

RIVER IMPACT UNIVERSITY

Course Catalog & Tuition



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THE RIVER ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

The River Academic eXchange (TRAX) is the Private Membership Association that covers three levels of education for the life-long learner. The first step is our kindergarten to high school Christian homeschool co-op called River Learning Academy. "Next Step" takes the life-long learner to our college level at the River Impact University (RIU). RIU has four disciplines or Schools of Study: Biblical Ministry, Worship Ministry, Civic Studies and Business Studies.

School of Biblical Ministry—Associates Degree in Biblical Ministry (est. 2021)

The River Impact University offers an academic program in theology and Biblical-studies, which could be completed in three (or more) years. The School of Ministry is designed to provide believers with an opportunity to be equipped with the Word and to develop their walk with God. A graduate will have earned an Associates Degree in Biblical Ministry. For the graduates who desire to be in full time ministry, there is an additional year application to work on and receive a Five-fold Ministry Endorsement. With this endorsement certificate, the student will receive a letter of recommendation along with the certificate to help secure a pastoral or evangelist license.

School of Worship Ministry—Associates Degree in Worship Ministry (est. 2023)

The School of Worship was launched in the Fall of 2023. Not only does the worshiper learn foundations of music, songs, instruments and leadership, the worshiper will be grounded in the Word of God. This three year program is practical and inspiring. In some courses, students will need to demonstrate basic skills in their voice or instrument. Private beginning lessons are conducted outside of the School of Worship's scope and sequence. The life-long learner will receive an Associates Degree in Worship Ministry upon completion. For more detailed information, contact our office and ask for a consultation with Dean Brent Pedersen.

School of Government—Associates Degree in Civic Studies (est 2025)

Believing all RIU students should have the basic, Biblical knowledge of doctrine and defending their faith, students of the School of Government will also have these faith-building courses alongside their American history, founding government structures, economics and practical civic involvement courses and more. The aim of our school is to assist citizens in understanding local, state, and federal governments from a Biblical worldview and how we all can impact for good the city, state and nation. After courses have been completed, students will receive an Associates Degree in Civic Studies. For more detailed information, contact our office and ask for a consultation with Chancellor Shannon Banke.

School of Business Studies—Associates Degree in Business Studies (est. 2026) & Career Training

The Associates Degree of Business Studies courses will prepare students for real-world marketplace business ventures. The students will be challenged to change their mindsets from the traditional labor expectations to be a 9 to 5 paycheck, wage-earner to being an owner of their own business, making business investments, and gaining wealth that would fund the end time harvest of souls.

Under the supervision of the School of Business Studies, several craftsmen and businesses are ready to offer career training in hospitality, barista, carpentry, auto-body, and trucking, to name a few. If you are interested in business studies or career training, contact our office and ask for a consultation with Dean Cody Cox.

HYBRID-EDUCATION

RIU is a hybrid-institution. The in-person classes are 50-minute with our campus instructors. The online video instructions provide access during the week so you may maintain your work schedules and other obligations.

Students who live **30 miles or more** from Salem, OR, may enter our Distant Learning Program to access the in-person class via conference call. The class time with campus instructors is for lectures, topic discussion, weekly quizzes and spiritual connectivity.

For admissions to RIU, an applicant must have a completed high school or equivalent diploma. Students must be 18 years old or older.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

All associate degrees start with the basic required level one courses. In the entrance year to any “school,” students are required to complete and pass courses labeled R1 (Required Level 1 Courses). The purpose is to ground the student with basic Biblical knowledge and faith that will permeate serving in the church, community and business and government worlds. Of the (8) eight R1 courses, the first course is mandatory in the first term of acceptance to RIU. This course is Ministry of Helps. It will be listed as “New Students,” in the catalog and retains the equivalence to R1. Selecting courses in the entrance year will be narrowed to these eight. Achieving the below criterion, the student will be recognized with a

