts. Special attention will be given to the lives of Peter, Stephen, Paul, and Barnabas. An emphasis will be given to the establishment of the church and the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

ROMANS AND GALATIANS – BIBL1321

This course provides an exposition of two New Testament books, which provides the doctrine of justification by faith. A detailed exposition of the book of Romans will take place with an emphasis on Paul's teaching regarding salvation, sanctification, the place of the Jew and Gentile in God's divine plan. A detailed exposition of the book of Galatians will also occur. In this portion of the course, an emphasis will be given to warnings against mixing works with grace. Special attention will be given to teachings regarding godly Christian living through the power of the indwelling Spirit.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

NEW TESTAMENT EXPOSITION I – BIBL1331

This course will provide an exposition of select New Testament Books of the Bible. The historical background necessary for the interpretation of each book such as authorship, date, audience, purpose, and occasion will be discussed.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

EXPOSITION OF SELECTED NT LITERATURE – BIBL1371

(Ontario Teaching Site)

This course provides an intentional exposition of New Testament courses not found in other exposition courses. Topics such as the selected books' context in the canon of Scripture, key issues addressed, and how the Christian's life should be impacted will be discussed.

15 clock hours – 1 Course Hour

HERMENEUTICS I – BIBL1601

This course provides an introduction to the art and science of Bible Interpretation. Students will learn how to apply the appropriate principles (science) and gain experience (art) of an inductive Bible study, following the steps of observation, interpretation, application, and correlation.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

OLD TESTAMENT EXPOSITION II – BIBL2011

This course provides an exposition of important Old Testament portions of the Bible (Genesis 12-50, Esther & Ruth, Psalms) not previously developed in Old Testament Exposition I. Building upon the foundation of the four key events of Genesis 1-11 (taught in Old Testament Exposition I), time will be devoted to the narratives surrounding four key figures of Genesis 12-50 (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph). An exposition of the Books of Ruth and Esther will also take place (10 clock hours). Finally, an introduction to the Book of Psalms will be provided. Attention will be given to some of the literary techniques which the writers of the Psalms utilized in their compositions. The various classifications of the Psalms will be discussed, and attention will be given to a number of sample Psalms from each classification.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

NEW TESTAMENT EXPOSITION II – BIBL2301

This course provides an exposition of important New Testament Books of the Bible (1 and 2 Thessalonians, Philippians, 1-3 John) not developed in New Testament Exposition I. The historical background necessary for the interpretation of each book such as authorship, date, audience, purpose, and occasion will be discussed. This course will provide an exposition of the Books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (10 clock hours). An emphasis will be placed on the Apostle Paul's teaching regarding the Rapture of the Church and the Day of the Lord. An exposition of the Book of Philippians will take place (10 clock hours). An emphasis will be placed on the central theme of lasting joy and contentment modeled by Paul during his imprisonment. An exposition of the Books of 1-3 John will also be included (10 clock hours). An emphasis will be placed on the central theme of fellowship with God.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

HERMENEUTICS II – BIBL2061

Building upon the prerequisite course of Hermeneutics I, this course is designed to help students to improve their ability to accurately interpret the text of Scripture. The various challenges to accurate interpretation will be discussed (cultural, historical, geographical, special, grammatical, and literary). The various genres of Scripture will be investigated, and the special "rules" that accompany them expressed. Special emphasis will be placed on authorial intent as the only objective basis for validating one's interpretation.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

BIBLE GEOGRAPHY AND BACKGROUNDS – BIBL2612

(South Korea Teaching Site)

A study of the land of Israel in order to better understand the Bible in its original geographic and historical settings. Seven class hours will be devoted to the study of the geography and the topography of the land of Israel as a whole and of the city of Jerusalem with particular attention being given to the ways in which the topography of the land influenced the events recorded in Scripture. Following this, students will participate in a ten-day guided study tour of Israel. An additional eight hours of lectures will be given in country.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP – CHMN1011

(Uganda Teaching Site)

This course will address three primary areas: 1) Personal Leadership Development, 2) Developing Other Leaders, and 3) Organizational Leadership Development. "Personal Leadership Development" will focus on character, influence, leadership styles, problem-solving, and decision-making. "Developing Other Leaders" will focus on commitment, communication, competencies, dependability, and selflessness. Finally, "Organizational Leadership Development" will focus on mission, vision, strategic planning, and management.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP – CHMN2021

This course begins with an examination and articulation of biblical principles of leadership including, but not limited to, people management, time management, and team building. The emphasis will be on how to develop staff loyalty, cooperation, and positive attitudes for an atmosphere conducive to individual effort, creativity, and success. This course will also include an exposition of the Book of Nehemiah and the principles of leadership outlined there.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

MINISTRY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH – CHMN2011

This course will provide students with an understanding of the purpose and function of the local church. Time will also be devoted to the need and process of the founding of new churches and revitalization of older ones. It will include an exposition of two of the Pastoral Epistles (1 Timothy and Titus), which are letters to two pastors (Timothy and Titus) who are tasked with the responsibility of organizing and leading local churches. Attention will be given to special qualifications for elders and deacons. Finally, time will be allotted for the discussion of spiritual gifts, their importance, and the process of discovering and developing one's spiritual gift(s).

