

Extension Studies Department

Christian Ministry Certificate

The Christian Ministry Certificate (extension studies division of IBC) is designed to give Native students who do not have the means to move into a resident program the opportunity to do serious Bible study either in their home area or on campus in a part-time capacity. Courses are usually offered in conjunction with a local organization or church and are on an open-enrollment basis. As such, these courses are less academically stringent than those normally offered on campus at IBC. They are designed to be equivalent to on-campus courses but not identical.

Credit may be transferred into a resident program provided the student received at least a grade of "C" in the course.

Students who complete the Christian Ministry Certificate program (CMC) will be eligible to participate in a graduation ceremony held each May in Flagstaff provided they complete the requirements, file the necessary forms, and pay the graduation fee.

The following core classes (from our pre-2016 curriculum) are offered in the CMC:

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BI101	Bible Survey	3
BI102	Elements of Bible Study	3
PM101	Personal Evangelism & Discipleship	3
PM102	Christian Family	3
MI201	Introduction to Missions	2
CE201	Introduction to Christian Education	2
Total Hours:		16

CMC Course descriptions

BI101 Bible Survey : This course is a general introduction to and survey of the Bible as a whole, emphasizing the Bible in its unity and diversity and in its historical framework. Students will learn a basic vocabulary for the study of the Bible as well as the basic contents of each book, the basic geography of the Bible, and the customs and cultures of biblical peoples throughout history.

PM101 Personal Evangelism & Discipleship: This course presents the biblical principles of effective evangelism and discipleship. It will include an overview of evangelistic methods and discipling. The course will emphasize the practical aspects of sharing the gospel and present an analysis of follow-up techniques and materials. Barriers to the gospel and how to overcome them, specifically among Native people, will be considered.

MI201 Introduction to Missions: This course will define missions, present a biblical foundation, briefly explore the history of missions, and look at the various areas of the world. The course will also briefly investigate major world religions and examine the various aspects of missions today.

CI201 Introduction to Christian Education: An introduction to the various aspects of Christian Education, specifically geared toward small, Native American churches.

BI102 Bible Study Methods: This course is an introduction to the methods of biblical interpretation and their application to biblical texts. It includes a survey of the tools available to Bible students as sources of information for the study of biblical cultures and backgrounds. Special emphasis is given to practical application.

PM102 Christian Family: This course gives attention to the biblical principles of God's design for marital relationships and family. It also covers hindrances to marital growth, elements of intimacy, adaptability and cohesion, parenting techniques, and family life cycles.

CMC Delivery Modes

There are three ways to obtain the Christian Ministry Certificate:

1. On campus—IBC offers these six classes every year in Flagstaff during regular class hours or in an evening format. New in 2014 was a summer school format with one-week block classes in May and June.
2. On reservation—IBC is willing to offer these courses locally in Arizona or New Mexico as extension classes if there are at least five students enrolled for credit, or ten for audit.
3. Online—As of fall 2013, students have had the opportunity to take the CMC via the internet. Students are brought live into the classroom via webcam.

Off-Site Courses

External studies courses will be offered at various sites as demand dictates. These courses will be made available to the local community. The 6 courses that are a part of the Christian Ministry Certificate are intentionally developed for use within local reservation churches. Contact the director of extension studies at the school to request that a course be offered in your area. All regular credit courses offered through external studies can be applied to IBC certificate and degree programs.

Extension Campuses

The Indian Bible College is open to the possibility of developing extension campuses in other locations central to where thousands of Native Americans live (most likely larger cities). These sites would be commuter campuses, but could involve the entire 2-year associates program. Interested parties should contact the director of extension studies at the school.

Web Based Study

IBC now has several web-based courses available to the public via the internet. Students are brought, live, into the classroom via webcam. These courses are part of the Christian Ministry Certificate curriculum.

These courses may be taken for credit by completing assigned reading and a semester project. A syllabus will be provided by IBC for credit. Students should register for a credit course if they desire to receive regular credit for their work. Students should also check with the extension studies department about which courses and sequence can be applied toward degree programs.

Christian Ministry Certificate courses are priced at an affordable level and made available on an open-enrollment basis. Students should call or e-mail the external studies department for further details (info@indianbible.org) or access the IBC web site at <http://www.indianbible.org/>, "featured news."