All School Entrance Year–One-year Biblical Studies Certificate			
Course Level	Course #	Course Name	Credit Hour
New Students	PMIN 100	Ministry of Helps	3
R1-A	PMIN 102	Submission & Authority	3
R1-B	THEO 112	By the Anointing	3
R1	CMIN 150	Stewardship	3
R1	BIBL 130	Harmony of the Gospels	3
R1	THEO 120	Bible Doctrine	3
R1	BIBL 131	Romans	3
R1	CMIN 140	Soul Winning	3

MINISTRY OF HELPS LAB REQUIREMENT

First term students are required to take the Ministry of Helps course. This course explains how the church grows when the Ministry of Helps flourishes. In addition to the class, each term students are required to complete outreach ministry in their local church. Details will be explained in the Ministry of Helps course and by your Academic Advisor.

School of Biblical Ministry—Associates Degree in Biblical Ministry			
Course Level	Course #	Course Name	Credit Hour
R2	CMIN 240	Discipleship	3
R2	THEO 208	Christian Ethics	3
R2	BIBL 237	Old Testament Survey	3
R2	BIBL 236	New Testament Survey	3
R2	THEO 206	Apologetics	3
R2	PMIN 207	Authority of the Believer	3
R2	THEO 205	Study of the Holy Spirit	3
R2	THEO 203	Eschatology	3
R3	PMIN 305	Redemptive Gifts	3
R3	PMIN 300	Leadership Principles	3
R3	PMIN 302	Ministry Tools	3
R3	HIST 370	Revival History	3
Elective	THEO 404	Door to the Supernatural	3
Elective	THEO 406	Christology	3
Elective	BIBL 421	Genesis 1: Abraham, Isaac & Jacob	3
Elective	BIBL 422	Genesis 2: Life of Joseph	3
Elective	BIBL 435	Blood Covenant	3
Elective	BIBL 436	Names of God	3
Elective	BIBL 440	Unearthing the Bible	3
Elective	WRIT 120	College Writing	3

NOTE: Students are to select (4) four elective courses to round out their graduation requirements. In all disciplines, the student may choose Biblical/Theological courses or any course offered in the other three disciplines. As you read through the other disciplines' required and elective courses, know that most of these can be used as your discipline's electives.

School of Worship Ministry–Associates Degree in Worship Ministry			
Course Level	Course #	Course Name	Credit Hour
R2-A	MUAP 200	Worship Foundations	3
R2-B	MUAP 201	Worship Leadership	3
R3-A	MUAP 202	Worship Team	3
R3-B	MUAP 203	Worship Flow	3
W2	MUTH 209	Music Theory	3
W2	TECH 210	Intro to Audio	3
W2	BIBL 460	Music of the Bible	3
W3	MUTH 301	Ear Training 1	3
W3	MUTH 302	Ear Training 2	3
W3	TECH 303	Administrating Worship	3
Elective	MUSI 452	Composing Music	3
Elective	MUSI 454	Writing Lyrics	3
Elective	MUSI 453	Modern Worship History	3
Elective	WOVP 450	The Creative Arts	3
Elective	WOVP 470	Multi-Cultural Arts	3
Elective	TECH 455	Introduction to Production	3
W2-AK	INSTR 280	Keyboard Worship 1	3
W3-AK	INSTR 381	Keyboard Worship 2	3
W2-AV	VOC 290	Vocal Worship 1	3
W3-AV	VOC 391	Vocal Worship 2	3

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School of Government–Associates Degree in Civic Studies

Course Level	Course #	Course Name	Credit Hour
R2	ECON 250	Basic Economics	3
R2	BIBL-232	Biblical Business Ethics & Leadership	3
R2	HIST 260	US Constitution Survey	3
R2	GOVP 220	Practical Citizenship	3
R2	COMM 270	Persuasive Communication	3
R2	HIST 261	Founding a Nation	3
R2	HIST 263	Power of the States	3
R2	GOVP 221	Follow the Money	3
R3	PMIN 300	Leadership Principles	3
R3	GOVP 320	Tapestry of Politics	3
R3	GOVP 321	Debate in Government	3
R3	GOVP 322	Civics	3