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PREACHING – COMM2011

This course will teach students how to prepare and present messages/lessons in a public setting. Students will become familiar with the various types of messages including the topical, textual and topical/textual. Expository preaching will be emphasized. The various parts of a sermon will be discussed. Female students will learn how to prepare Bible presentations for Sunday school classes, ladies' Bible studies, and other speaking opportunities. Both male and female students will prepare and present their sermons/lessons in lab settings.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

RESEARCH AND WRITING – ENGL1011

This course is designed to help students succeed at the college level by providing them with the necessary tools and knowledge. The student will be taught helpful study skills (how to organize time, utilize a calendar and develop a priority list). The student will learn how to research effectively (using our campus library as well as their personal Logos software). The student will develop their ability to think critically (effectively synthesize information and evaluate the strength of that information), and they will be taught how to write clearly and effectively (using MLA formatting and properly quoting source material). Research and writing assignments for this course will focus on biblical and theological material covered in other Bible/Theology courses.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH AND WRITING – ENGL1012

(South Korea Teaching Site)

Students will learn how to engage in the process of writing a research paper using both modeling and task-based approaches. The research and writing process will include pre-writing, gathering data, organizing information, drafting, revision and editing, and publication.

15 clock hours – 1 Course Hour

EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP – EVAN1011

This course involves instruction by a prominent specialist in the field of evangelism. Special emphasis will be given to practical principles of sharing the gospel. The course will also include the next steps of a new believer. Models of discipleship will be studied with practical principles for discipleship in a local church structure provided. Additional lectures will be provided in the area of biblical counseling, which is the outgrowth of discipleship. Emphasis will be placed on the sufficiency of the Bible in every area of life, as well as the authority and responsibility of believers to engage in biblical counseling.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY – HIST2011

This course provides students with an understanding of the development of theology from the Ancient Near East until the modern church age. Time will be devoted to ancient people groups and the gods they worshipped including, but not limited to, the Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Canaanites, Greco-Macedonians, and Romans. Time will be allotted to learn about the history of the Jewish people during the intertestamental period, also known as Second Temple Judaism, thereby providing students with information helpful for the interpretation of the New Testament (i.e. Herodians, Sadducees, Pharisees, Hasmoneans, Rabbinic Judaism, religious and political structures, etc.). An overview of early church history will be developed from its beginnings in the 1st Century AD until the Pre-Reformation movements of the 15th Century. Special attention will be given to the main developments and characters. Finally, an overview of the history of the Christian Church in the West from the Reformation to the 21st Century will take place. Emphasis will be placed on the main developments and characters.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

WORLD RELIGIONS – HIST2021

This course is designed to help students understand the fundamental beliefs of the major world religions in order to reach individuals in each of these religions with the Gospel of Christ. Time will be devoted to each of the following religions: Animism, Judaism, Islam, Roman Catholicism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. An emphasis will be placed on what makes Christianity unique from all the other world religions.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

GREEK 1 – LANG2012

The first of a two-part series (Greek I and II), this course introduces the fundamentals of Koine Greek, the language used in the New Testament, the Septuagint, and early Christian literature. Along with essential grammar and morphology, this course focuses on common vocabulary and encourages an elementary reading ability. Greek I is a prerequisite to Greek II.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

GREEK 2 – LANG2022

The second of a two-part series (Greek I and II), this course introduces the fundamentals of Koine Greek, the language used in the New Testament, the Septuagint, and early Christian literature. Along with essential grammar and morphology, this course focuses on common vocabulary and encourages an elementary reading ability.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES I – PRTH1010

This is a noncredit granting and nonclassroom course but is required for Graduation. A minimum of 225 hours each semester is spent in a variety of required activities designated to help students develop godly character. This includes spiritual disciplines such as personal quiet time, prayer, scripture memory, personal evangelism, chapel attendance, and leading devotionals. Students are also assigned to a ministry and service assignment and will be evaluated by their ministry/service assignment supervisor(s).

225 clock hours – 0 Course Hours

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES II – PRTH1020

This is a noncredit granting and nonclassroom course but is required for Graduation. A minimum of 225 hours each semester is spent in a variety of required activities designated to help students develop godly character. This includes spiritual disciplines such as personal quiet time, prayer, scripture memory, personal evangelism, chapel attendance, and leading devotionals. Students are also assigned to a ministry and service assignment in which they are evaluated by their ministry/service assignment supervisor(s).

