

Victory Bible College
Celebrating 25+ years of Outstanding Christian Education
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the requirements for applying to Victory Bible College (VBC)?

A VBC applicant must be at least 18 years of age, a born-again believer, and an active member of any Victory Christian Ministries International (VCMi) campus or an active member of another church. Members of any VCMi campus must complete the New Covenant Partners/Discovering Victory classes before the second week of school.

2. What is the admissions process for non-VCMi members?

Admission for non-VCMi members is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must have a minimum of two years of active membership at their home church and submit a pastoral reference letter signed by their Pastor.

3. What is the enrollment process to begin studies at VBC?

Please refer to the VBC Enrollment Process document included in the information package for step-by-step instructions.

4. Are there opportunities to enroll later in the school year?

No. VBC currently offers one open enrollment period per academic year.

5. What is the schedule for the school year?

The school year consists of four quarters, each structured as an eight-week session.

6. Where are classes held?

All courses are currently held virtually. VBC anticipates offering an on-campus option for local students during the 2028-2029 academic year. All in-person classes will be held at the VCMi Suitland Campus: **3911 St. Barnabas Road, Suitland, MD 20746**

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7. Are there additional requirements for online study?

Students should participate using a computer or tablet for the best learning experience. While a cell phone may work, course videos, graphics, and materials require a larger screen. Students must remain seated, present, and visible with their camera always turned on. To minimize distractions, students should be in a stationary location and avoid multitasking or attending class while driving, walking, or moving between locations.

8. When are classes held?

First through Third Year classes, including prayer, meet every Saturday from **8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Once each quarter, classes are held on a Sunday after service.

9. How much are tuition and fees?

Please refer to the VBC Tuition & Fees document included in the information package.

10. Is childcare provided?

No. Students are responsible for arranging their own childcare.

11. What degree programs does VBC offer?

VBC offers a **three-year Associate of Arts (AA)** degree and a **four-year Bachelor of Arts (BA)** degree in Religious Studies.

12. Is VBC an accredited institution?

No. VBC operates under a State exemption that allows it to grant degrees solely in religious studies. Students are not eligible for federal financial aid, student loans, or grants. Credits earned at VBC may not transfer to other institutions.

VBC is authorized under Section 11-202 of the Education Article of the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

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13. Can Certificate or Part-Time credits be applied toward the AA or BA degree?

Yes. Successfully completed Certificate or Part-Time courses may be eligible for degree credit. Eligibility is determined by the VBC Registrar and Administration.

Additional Helpful Questions Students Commonly Ask

14. Is there an application deadline?

Yes. While the deadline may be extended under special circumstances, prospective students should plan to complete and submit all required documentation by the deadline listed in the VBC Enrollment Process document.

15. Is there an application fee?

Yes. VBC charges a \$50 application fee

16. Do I need previous Bible training to enroll?

No prior Bible college experience is required. VBC is designed to equip students at all levels of biblical understanding.

17. What technology do I need for virtual classes?

Students should have:

- A reliable internet connection
- A computer or tablet with a working camera and microphone
- Access to email and the VBC learning platform
- A quiet, distraction-free environment for class

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18. Are classes recorded?

Classes are recorded for academic purposes only; however, students are expected to attend live sessions unless an emergency or approved circumstance prevents attendance.

19. What is the attendance policy?

Consistent attendance is required. Excessive absences may affect course completion and academic standing. Details are provided in the Student Handbook.

20. Are textbooks required?

Yes. Each course may require specific textbooks or materials. A book list is provided in the class Syllabus.

21. How much homework should I expect?

Students should expect weekly reading assignments, written work, and occasional projects. Time commitment varies by course but typically ranges from 3–6 hours per week.

22. Are there exams or quizzes?

Yes. Courses will include a variety of methods for gauging student proficiency in the subject matter including quizzes, midterms, finals, and/or practical ministry assessments.

23. Can I work full-time and still attend VBC?

Yes. Over the years, many students have successfully graduated from VBC while working fulltime. The Saturday class schedule is designed to support working adults, but students should plan for weekly study time outside of class.

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24. Does VBC offer academic support?

Yes. Students may receive support from instructors, facilitators, instructor's aides, and the VBC administrative team. Additional resources may be available upon request.

25. Are there opportunities to serve or volunteer while enrolled?

Yes. Students are encouraged to serve within their local VBCMI campus or home church as part of their spiritual development.

26. Will I receive a student ID?

Yes. Student IDs are issued after enrollment is completed.

27. What happens if I need to withdraw from a course or take a break?

Students must contact the VBC Registrar to discuss withdrawal procedures, refund eligibility, and options for returning in a future quarter.

28. Can international students enroll?

International students may enroll virtually; however, VBC does not issue student visas for in-person study.

29. Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Students may contact the VBC Admissions Team via email at VBCadmissions@vcmi.org,

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