School of Business Studies' Career Training –Training Certificate

Course Level	Course #	Course Name	Credit Hour
<p>Each career will have a mixture of instructional courses and hand-on experience. These programs can range from 20 to 100 hours to several months to a few years, depending on certification or degree pursued. Some will have apprenticeships; all will have assessments and certifications. Many programs can assist with job placement upon complete training. The School of Business Career Training Program requires only two courses as part of the training. Students may do both in one term, or one course over two terms.</p>			
R2	BUSM-200	Introduction to Business & Kingdom Economics	3
R2	BIBL-232	Biblical Business Ethics & Leadership	3

School of Business Studies–Associates Degree in Business Studies			
Course Level	Course #	Course Name	Credit Hour
R2	BUSM-200	Introduction to Business & Kingdom Economics	3
R2	BUSM-201	Entrepreneurship & Small Business Foundations	3
R2	BFIN-220	Business Finance	3
R2	BIBL-232	Biblical Business Ethics & Leadership	3
R2	BACT-230	Principles of Financial Accounting	3
R2	LEGL-240	Business Law & Contracts	3
R3	BUSM-350	Macroeconomics & Capitalism	3
R3	BMGT-310	Operations, Management & Organizational Leadership	3
R3	BMKT-320	Principles of Sales & Marketing	3
R3	BACT-330	Managerial Accounting & Financial Decision Making	3
R3	BUSM-351	Quantitative Methods for Business	3
R3	BUSM-380	Enterprise Strategy & Business Planning (Capstone)	3
E	BFIN-550	Investing 101: Foundations of Asset Building	3
E	BFIN-551	Investing 102: Advanced & Alternative Investments	3
E	BFIN-552	Kingdom Capital and Generational Wealth	3
E	BFIN-553	Business Mindset and Wealth Creation	3
E	BFIN-554	Retirement & Personal Financial Strategy	3

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GENERAL EDUCATION BONUS:

Students who submit a college transcript proving the successful completion of the general education requirements at that institution will be acknowledged with the distinction of “Arts” in their associates degree. For example: Associate of Arts in Biblical Ministry, or Associate of Arts in Worship Ministry, etc. The total credited hours must equal 36 hours broken down into the following categories:

36 Credits of General Education–Associates of ARTS in _____		
Course Category	Possible Course Subjects	Credit Hour
Communications	English, Writing, Composition	6
Mathematics	College-level Algebra, calculus, and statistics	3
Natural Sciences	Life science, physical science, biology, physics, astronomy, earth science, chemistry	6
Arts & Humanities	History, philosophy, religions, performing arts, literature, film, visual arts, and music	6
US History		6
Political Science	Constitution, Sociology, Computer science, economics, anthropology, psychology, Geography, Law, archaeology	6
Social Science	Anthropology, Geography, Psychology	3

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

LOW TUITION COMMITMENT

River Impact University does not participate in government-sponsored grants or loans at this time. Tuition costs for River Impact University are not tax deductible.

GRANT APPLICATION

The Board of Trustees has budgeted an amount per term to grant recipients financial aid towards registration and course tuition. The amount varies from student to student, based on the Financial Need Analysis (FNA) submitted by the student along with a cover letter, application essay.

TUITION/FEEES

Tuition and registration fee must be paid in full or payment arrangements made prior to the start of classes each term. Tuition does not include books, supplies, internet access, equipment, electronic devices, or instruments. **A registration fee of \$175.00 is charged each term** to all students enrolling in RIU. This fee is non-refundable.

Payment shall be prompt and considered late 10 days from the due date. A late charge of \$50 will be added to the billing the following pay period. Non-payment two months in a row, will suspend the student from access to the student portal and attending classes.

Credit card payments will incur a 4% convenience fee, and is the responsibility of the student to pay for this convenience.

As of Spring term 2026, the tuition for students attending the **Salem campus will cost \$256 per course. Distance learners (30+ miles away) the cost is \$280 per course.**