225 clock hours – 0 Course Hours

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES III – PRTH2010

This is a noncredit granting and nonclassroom course but is required for Graduation. A minimum of 225 hours each semester is spent in a variety of required activities designated to help students develop godly character. This includes spiritual disciplines such as a personal quiet time, prayer, scripture memory, personal evangelism, chapel attendance, and leading devotionals. Students are also assigned to a ministry and service assignment in which they are evaluated by their ministry/service assignment supervisor(s).

225 clock hours – 0 Course Hours

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES IV – PRTH2020

This is a noncredit granting and nonclassroom course but is required for Graduation. A minimum of 225 hours each semester is spent in a variety of required activities designated to help students develop godly character. This includes spiritual disciplines such as personal quiet time, prayer, scripture memory, personal evangelism, chapel attendance, and leading devotionals. Students are also assigned to a ministry and service assignment in which they are evaluated by their ministry/service assignment supervisor(s).

225 clock hours – 0 Course Hours

MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY – PSYC2011

This course is designed to develop and discuss biblical principles for the Christian family. Students will be separated by gender and will discuss biblical principles of manhood/womanhood. Additional time will be allotted for developing the biblical principles for the Christian marriage and parenting. Finally, classroom instruction will focus on biblical principles and practical suggestions pertaining to personal finances.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGICAL ISSUES – SOCI1021

(Uganda Teaching Site)

This course is designed to help the student counteract some of the challenges facing the 21st century Church of Jesus Christ and how one is to effectively respond with biblical discernment. The course addresses three main areas: relevant youth issues, Christian ethics, and the modern signs and wonders movement which is prevalent in African churches today.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

APOLOGETICS AND WORLDVIEW – SOCI2011

This course will introduce students to the discipline of Apologetics. Various models of Christian apologetics will be discussed and the presuppositional approach defended. Various “rational” presentations will be considered for the sake of “pre-evangelism” including but not limited to the historicity of Scriptures, Jesus Christ and His resurrection, prophecy and the law of averages, and the contribution of archaeology. This course will also investigate various cults and worldviews including Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventists, and the New Age Movement. Additional hours will be devoted to instruction regarding ethics from a biblical worldview.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES – SOCI2021

This course is designed to provide students with both the theoretical as well practical knowledge relating to cross-cultural ministry. It will include a history of the modern missionary movement and instruction regarding contemporary issues in missions. The practical side will involve the preparation for and the engagement in cross-cultural ministry opportunities.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I – THEO1011

An introductory survey of the major doctrines of the Bible with the goal of providing the student with a fundamental working knowledge of the Christian faith. This course focuses on Bibliology, Theology Proper, Anthropology, Hamartiology, and Christology.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II – THEO1021

An introductory survey of the major doctrines of the Bible with the goal of providing the student with a fundamental working knowledge of the Christian faith. This course focuses on Soteriology, Angelology, Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.

45 clock hours – 3 Course Hours

DISPENSATIONALISM – THEO2011

The Christian philosophy of history will be discussed and the dispensational system of interpretation presented as the best way to understand God's plans and program in the past, present, and future. Emphasis will be placed on the unconditional covenants (Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic, and New) of God and the distinction between "Israel" and "The Church."

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

MINISTRY PRACTICUM I – YMIN1011

The Ministry Practicum serves as the capstone to the freshman academic experience by providing students with a supervised, concentrated ministry with an emphasis on evangelism and discipleship. The precise format of the Ministry Practicum varies between teaching sites, but, in all cases, students are placed in real life ministry environments that provide multiple opportunities to apply what they have learned in the classroom throughout the year.

3 Course Hours

MINISTRY PRACTICUM II – YMIN2011

The Ministry Practicum serves as the capstone to the sophomore academic experience by providing students with a supervised, concentrated ministry experience with an emphasis on evangelism and discipleship. The precise format of the Ministry Practicum varies between teaching sites, but, in all cases, students are placed in real life ministry environments that provide multiple opportunities to apply what they have learned in the classroom throughout the year.

3 Course Hours

PHILOSOPHY OF YOUTH MINISTRY – YMIN2211

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to think through and develop a biblical philosophy of youth ministry. The Word of Life Youth Ministries objectives will be discussed as well as other youth work philosophies. Ten lectures will emphasize counseling issues unique to young people and the biblical principles that apply to those situations. Additional lectures will focus on how to develop a lesson plan and practical suggestions for teaching youth.

30 clock hours – 2 Course Hours

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PhD, Baptist Bible Seminary

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ThM, Dallas Theological Seminary
DMin, Dallas Theological Seminary
Senior Pastor, The Bible Chapel

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MDiv, Master's Seminary
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LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES

All students receive an account with Logos Bible Software. Logos is the premiere digital Bible study software. In partnership with Logos, Word of Life provides students with intuitive Bible study software as well as a custom digital library that aligns with our course of study and digital textbooks.

