

# BETHEL SEMINARY

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## Academic Catalog 2025-2026

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## **Message from President and Dean**

Welcome to Bethel Seminary,

For over 150 years, Bethel Seminary has sought to prepare graduates for effective leadership of churches and ministry agencies. That happens best as a result of transformational education of students. That means we don't just seek to impart facts or knowledge, but rather to challenge and inspire students to be changed as a result of encountering the truth of who Christ is and what he calls his followers to be and do.

So, as you consider Bethel Seminary, understand that our commitment is to be a place God uses to change people's lives, equip them, and send them out to make a difference. Our prayer is that every student graduates with a deeply felt love for God and fellow human beings, and a desire to advance God's kingdom purposes and plans in the world.

A hallmark of Bethel's innovative approach to education for ministry is the integration of biblical and theological foundations, spiritual and personal formation, and transformational leadership. Each of these things matters, and each is brought into every course we teach. We upgrade our leadership courses regularly with best practices from business, education, faith-based organizations, and government. We use recognized assessments and personal experience to ensure that spiritual and personal formation are effective, intentional, and relevant. And we form the foundation for our entire curriculum on biblical studies, theological insights, and historical realities.

The result: a different kind of theological education that fosters whole and holy persons who effectively represent Christ to the world. Join us for the adventure of a lifetime!

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