STUDENT RESOURCES

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

Campus Store
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, then 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 our St. Paul campus, including regular chapel services.

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. The seminary and university 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 regularly check their Bethel email for pertinent communication from faculty and administration, 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.

Library
The resources of the Bethel University Libraries are available to support the seminary programs. This includes more than 245,000 print books; 12,000 non-print items; 20,000 journal titles; 65,000 electronic books; and over 100 online databases.

As an integral part of the educational process, the Bethel library system strives to provide relevant 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), 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 for more information.

My Bethel
All Bethel information is accessible through myBethel, which is Bethel’s internal web hub with features and information customized for each individual, depending upon their role at the
university. Once a Bethel community account is 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.

**Office of Formation and Professional Development**

Opportunities for community involvement, spiritual and professional development, and personal wellness are coordinated through the Office of Formation and Professional Development. They include:

- Opportunities for community involvement through community lunches/dinners.
- Opportunities for spiritual and professional development through chapel services, community prayer, community lunches/desserts, brown-bag lunches, small group experiences, and Student Senate,
- Opportunities for emotional, physical, and relational wellness through counseling addressing personal or relationship concerns and the Sunshine Fund (emergency fund for students).

**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 seminary and university distributes 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.

**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**

Students with concerns in any area of due process related to student life may appeal to the Student Success and Retention Committee. This committee has the authority to review appeals and recommend changes to developmental plans and/or dismissals. Written requests should go to the Dean of Student Success and Retention.

**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.
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. The Senate women’s representative plans an annual event and partners with other senators and the broader Seminary to support and encourage women who are attending Seminary, or whose partner may be attending Seminary.

The Senate is responsible for 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.