Additionally, the Word of Life Bible Institute operates the Library and Study Center. The print collection of over 23,000 volumes, along with its electronic book collection of over 750 e-books, effectively supports the academic curriculum. This collection also supports WOLBI's student life, discipleship, and counseling programs. The print book collection contains several thousand books, 14% of which have been published within the past fifteen years, as well as hundreds of classic works in the Bible, theology, religion, and history subject areas. The electronic book collection covers every topic area in the curriculum, with over half of the collection published within the past ten years. The eBooks are accessible at WOLBI's New York and Florida teaching sites through Destiny Online Library. More information can be found in the Library Handbook, which is linked in Canvas.

ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Administration exists to oversee all aspects of the functioning of the Word of Life Bible Institute in order to build an effective, cohesive, and unified ministry. It exercises immediate oversight over the development and management of Governing Board engagement, best practices, government and external compliance agency reporting, business, advancement.

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VI TEACHING SITE ADDENDUMS

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FLORIDA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025–2026

August 28	Registration
November 25–30	Thanksgiving Break
December 12 – January 5	Christmas Break
January 4	New Spring Students Registration
January 5	Returning Students Registration
January 6–8	Missions Conference
March 13–29	Spring Break
March 12–24	Israel Study Tour <i>(optional)</i>
May 8–24	Summer Break
May 25 – July 30	Ministry Practicum <i>(required to complete the program)</i>
July 31	Graduation

*These dates are subject to change. Please check the calendar page on the **www.wordoflife.edu** website for current information.*

OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO TEACHING SITE

The Ontario teaching site is located in Owen Sound in the heart of the Great Lakes Region of Georgian Bay, a popular year-round recreational destination for boaters, hikers, skiers, and snowmobilers. The 200-acre campus lies adjacent to the Niagara Escarpment and overlooks an expansive valley below, yet it is only fifteen minutes from the region's largest shopping and medical facilities. Toronto International Airport is 2 ½ hours to the southeast with shuttle bus service to Owen Sound easily available.

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ADMISSIONS

The Admissions Department of the Ontario teaching site is located at:

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age on the day of Registration.
2. Since the Bible Institute is a postsecondary institution, applicants must be high school graduates or have obtained a GED Diploma, CAEC, or have met the requirements of province, state, or country regarding high school completion.
3. Transcripts are required for all secondary and postsecondary education.
4. Applicants must be in agreement with Word of Life's Statement of Faith and must signify a willingness to abide by its Standard of Conduct.
5. Applicants must give testimony to being born again and must indicate a sincere desire to study the Word of God.
6. Applicants must be able to read, write and communicate in English. If English is not their first language, they must pass the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or attend one of Word of Life's SYME (School of Youth Ministries in English) programs for a minimum of four months. SYME programs are currently located in Korea, Japan and Taiwan.

Note: Once a student has been accepted to Word of Life Bible Institute or one of its teaching sites, transfer of that acceptance to another teaching site must be approved through the Word of Life Bible Institute Admissions Office.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The Word of Life Bible Institute admits students of any sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the Institute. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs. However, as a religious institution, Word of Life reserves the right to deny admission or to terminate the enrollment of persons whose lifestyle, words, actions, or otherwise do not align with the Word of Life statement of faith, code of conduct, or other policies of this organization.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS

1. Complete and return the application, autobiography, and two reference forms. We cannot issue an acceptance letter without this information.
2. Applicants must be able to read, write and communicate in English. If English is not their first language, they must pass the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a 61 or better on the internet-based test. Students who have attended one of Word of Life's SYME programs must pass the MPT (Michigan Placement Test) with a score of 81 (with four months completed), 71 (with six months completed) or 61 (with eight months completed) to attend.
3. Submit high school and any postsecondary transcripts. The Bible Institute may request a certified translation of such transcripts.
4. Provide proof of health insurance for the time they will be a student.
5. Submit funds to be held on deposit for tuition, room and board, and return transportation. Additionally, provide evidence of sufficient funds or financial support to pay incidental expenses.
6. Obtain a study permit from the Canadian Consulate. A U.S. citizen may obtain a student visa at the port of entry, but check with the port of entry to determine the hours when immigration offices are open. See the Canadian government's website at www.cic.gc.ca for up-to-date details. Applicants will need to provide the Canadian government with the following:
 - An acceptance letter from the Bible Institute's Ontario teaching site.
 - Proof of health insurance.
 - Evidence of sufficient funds or financial support to pay for the year at the Bible Institute which may be a letter from the Bible Institute certifying that the funds are already on deposit.

