

Bible-centred courses to help you grow

It's all to do with **knowing God** and the gospel more deeply... so that we can **serve him better.**

There's **no dry academic debate** – that's totally irrelevant to everyday life. No pointless theoretical exercises.

Practical, vibrant theology that **inspires** and **equips** you for ministry is what the Open Bible Institute stands for.



Which course is for you?

Join the thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds who are studying with us to develop their understanding of Christian faith, life and ministry.

All our courses are Bible-centred and are offered through distance-learning. They are designed to be flexible enough to fit into your busy life. We aim to keep the costs as low as possible. But the quality is high and we pray that the impact your studies will have on your ministry will be even higher.

The Open Bible Institute Team

I'm starting out: If you are new to studying or serving in the local church then why not start with just one module? Either Introduction to the Bible or Christian Mission & Ministry could be right for you. Both these courses lay a great foundation for future ministry and study.

I want to get an overview of theology: If you are looking for a broad overview of the Bible, theology and church history then why not enrol on the Certificate in Theology from Moore College? Module by module you work your way through the Scriptures, the development of the church and its doctrine.

I want something short and practical:

It may be that you already have a good grounding in biblical studies and simply want to equip yourself in a particular area: administration, pastoral care, philosophy, preaching or youth and children's work. If that sounds like you, then you could think about enrolling on a short course.

I need to dig deeper: If you are looking for a qualification in theology or want to go that bit deeper, maybe in preparation for a leadership role within the church, then the Certificate of Higher Education programmes may be for you. Fully validated by a UK university, they help you dig into the Scriptures in a way that is rigorous and structured yet practical.

Whichever course you choose, you will be assured of good quality, biblical material, delivered to your door. And a helpful team in student services, willing to answer whatever questions you may have as you work through your books.

The Open Bible Institute range of short courses exists to help you dip a toe into some important ministry areas. What's on offer?

Administration

Love it or hate it, any ministry involves administration. This course introduces the principles and practicalities of sound administration from a Christian perspective. Ideal for secretaries, administrators and anyone wanting to get their paperwork under control.

Christian Mission and Ministry

An ideal first course for anyone starting to serve in the local church or wanting to recharge their ministry batteries. The syllabus includes: What is the Gospel? What is evangelism? How to grow to maturity. And an introduction to pastoral care and communication.

Pastoral Care

Pastors, home group leaders, youth group leaders and anyone who has a heart to stand alongside their brothers and sisters in difficult times can benefit from the challenging and insightful look at what makes us struggle and what helps us change.

Philosophy and Christian Belief

Ever wanted to study philosophy but do so from a firmly Christian base? This course could be for you. See how the disciplines intertwine and explore how an understanding of philosophy can help us engage with an unbelieving world.



Preaching

If you are new to preaching or wanting to hone your skills in biblical interpretation, then this course could be for you. Taking each type of literature in turn, it helps you discover the meaning of a passage and turn that meaning into a message.

Youth and Children

A great course to get you thinking about your work with under 18s. What is the place of children in the church and in the Kingdom of God? How can you formulate an effective 0-18s strategy? How can you grow effective teams? Ideal for full-timers and those who volunteer.

“Excellent! Practical, relevant and clear.”

Studying

Once registered on the course of your choice you are sent a folder to work through and a list of recommended books. At the end of each chapter there is an assignment which can be submitted for marking. With no fixed deadlines, these courses are as flexible as you need them to be.



Call us on 0845 225 0885 to discuss whether one of these courses is for you.

Short Course Details (per course)

Previous experience:	None required
Hours required:	70
Assessment:	10 short written assignments
Start dates:	any time
Cost:	£30 (£35 overseas students / £25 for UK residents on low incomes)
Student support:	email the office any time for help and advice. Draft assignments can be submitted for comment prior to handing in your final work.
To enrol:	email: admin@open-bible-institute.org or download the enrolment form from www.open-bible-institute.org/short

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Certificates of Higher Education



**Middlesex
University**

If you are looking for a fully validated course, equivalent to the first year of a degree, then one of the Certificate in Higher Education programmes could be for you.

The Cert HE programmes build on the Moore College modules and short courses and take you deeper into the subject area. Ideal for anyone testing a call to leadership or wanting to embark on some serious theological study, these programmes, validated by Middlesex University are a stretching yet practical option.

Cert HE in Biblical Studies and Theology

- Gospel of Mark
- Pentateuch
- Doctrine of God

And three of the following:

- Acts, Apologetics, Early Church History, Reformation Church History and Romans

Cert HE in Biblical Studies and Ministry

- Gospel of Mark
- Pentateuch
- Christian Mission and Ministry

And three of the following:

- Administration, Apologetics, Doctrine of God, Pastoral Care, Preaching, Romans and Youth & Children's Work

Certificate in Higher Education (per 2-year programme)

Previous experience:	Access course desirable for those without any previous experience of studying theology
Hours required:	10-12 hours a week, term time only
Assessment:	combination of essays, exams, exegesis papers and case studies
Start dates:	January, April or September
Cost:	approx £1,100 spread over 2 years
Student support:	email the office any time for help and advice. Telephone tutorials available. Peer support on offer through Facebook. Study leaflets can be downloaded from the website. Study skills module available for those who have never studied at this level before.
To apply:	email: studentservices@open-bible-institute.org or download the enrolment form from www.open-bible-institute.org/certificates

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Certificate In Theology From Moore College

This fantastic modular course, stemming from the southern hemisphere's largest theological college, gives you an overview of the Scriptures, church history and doctrine. Each module is self-contained and can be used for both personal study and church groups. Work through all 18 modules and



achieve the certificates or pick and choose the modules that appeal to you. Ideal for anyone wanting to understand the Bible better.

Preliminary Theological Certificate

- Introduction to the Bible
- New Testament 1 (Gospel of Mark)
- Old Testament 1 (Pentateuch)
- Doctrine 1 (Doctrine of God)
- Ephesians
- Promise to Fulfilment or Christian Worship or Prayer Book

Intermediate Theological Certificate

- Old Testament 2 (Joshua to 2Kings)
- New Testament 2 (Acts)
- Doctrine 2 (Christology)
- Romans
- Early Church or Reformation Church History
- Promise to Fulfilment or Christian Ethics or Christian Worship or Prayer Book

Certificate of Theology

- Old Testament 3 (Latter prophets)
- New Testament 3 (Paul's letters)
- Doctrine 3 (Doctrine of the church)
- Old Testament 4 (Wisdom literature) or the Gospel and Epistles of John
- New Testament 4 (Hebrews to Revelation) or Historical Theology 1
- Apologetics or Historical Theology 2



“A great way to ‘be transformed by the renewal of my mind’ to better know and serve God.”

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“It really is one of the highlights of my week.”



“An opportunity to get a small taste of Bible College from the comfort of the local church.”

Certificate in Theology Details (per module)

Previous experience:	None required
Hours required:	50
Assessment:	one exam usually taken in the comfort of your own home / church hall in April, July or December
Start dates:	any time
Cost:	£30 (£35 overseas students / £25 for UK residents on low incomes)
Student support:	email the office any time for help and advice. Study plans and sample exam papers available
To enrol:	email: admin@open-bible-institute.org or download the enrolment form from www.open-bible-institute.org/moore

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To Find Out More

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Request our leaflet on setting up an Open Bible Institute group within your congregation.

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