

COLLEGE CATALOG



PACIFIC ISLANDS BIBLE COLLEGE

Under the oversight of the Forest Park Church of Christ



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Exciting News About Christian Education And Training In The Pacific Islands. Robert H. Martin, a 44 year veteran missionary, recognized the need for the Pacific islanders to have advanced Bible knowledge and training so in April 1996 he started Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC). It was different because of the unique make-up of the Pacific Islanders. Unlike land locked countries of the world, the Pacific Islands are scattered across the Pacific Ocean. These far-flung island countries go north and south of the equator and east and west of the International Date Line. It was not practical to have a school in one place so a plan was formulated to carry the school to the students in the countries where they lived. Students taught and trained stay and work in the local congregation where they are members.

This school of higher learning is called the Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC). We believe that this college will make a great and everlasting impact on the Lord's church and work in the Pacific Islands.

Pacific Islands Bible College Goals - Mission Statement. The purpose of the college is to increase the Bible knowledge, Bible study skills, and evangelistic methods of church leaders, preachers, teachers, and soul winners in the Pacific Islands. These leaders can evangelize, edify, and enable the church to mature and grow so as to be INDIGENOUS/SELF SUPPORTING. These goals apply to both brothers and sisters in their respective Biblical roles.

Classroom and DVD Bible Teaching and Training. The Pacific Islands Bible College classes consist of 20 required courses; 9 optional courses covering the entire Bible and church related subjects. The students can take courses in the classroom and DVD Bible teaching and training.

Our Goal - Courses Available To Christians In Every Pacific Island Country. Courses are taught in classroom settings, by DVD, and by correspondence courses. All courses are offered FREE. Every Christian can participate. PIBC will offer a diploma in Biblical Studies to those who complete 20 from the required course list and 4 from the optional course list.

The Growth Of PIBC. In September 2005, with PIBC growing very rapidly, Robert Martin brought Stacy Ferguson on as the Assistant Director and what an asset he has been to PIBC. In 21 years PIBC has grown from 52 students enrolled to over 2,500 students and growing. Students are graduating annually. We are already in 12 countries and 27 locations and we use at least 20+ instructors.

Director

The Director and Assistant Director are responsible for the overall operation of the Pacific Islands Bible College system. Their duties include the establishing of the school in each country and each location, the operation and maintenance of the school's newsletter, all record keeping associated with transcripts, and recruiting of instructors. The Director and Assistant Director are overseen by the elders of the Forest Park Church of Christ, in Forest Park, Georgia, U.S.A.

Instructors

PIBC instructors bring to the classroom much faithfulness, diligence in their service to God, a deep love for the church, the Word of God, and preaching the gospel of Christ. Each instructor will bring much knowledge, wisdom, and preparation to the classroom. Each instructor from the U.S.A. is asked to fill out a questionnaire to help ensure good morals and sound doctrine criteria are met. Each instructor is asked to submit a syllabus if possible. Instructors must submit all PIBC student roll and grade sheets and enrollment applications to the PIBC office within two to four weeks.

Workers and Volunteers

PIBC welcomes any and all volunteers to assist in various ways. Mary Martin has given many years of her life to serving as the Director's personal secretary. Carole Ann Edging serves as the secretary for the Assistant Director. There are many others from Forest Park and other congregations that serve as volunteers in a variety of ways. Please contact the Director or Assistant Director if you wish to serve in a volunteer capacity.

ACADEMICS

Diploma and Certificate

PIBC offers two achievements: A diploma that requires that a student complete all 20 from the required course list and 4 from the optional course list. A student cannot miss more than three times when taking a course except with an excuse given and permitted by the instructor who is teaching the course. A student must complete all assignments given by the instructor and make a passing grade on each course taken.

A certificate will be awarded to a student who does not miss more than three times when taking a course except with an excuse given and permitted by the instructor teaching the course. This certificate will be awarded to a student who is not taking the course for credit but takes all 20 from the required course list and 4 from the optional course list.

Grading

PIBC has a standard grading system for courses being taken for credit. The system is as follows:

A+ - 100	D - 72-60
A - 99-93	F - 59-0
B - 92-83	I - Incomplete
C - 82-73	

Accreditation and Transfer Credits

Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC) does not offer degrees or other certifications accredited by any secular education association or governing body. PIBC will accept, on a per case basis, credit hours earned by selected schools of preaching, and other institutions of higher learning if approved by the Director and Assistant Director.

Transcripts

Each student who takes the courses for credit will receive a transcript from the main office of PIBC in the United States as soon as possible after the course/courses are taken.