TRANSFERRING TO OTHER SCHOOLS

Depending on the anticipated course of study and academic record, up to one year of credit may be granted by most Christian colleges for studies at the Bible Institute's Ontario teaching site. Among the schools granting credit for coursework at Word of Life are:

- Appalachian Bible College
- Cairn University
- Calvary Bible College
- Cedarville University
- Christian Heritage College
- Cornerstone University
- Davis College
- Grace College
- Heritage College and Seminary
- Lancaster Bible College
- Liberty University
- Moody Bible Institute
- Pensacola Christian College
- Piedmont International University
- Southeastern College at Wake Forest
- The Masters College
- And many others

Scholarships are often offered by many of these schools to Word of Life Bible Institute graduates.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Word of Life Bible Institute's Ontario teaching site bases all charges upon an 11-month school year consisting of two academic semesters and a summer Ministry Practicum. All prices are subject to change without notice. Please visit www.wolbi.ca/financial for updated costs.

2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR COST

Note: All prices are expressed in Canadian dollars.

Tuition	\$8,400
Room & Board	\$9,210
Mission North	\$1,250
Logos Bible Software	\$445 (<i>paid 1st semester, non-refundable after first class</i>)
Basic Fees	\$585
Total	\$18,640 (<i>not including Mission North</i>)

Other Charges

Estimated Cost of Health Insurance	\$700 (<i>for international students</i>)
Electives per hour	\$75
Late Registration Fee/Early Exit Fee	\$100
Estimated Cost of Textbooks	\$110
Summer Ministry Practicum Fee	\$135
Special Dietary Needs (as required)	\$225

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Fees for the Fall and Spring semesters are due and payable when the student registers for that semester. Students may use debit cards, e-transfer, or approved credit cards (VISA or MasterCard) to pay their school bills.

Each student is expected to have completed all arrangements necessary to meet any and all financial obligations by Registration. Grades are issued only to students whose accounts are paid in full. Certificates are not issued until all financial obligations have been met. Satisfactory academic progress must be maintained to be eligible for institutional aid.

FINANCIAL AID

The following scholarships are available for students who have participated in the Word of Life Youth Ministries program: Engage International Award Certificates and Cre8tive Discipleship Certificates. Also, qualified students who have worked at a Word of Life Camp may apply for the Summer Institute of Camping (SIC)/Camp Crew (STC) Scholarship. The Directors' Scholarship is available for Canadian students who are able to document significant financial need. The Wyrzten Scholarship Fund provides a need-based scholarship and can be applied for in the Fall semester. Interested students should contact the Bible Institute for more information.

Word of Life Bible Institute offers several scholarships each year to students who demonstrate spiritual maturity and leadership abilities. These scholarships are for the position of student leadership. Student Leaders are responsible for overseeing student life in the dorms, for enforcing standards and regulations, for supervising specific work assignments, and for assuming other leadership roles associated with campus life. Scholarship funds are also made available for dependent children of parents who are full-time pastors or missionaries. Students are expected to have completed all arrangements necessary to meet any and all financial obligations by Registration. Grades are issued only to students whose accounts are paid in full. Diplomas and final transcripts are not issued until all financial obligations have been met. Satisfactory academic progress must be obtained to be eligible for institutional aid.

The Ontario teaching site is not part of Word of Life's participation agreement with the U.S. Department of Education relating to Title IV funding and is, therefore, not eligible to receive federal funding such as the Pell Grant or Stafford Loan.

REFUNDS

If a student withdraws or is dismissed from school, refunds will be granted on the following basis:

Within the first week	100 %
During the second week	85 %
During the third week	70 %
During the fourth week	55 %
During the fifth week	40 %
During the sixth week	25 %
After the sixth week	No refund except board

Board refunds will be granted on the actual number of weeks remaining in the semester after week 6.

ONTARIO CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026–2027

August 30	Student Arrival and Registration
September 1 – December 18	Fall Semester
December 18 – January 4	Winter Break
December 19 – January 5	Spring Semester
January 4 – May 28	Spring Semester
March 6–21	Spring Break
April 9–11	Missions Conference
May 15–28	Cross Cultural Trip
May 29	Celebration of the end of classes
June 27 – August 14	Ministry Practicum <i>(required to complete the program)</i>

These dates are subject to change. Visit www.wolbi.ca/school-calendar/ for the latest calendar updates.

HUNGARY TEACHING SITE

Word of Life Bible Institute's Hungarian teaching site is located on a gorgeous 76-acre castle property, in the quaint village of Tóalmás, just 45 miles east of the beautiful city of Budapest. Our students are able to grow in their relationship with God and study His Word while experiencing the unique culture and amazing history Hungary has to offer. The student body is comprised of up to 17 distinct nationalities, allowing the student to witness first-hand the unity and diversity of the church of Jesus Christ.

