



## FAQs for Accelerated Undergraduate Degrees Program

### 1. What is the Accelerated Undergraduate Degrees (AUD) program?

The AUD program is the delivery method option we offer adult learners seeking Bachelor and Associate degrees, certificates, and professional development.

### 2. What is meant by an “accelerated” program?

An accelerated program is one in which you earn college credits in a shorter amount of time than in a traditional semester-based program.

### 3. What majors and minors does Lancaster Bible College (LBC) offer?

There are Five major degree options for students in the AUD Program. They are an Associate of Arts in **Biblical Studies**, Bachelor of Arts in **Biblical Studies**, Bachelor of Arts in **General Studies**, Bachelor of Science in **Business Administration**, and Bachelor of Art in **Criminal Justice**.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies can take additional courses in the traditional undergraduate program on the Lancaster, PA campus that lead to one or more minors. Some minors are also completely available through online accelerated courses (At the Capital Region campus, students may take open electives which have a particular ministry focus or concentration.) The minors and elective courses offered include:

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| *Applied Counseling           | *Business Administration | *Children & Family Ministry    |
| *Communication                | *Human Services          | *Pastoral Ministry             |
| *Psychology                   | *Sport Management        | * Women in Ministry Leadership |
| *Youth & Young Adult Ministry |                          |                                |

**\*\*\*Note: Some of these minors and elective courses are only available through our Lancaster, PA on- campus Traditional classes**

### 4. What can I do with the degrees LBC offers?

Here are a few options open to those pursuing an **Associate** or **Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies**:

Associate, Youth or Senior Pastor; Christian Education Director or School Administrator, Theology/Bible Teacher, TESOL Instructor, or International Christian School Staff; Bible Researcher; Bible Translator; Missionary, Relief Worker, Church Planter or Christian Service Organization Staff; Pastoral Counselor or Chaplain for colleges, the military, hospitals, penal institutions, or corporations; Camp Director, Programming Specialist, or Counselor; Women’s Ministry Director; Director of a Christian non-profit organization; Writer/Editor; or Church Staff.

Having a religious education doesn't necessarily mean you have to pursue a career in the preaching ministry. A Bible-based, Christian education serves as a way to make you a better, morally-conscious employee in whatever field or profession you desire. Get a great start in the AUD Program at LBC and, later, go on to earn an advanced degree in your chosen field.

Here are a few options open to those pursuing a **Bachelor of Science in Business**

**Administration:**

Careers in Management, Human Services, Government, Law Enforcement, Research, Social Services, Sales and Marketing, and Finance.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies get a solid and diverse foundation in a wide range of academic disciplines, business, and business-related studies from a biblical perspective. As servant leaders and ministers within society, students are permitted to plan, with advisement, a program which satisfies their needs and interests. Graduates gain a broad range of academic and business knowledge and skills, which translate into an ability to understand and communicate with professionals in multiple fields and career positions. Similarly, graduates have the tools they need to transition into new career opportunities. Some students choose this degree option as a quicker path to graduate studies where they can obtain the degree they need for professional advancement.

**5. How does the schedule work?**

LBC has a rolling admissions policy. There are two terms—Spring: January through June and Fall: July through December—and four (4) entry points per term. Four (4) sessions are offered on campus per term, each running for five (5) weeks. Likewise, four (4) online sessions are offered each term, which run for six (6) weeks. Students may register and begin at any one of the four entry points in the term (at the start of a class).

**6. Are online classes available or are only on campus classes offered?**

Students may complete their degree entirely online, entirely on campus or through a combination of online and on campus offerings. Students decide what best meets their needs.

**7. Will credits I have from other schools transfer in to LBC?**

Yes. An official transcript is needed to determine what you have taken and how many credits from other institutions may be transferred in to LBC. At our discretion credits may be accepted from almost any educational institution, accredited or not.

**8. Will my work, ministry and other life experience count for anything?**

Students can earn up to 30 life experience credits, through the *Credits for Prior Learning* evaluation process, which will often reduce the degree completion time. A one-time, portfolio fee of \$175 is assessed for this evaluation, which determines the number of tuition-free credits you have earned. There is a \$75 per credit transcription fee. This is done after a student begins the program.

**9. What courses will I take?**

Each student's path to completion is unique, depending upon the courses you are transferring into the program. If you have few or no Bible credits to transfer in, most of your program will be Bible, theology, and foundational courses. If you previously attended a Bible or Christian college

or university, arts and sciences courses are available to help you complete your coursework. The courses you will need can best be determined after reviewing your transcripts.

**10. How much time will I need to spend in study each week?**

Each course is five (5) or six (6) weeks in length, but includes the same coursework as a 15 week semester course. On campus, you will attend class for four (4) hours on a designated day(s), for five (5) weeks. Online, you will spend six (6) weeks interacting with your professor and classmates through our online course system, eCampus.lbc.edu. The general rule: Students should plan to spend **15-20 hours per week** in study, preparation for class, and completing assignments.

**11. How much do the courses cost?**

The current tuition rate is \$435 per credit hour. One course is usually three credit hours (Tuition cost is \$435 x 3 credit hours = \$1305 per course). Other student fees may be required (for a list of fees, go to <http://www.lbc.edu/accelerated-learning/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees/index>). Students will also incur the cost of books and course materials.

If you are unsure of your ability to afford the program, we suggest the following:

- a. Complete the FAFSA (at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) to determine your eligibility for grants and scholarships from LBC or the government.
- b. LBC provides a list of grants, loans, and scholarship options. For more information, visit <http://www.lbc.edu/accelerated-learning/financial-aid/index>.

**12. Do students taking online courses ever need to come to campus?**

For students who choose the *online only* option there is no requirement to be on LBC's campus at any point.

**13. Is Lancaster Bible College accredited?**

LBC is nationally and regionally accredited through the *Association for Biblical Higher Education* (ABHE) and *Middle States Commission on Higher Education* (MSCHE), respectively. The degrees received through the AUD Program are comparable to those awarded to graduates in traditional programs. Credits earned are fully transferable.

**14. What is LBC's Statement of Faith? <http://www.lbc.edu/about/statement-of-faith/index>.**

LBC seeks to function in cooperation with all churches, irrespective of denomination or association, that are committed to the historic, fundamental Christian faith, and that share its standards, ideals, and goals. A further distinction of the College is its desire to operate under the authority of the Bible, the Word of God.

**15. How do I apply?**

Five (5) things are needed to complete the application process: an application, which includes a Profile, a Ministry Reference, Official Transcripts - from any post-high school studies (if you have not attended a postsecondary school, submit an official transcript from your high school or equivalent, GED), and a 500 to 1000-word essay. Forward your questions to:

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