REQUIRED COURSES

1. Hermeneutics (How To Study The Bible)
2. James, Philemon, Jude
3. Pentateuch (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
4. Matthew, Mark, & Luke
5. History Of The Jewish Nation (Joshua - Esther)
6. Acts
7. John
8. Galatians
9. Job - Song of Solomon
10. Isaiah - Daniel
11. Romans
12. Hebrews
13. Hosea - Malachi
14. 1 & 2 Corinthians
15. Ephesians, Philippians, & Colossians
16. 1 & 2 Thessalonians
17. 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus
18. 1 & 2 Peter
19. 1,2, & 3 John
20. Revelation

OPTIONAL COURSES

1. Mission Of The Local Church
2. Bible Class/Sermon Preparation and Delivery
3. The Bible and Redemption
4. Church History
5. Christian Evidences
6. Denominational Doctrines
7. Church Leadership
8. The How Of Soul-Winning
9. Biblical Background

PIBC CLASSES FOR WOMEN

1. The Truth About Love
2. Godly Women

SPECIAL NOTES

1. Twenty-four courses must be completed with passing grades to receive a diploma.
2. All 20 from the required course list and 4 from the optional course list must be completed to receive a diploma.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Required Courses

1. HERMENEUTICS (HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE)

A study of the principles of Bible interpretation and how to use certain helps in Bible study.

2. JAMES, PHILEMON, JUDE

A study of these three short practical epistles.

3. PENTATEUCH (GENESIS - DEUTERONOMY)

A study covering man's history from creation to the entering of the Jews to Canaan.

4. MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE

A study of the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

5. HISTORY OF THE JEWISH NATION (JOSHUA - ESTHER)

A study of Hebrew history covering a time from the Conquest of Canaan to the time of Esther.

6. ACTS

A course showing the establishment and missionary work of the early church.

7. JOHN

A detailed study showing Christ to be the Son of God.

8. GALATIANS

A study of Galatians showing the difference in the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

9. JOB - SONG OF SOLOMON

A study of Hebrew poetry which includes many of the wisdom sections.

10. ISAIAH - DANIEL

A study of the major prophets - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel showing lessons to remember.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Required Courses

11. ROMANS

A study of one of the most profound books of the Bible about the Nature of the Gospel of Christ.

12. HEBREWS

A study of Hebrews showing the superiority of the New Testament to the Old Testament.

13. HOSEA - MALACHI

A study of the minor prophets showing lessons to remember.

14. 1 & 2 CORINTHIANS

A study of the correspondence of Paul to this multi-racial church.

15. EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS

A study of these epistles that Paul wrote from a Roman prison.

16. 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

A study of these epistles that deal with the second coming of Christ.

17. 1 & 2 TIMOTHY AND TITUS

A study of the preacher and his life and work.

18. 1 & 2 PETER

To encourage suffering Christians to lead a faithful and pure life.

19. 1, 2, 3 JOHN

These three epistles are written so that the Christian may be full of joy.

20. REVELATION

A study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ about "things that are to shortly take place".

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Optional Courses / Classes for Women

1. MISSION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

A course in the fundamental principles of effective church growth.

2. BIBLE CLASS/SERMON PREPARATION AND DELIVERY

Practical aspects of preparing and delivering Bible class lessons and sermons.

3. THE BIBLE AND REDEMPTION

A study of redemption as seen through the Bible.

4. CHURCH HISTORY

A course dealing with the developing of the Church from its beginning at Pentecost until today.

5. CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES

A study of the evidences for the existence of God, inspiration of the Scriptures, and the deity of Jesus Christ.

6. DENOMINATIONAL DOCTRINES

A study of some of the major doctrines believed and taught among denominations.

7. CHURCH LEADERSHIP

A study developing general church leadership, elders and deacons.

8. THE HOW TO OF SOUL-WINNING

A study to learn how to set up and conduct personal Bible studies.

9. BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

The study of extra-Biblical sources to better understand the cultural traditions, historical context and accuracy of the Bible.

1. THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE

A study of God's definition of love and what the Bible teaches about how to love the Godhead, the church, family, other Christians, the lost and even our enemies.

2. GODLY WOMEN

A study of things a woman can do daily to help her live a life pleasing to God.

TUITION & TEXTBOOKS

There is no cost for tuition, and there is no admission fee at Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC). All operational expenses are funded by Churches of Christ and individual Christians. Instructors are sent to teach PIBC courses and are supported by themselves, by congregations, and individual Christians. The cost of textbooks and materials is supplied FREE to the students by the instructors. Instructors can prepare their own textbook or use one from the college.

SCHOOL POLICY

Pacific Islands Bible College (PIBC) accepts students from all walks of life. There is no gender, racial, doctrinal, or social barrier that would prevent anyone from attending PIBC classes.

Those who take PIBC courses are expected to live by Biblical principles and standards of conduct, dress, and respect for others.

Instructors are given the freedom to conduct their courses and classes as they feel best as a Christian. All instructors will fairly enforce attendance requirements, give attention to students being late for class and address all concerns that may arise during the course and in class. No person/instructor with PIBC, whether Director, Assistant Director, instructor or student will be allowed to conduct themselves in any way that would cause embarrassment or humiliation to any other person attending classes.

Pacific Islands Bible College stands lovingly and kindly for truth (Ephesians 4:15). Any questions or issues regarding PIBC policy may be addressed at any time with the Director or Assistant Director. Issues that may arise will be addressed and resolved in a Biblical, fair, and timely fashion.

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