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age on the day of Registration.
2. Since the Bible Institute is a postsecondary institution, applicants must be high school graduates or have passed a recognized high school equivalency test approved by their government or have met the requirements of their province, state, or country regarding high school completion.
3. Transcripts are required for all secondary and postsecondary education.
4. Applicants must be in agreement with Word of Life's Statement of Faith and must signify a willingness to abide by its Standard of Conduct.
5. Applicants must give testimony to being born again and must indicate a sincere desire to study the Word of God.
6. Applicants must be fluent in either Hungarian or English. Applicants who do not speak English as their first language will be sent a proficiency exam before their acceptance is determined.

Note: Once a student has been accepted to Word of Life Bible Institute or one of its teaching sites, transfer of that acceptance to another teaching site must be approved through the Word of Life Bible Institute Admissions Office.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The Word of Life Bible Institute admits students of any sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the Institute. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs. However, as a religious institution, Word of Life reserves the right to deny admission or to terminate the enrollment of persons whose lifestyle, words, actions, or otherwise do not align with the Word of Life statement of faith, code of conduct, or other policies of this organization.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS

1. Complete the application at **www.wolbi.hu/apply**. Reference forms will also be required as part of the application process. The Bible Institute teaching site in Hungary cannot issue an acceptance letter without this information.
2. Applicants must be fluent in either Hungarian or English. Applicants who do not speak English as their first language will be sent a proficiency exam before their acceptance is determined.
3. Submit high school and any postsecondary transcripts. The Bible Institute may request a certified translation of such transcripts.
4. Applicants outside the European Union must possess a valid passport to travel to Hungary. The passport must be valid until at least 6 months after graduation.
5. Non-European Union participants will apply for their Residency Permit shortly after arriving in Hungary. The staff will help each participant fill out the application and take them to the immigration office in Budapest.
6. Participants must have proof of international health insurance in order to study at Word of Life Hungary. This is a requirement by law.
7. Participants from certain countries may be required to certify their ability to pay for their tuition and personal needs in order for the government to grant permission to stay in Hungary.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Word of Life Bible Institute's Hungary teaching site bases tuition charges upon a 9-month school year consisting of two academic semesters. Room & Board covers the 32 weeks of on-campus studies and participation. Tuition, room and board are to be paid monthly. Bank transfer and card payment fees are payable by students. Individuals are expected to speak with the Financial Office if they have trouble paying on time, in which case, extra time allowances may be made.

Payments can be made in cash, by bank transfer or credit card. All prices are subject to change without notice. Please visit www.wolbi.hu for updated costs. Note that prices are listed, billed, and payable in Hungarian Forints.

2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR COSTS

Note: All fees listed are billed and payable in Hungarian Forints.

Tuition	2,040,000 HUF
Room & Board	3,060,000 HUF
Total	5,100,000 HUF

Additional Charges

Textbooks/Year (estimate)	46,000 HUF
Residence Permits for non-EU residents approx.	\$200 USD

Please visit www.wolbi.hu/finances for updated costs.

FINANCIAL AID

DISCOUNTS

- **Household income-based discount:** Some of our discounts are based on household income. In order to receive these discounts, during the application process you will provide verification of income for your household. Based on the household's monthly net income per person, applicants may apply for discounts ranging from 35% to 50% of their total cost. Further information can be found at www.wolbi.hu/finances.
- **Internship Discount:** Those 2nd year students who will undertake a 1-year internship with Word of Life Hungary after their studies will receive a 35% discount. Acceptance into the internship program is not automatic and the student needs to be approved before starting their second year in September. If the one-year internship is not completed, the discount must be refunded to Word of Life Hungary.
- **Sibling Discount:** Siblings attending together, in first or second year, will each receive a 15% discount.
- **Ministry Discount:** Those applicants who are in full-time Christian ministry, or their parents are, and have no other source of income, are given a 20% discount.
- **WOL Discount:** Current full-time staff and immediate family members of Word of Life will receive a 75% discount.
- **Recruiter Discount:** WOL Hungary Bible Institute students who recruit new, future students will receive a refund of 40,000 HUF from their tuition fee for each recruited student, less any social scholarship. To be eligible, a short application form needs to be filled out AND the recruited students must start their studies in the current academic year in September.
- **Individual Social Discount (formerly Scholarship):** Students from Hungary and Central and Eastern European countries may apply for an individual discount based on demonstrated need, subject to the Solid Foundation Scholarship fund. There is a limited supply of scholarship funds that will be distributed based on the funds available.
- **Resident Assistant Discount:** Certain students are personally invited by the BI Student Life staff to serve in a

leadership capacity on campus and in the dorm rooms as Resident Assistants. The Resident Assistant discount is 10% off the tuition fee after the class-year discount has been applied. The Resident Assistant discount may not be combined with the individual social discount.

