STUDENT RESOURCES

Bethel Seminary wants to make its surroundings as pleasant and accommodating for students as possible. The following represent just some of the amenities available to students on our campuses.

Blink
All Bethel information is accessible through Blink, Bethel's internal web hub with features and information customized for each individual, depending upon his or her role at the university. Once a Bethel community account has been created, students, faculty, and staff have access to a variety of online services, including registration, course schedules, grades, degree evaluations, the Moodle learning platform, student accounts, and payroll information.

Campus Store
Both in St. Paul and San Diego, Bethel Seminary textbook lists are posted online before classes begin, along with pricing from the MBS Virtual Bookstore. If students would like to purchase from MBS, they can visit www.mbsdirect.net and type “Bethel” in the dialog box, and select “Find my school.”

Students may purchase textbooks from alternative sources if they prefer to do so.

Community Worship Opportunities
There are a variety of community worship opportunities available to students at both of our campuses, including regular chapel services. The St. Paul campus community meets regularly for community lunches designed to be worshipful, welcoming, and conversational. A similar program takes place on the San Diego campus.

Computer Access
Since ours is an increasingly technological society, faculty members seek to integrate and maximize technological resources in the learning experience. There may be instances when a faculty member will ask students to put devices aside for a given class session. Both campus libraries have computers available for student use.

Disability Resources and Services
Bethel Seminary provides services and reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities, such as sensory, physical, systemic, learning, and psychiatric disabilities through the Office of Disability Resources and Services. Contact them at 651.638.6833 as soon as possible if disability-related accommodations are needed.

Once accommodations have been established, an email will be sent to the appropriate offices and instructors detailing said accommodations.

Email
Once they have created their Bethel community account and have enrolled, all students are assigned a Bethel email address. Bethel Seminary uses the Bethel community email account for all official correspondence. Therefore, it is essential for students to check their Bethel email for pertinent communication from faculty and administration regularly, and to use their Bethel email for official correspondence. Bethel email may be redirected to a home or business email address, if preferred.

Health Insurance
Students are required to participate in a hospital insurance plan. This may be done by purchasing a policy from an insurance company of the student's own choosing or by participating in a plan where the student or his or her spouse is employed.

Lectureships and Convocations
Each year the seminary brings guest speakers and missionary representatives to its campuses. Special lectures in St. Paul have addressed topics such as “Recent Developments in Theology,” “Nurturing Spiritual Growth,” and “The Status of Contemporary Adult Christian Education.” Bethel Seminary San Diego offers a Distinguished Lecturer Series that has featured noted authors and speakers such as Chaplain Barry Black, Dallas Willard, Simon Chan, Sasan Tavassoli, and Ruth Tucker.

Library
The Bethel Seminary library system includes the Carl H. Lundquist Library (St. Paul) and the Price Memorial Library (San Diego). A unified catalog identifies the libraries' holdings of more than 280,000 books; 14,000 non-print items; 2,300 journal titles; and 17,500 electronic books. These resources, plus more than 100 online databases, support the seminary programs.

As an integral part of the educational process, the library system strives to provide relevant, integrated, and transformational resources for all Bethel communities. It is a member of many library associations, such as Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (CLIC), Minnesota Theological Library...
Association (MTLA), Southern California Theological Library Association (SCATLA), and Minitex. This network of associations provides the Bethel community with access to millions of resources. The variety of delivery systems enables the library to serve the information needs of students and faculty worldwide. Visit the library's webpage at bethel.edu/library (https://www.bethel.edu/library) for more information.

Mailboxes
Students, full-time faculty, current-term adjuncts, and some staff members are assigned mailboxes for intercampus mail, such as returned papers and departmental correspondence.

Office of Student Development and Support
In St. Paul, opportunities for community involvement, spiritual and leadership development, and personal wellness are coordinated through the Office of Student Development and Support. They include:

• Opportunities for community involvement through Genesis (new student orientation), community lunches/dinners, socials, and students’ nights out.
• Opportunities for spiritual and leadership development through community prayer fellowship, missions specials and brown-bag lunches, small group experiences, Student Senate, SemWomen (ministry to women students), and retreats.
• Opportunities for emotional, physical, and relational wellness through counseling addressing personal or relationship concerns; tutorial assistance, the Sunshine Fund (emergency fund for students); facilities and equipment for physical exercise; retreats; and training.

In San Diego, the Student Senate provides community gatherings for students, which include a Welcome Back Barbecue, Thanksgiving feast, Christmas Chapel, community service projects, Spring Game Night, Chapel services, and designated “Pizza” and “Sub Sandwich” nights each semester.

Placement
Placement resources at Bethel Seminary are available through the offices that direct the Supervised Ministry experiences. Primary functions include provision of resources and assistance for students as they build the networks needed to explore and secure vocational ministry positions. Through the seminary formation and subsequent internship processes, Supervised Ministry/Mentored Leadership staff invest significant energy getting to know students, helping them construct developmental goals, discerning God’s call on their lives, and moving effectively into vocational ministry or other professional roles.

Since most ministry placement is done through established national, district, and local networking, students are expected to take the initiative in seeking placement during their time in seminary. Taking into consideration a wide range of vocational options, Bethel partners with students early and often in their programs, assisting them in identifying what is at the far end of their seminary journey and how best to get there. If the student is seeking ordination, licensing, or certification, identifying and meeting with the appropriate governing bodies is especially important as specific steps will need to be taken to ensure completion of requirements. Bethel maintains a strong networking community of churches and ministry organizations and desires to connect students with these contacts.

Publications
Bethel Magazine, published three times a year, is distributed to prospective and current students as well as to alumni, to highlight how God is working in the university community and to provide stimulating articles by faculty and others that address current issues.

The St. Paul and San Diego campuses distribute E-Announcements three times a week to all students, providing information on campus activities and items of special interest. Students are responsible for knowing the information included in E-Announcements. Each fall, the Office of Student Development and Support in St. Paul coordinates the printing of a Seminary Directory for the St. Paul campus, which includes photos of all students, staff, and faculty, as well as contact information for each person listed.

Special Events
Special events are designed to enrich community life, facilitate open discussion of ideas and issues, and provide opportunities to develop meaningful relationships. These events encourage interaction beyond the classroom and include seminars on information not covered in the curriculum, in-depth interaction through weekend retreats, pizza nights, banquets, concerts, and entertainment for the entire community. Special programs are also planned for children and spouses of seminary students.

Student Appeals
In St. Paul, students with concerns in any area of due process related to student life may appeal to the Student Development Committee. This committee has the authority to recommend a development plan for students and to recommend dismissal. Written requests should go to the Office of Student Development and Support.

In San Diego, students with concerns in any area of due process related to student life may appeal to the associate registrar’s office. Written requests should be submitted directly to the associate registrar.
Student Senate

St. Paul and San Diego each have their own Student Senate. The Student Senate functions as a clearinghouse for student opinion, activity, and expression; promotes and serves student interests; leads in student_desired directions; and sustains the welfare of the student body.

In St. Paul and San Diego the Senate consists of special interest coordinators and class representatives. Coordinators provide oversight to community life, recreation, academic affairs, spiritual life, women student issues, minority student concerns, international student interests, and student publication matters. The Student Senate president is the main liaison between students and administration. The special interest coordinators are responsible for the planning of an integrated and meaningful program of student activities.

In both locations, the Senate is also responsible for facilitating worship opportunities, programming periodic seminars and other student activities, enhancing internal communication, and serving as liaison between the student body and the faculty and administration. Senators are elected in the spring to a one-year term beginning with May’s commencement ceremony. Students interested in serving on the Student Senate must meet eligibility requirements.