- **Married Students Discount:** In the case of married students, if both apply and are admitted to the Bible school, the second spouse will receive an additional 50% discount after all other discounts have been applied. If the spouses pay different tuition fees, the spouse with the lower tuition fee will receive a married couple discount equal to 50% of the discounted tuition fee of the spouse paying the higher tuition.

Please note that no one may receive a higher discount than 75% off the base price, the exception to this is the recruiter discount and the individual social discount.

First, the income-based discount is applied, and then the next highest discount is applied to the reduced amount, and so on, down to the lowest discount. Any individual social discounts may be determined subsequently.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Hungarian teaching site does not offer US-based scholarships such as Cre8tive Discipleship, Camp Crew (STC), Student Fusion, SLU, Engage (Teens Involved), and Score. It is also important to note that the Hungarian teaching site is not part of Word of Life's participation agreement with the U.S. Department of Education relating to Title IV funding and is, therefore, not eligible to receive federal funding such as the Pell Grant or Stafford Loan.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Fees may be paid all at once at the beginning of the school year or in monthly installments from September to May, within 7 days after receipt of the bill via email. Students may use cash, bank transfer or credit card to pay their school fees. Each student is expected to have completed all arrangements necessary to meet any and all financial obligations by registration. Grades are issued only to students whose accounts are paid in full. Certificates are not issued until all financial obligations have been met.

REFUNDS

If a student withdraws or is dismissed from school, tuition refunds will be granted on the following basis: Refunds will be granted on the actual number of weeks remaining in the semester at the time of withdrawal or dismissal.

HUNGARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026–2027

September 6–7	Students Arrival and Registration
September 8–13	Orientation and Opening Conference
September 15 – January 29	Fall Semester
October 5–11	Ministry Training Week
December 12 – January 10	Winter Break
January 29–31	Missions Conference
February 1 – May 28	Spring Semester
March 15–21	Missions Week
March 22–29	Spring Break
May 29	Graduation Ceremony
June 1 – August 20	Ministry Practicum <i>(required to complete the program)</i>

These dates are subject to change. Visit www.wolbi.hu for the latest calendar updates.

SOUTH KOREA TEACHING SITE

Our Jeju Island location is just 15 minutes from beautiful beaches, Halla Mountain, Jeju City (population 490,000) and Jeju International Airport. Centrally located south of the Korean Peninsula we are a short 2-hour flight from Tokyo, Osaka, Beijing and Shanghai. The mix of students from Asia, America and around the world makes this a truly international campus.

RESIDENT FACULTY

Mr. Steve Nicholes

BS, Liberty University

MRE, Asia Baptist Theological Seminary of Cornerstone University

ADMISSIONS

The Admissions Department of the South Korea teaching site is located at:

Word of Life Bible Institute Admissions

622 Gwangsang-ro Aewol-eup

Jeju-si, Jeju-do 63037

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Website: www.wolbijeju.org

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Each applicant must be at least 17 years of age on the day of registration.
2. Since the Bible Institute is a post-secondary institution, each applicant must be a high school graduate or have passed a recognized high school equivalency test approved by their government or have met the requirements of their province, state, or country regarding high school completion.
3. Transcripts are required for all secondary and postsecondary education.
Note: High School transcripts or equivalents will be required with the general exception that the applicant has successfully completed a minimum of 12 credits (1 semester) from another accredited postsecondary/higher education institute. Postsecondary transcripts will be accepted on a case-by-case basis after review.
4. Each applicant must be in agreement with Word of Life's Statement of Faith and signify a willingness to abide by its Standard of Conduct.
5. Each applicant must give testimony to being born again and indicate a sincere desire to study the Word of God.
6. Applicants must receive two positive adult recommendations (pastoral and personal). Recommenders must not be a peer (in age) or a family member and must have known the applicant for at least six months.
7. Students must obtain a passport or verify that their existing passport will remain valid six months past their intended period of study.
8. Each applicant must be able to read, write and communicate in English. If English is not your first language, please refer to #2 under the "International Student Admissions" section

Note: Once a student has been accepted to Word of Life Bible Institute or one of its teaching sites, transfer of that acceptance to another teaching site must be approved through the Word of Life Bible Institute Admissions Office.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The Word of Life Bible Institute admits students of any sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the Institute. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs. However, as a religious institution, Word of Life reserves the right to deny admission or to terminate the enrollment of persons whose lifestyle, words, actions, or otherwise do not align with the Word of Life statement of faith, code of conduct, or other policies of this organization.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS

- Note that all documents, not in English must be translated into U.S. English. Applicants are advised to adhere to the following procedures:
1. Complete and return the application, autobiography and two (pastoral and personal) reference forms. The Bible Institute teaching site in Korea cannot issue an acceptance letter without this information.
 2. Each applicant must be able to read, write and communicate in English. If English is not your first language you must pass one of these English proficiency tests: TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a score of 61 or better on the internet-based test (IBT).
 - ELTS (International English Language Testing System) with a band score of 5.5 or higher Duolingo English Test (DET) with a score of 90 or higher.
 - The MPT (Michigan Placement Test) is provided by SYME (School of Youth Ministries in English) for students who attend at least 2 months of SYME. For acceptance, students must pass MPT with a score of 91 (with 2 months completed), 81 (with 4 months completed), 71 (with 6 months completed) or 61 (with 8 months completed) to attend the Jeju campus.
Note: Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis following review by the Enrollment Team. A student's English score must be submitted before he/she enrolls at WOLBI (registration day). If a passing score is not submitted, the student will not be admitted.
 3. Submit high school and any postsecondary transcripts. The Bible Institute may request a certified translation of such transcripts.
 4. Students must obtain a passport or verify that their existing passport will remain valid six months past their intended period of study.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Word of Life Bible Institute's South Korea teaching site bases all charges upon an 11-month school year consisting of two academic semesters and a Ministry Practicum. All prices are subject to change without notice. Please visit www.wolbijegu.org for updated costs. Note that prices are in U.S. dollars.

2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR COST

Travel Fee*	\$4,900
Tuition	\$4,977
Meals	\$6,270
Housing	\$3,350
Total	\$19,497

**Includes trips to Thailand and Israel*

Other Charges

Nonrefundable Confirmation Fee	\$750
Textbooks Per Year (<i>estimate</i>)	\$150
Supplementary Materials Fee	\$250
Laundry Fee	\$150
Late Registration/Early Exit Fee	\$200
Electives Per Hour	\$35
Optional Paul's Missionary Journey (Turkey, Greece, Italy): \$3350	

FINANCIAL AID

The South Korea teaching site is priced very affordably considering all that is included. Early-Bird scholarships (offered monthly to confirmed applicants starting 11 months prior to entrance), “Pass-it-On”, church matching, and international student scholarships are available for this teaching site. However, US-based scholarships such as Cre8tive Discipleship, Camp Crew (STC), Student Fusion, Student Leadership University, Engage (Teens Involved), and Score are not applicable. Students may be eligible for some of these when transferring to the second year of the program at the main campus in New York. It is also important to note that the South Korea teaching site is not part of Word of Life’s participation agreement with the U.S. Department of Education and is therefore not eligible to receive federal funding such as the Pell Grant or Stafford Loan at this time.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Fees may be paid all at once at the beginning of the school year or in three installments in September (paying for September–December), in January (paying for January–March) and February (April–June). Students may use debit cards, approved credit cards, or pay via bank wire transfer. If a monthly payment plan is needed, students may make a direct request. Each student is expected to have completed all arrangements necessary to meet any and all financial obligations by registration. Grades are issued only to students whose accounts are paid in full. Certificates are not issued until all financial obligations have been met. Satisfactory academic progress must be maintained to be eligible for institutional aid.

REFUNDS

If a student withdraws or is dismissed from school, refunds will be granted on the following basis:

Within the first week	100 %
During the second week	85 %
During the third week	70 %
During the fourth week	55 %
During the fifth week	40 %
During the sixth week	25 %
After the sixth week	No refund except board

Board refunds will be granted on the actual number of weeks remaining in the semester after week 6.

SOUTH KOREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026–2027

September 14	Student Arrival
September 15	Registration
September 16 – February 26	Fall Semester
November 13–15	Founder’s Conference/Counseling Seminar
December 1–14	Mission Trip to Vietnam & Thailand
December 15 – January 1	Winter Break
February 6–8	Lunar New Year Holiday
February 12–14	Missions Conference
March 2 – July 11	Spring Semester
March 13–24	Israel Trip
TBA	Family Life Conference
May 29 – June 7	Optional Paul’s Missionary Journeys Trip/Break
July 12–14	Summer Break
July 15 – August 7	Ministry Practicum (<i>required to graduate</i>)
August 9	Graduation

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VI ADDENDUMS

GRIEVANCE POLICY

To see our full Grievance Policy, visit [**wol.is/grievance**](https://wol.is/grievance)

CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS (FERPA)

To see our FERPA policy, visit [**wol.is/ferpa**](https://wol.is/ferpa)

TITLE IX POLICY

To see our Title IX Policy, visit [**wol.is/titleix**](https://wol.is/titleix)

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY AND NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Word of Life Bible Institute (WOLBI) prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates. Individuals may report concerns or questions to the Title IX Coordinator. The full notice of nondiscrimination is located at [**https://wordoflife.edu/pdf/nondiscrimination/**](https://wordoflife.edu/pdf/nondiscrimination/).



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