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*CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY*

**INTENSIVE BIBLICAL &  
THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

**MEET**

**CLASSICAL  
CHRISTIAN  
LIBERAL ARTS**

## PRAXIS BIBLE COLLEGE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Thank you for your interest in Praxis Bible College. The College seeks students who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and who desire to make every academic subject and every area of their lives captive to Christ. Praxis Bible College is designed for Christian students who want to develop and employ all of their God-given faculties for the glory of God in any calling or vocation.

As a classical Christian liberal arts college, we admit students who are eager to immerse themselves in theology, philosophy, history, biblical languages, rhetoric, science, literature, music, and the arts. We look for students who will devote themselves to a rigorous course of readings in pursuit of biblical truth, wisdom, goodness, and beauty, while confronting the pivotal issues of Western culture from a biblical worldview. Our unique program requires that students possess personal, intellectual, and spiritual maturity, and exhibit those qualities of mind and heart expected of those who bear the name of Christ.

## APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

To initiate your application, return the Application Form (the first four pages of forms) and the requisite application fee. Then follow up with the supplemental information required for the level of enrollment you indicate on the form (matriculating, non-matriculating or auditor). The following supplemental information can be submitted at a later date, but will need to be received before your file will be recommended to the Admission Committee. As an applicant, you are either a **matriculating student** (full or part-time student pursuing a degree), a **nonmatriculating student** (taking classes for credit but not pursuing a degree), an **auditor** (attending classes but not participating in discussion or assignments) or a **rising senior** (not graduated from high school but in final year of high school). Based on your desired level of enrollment, you may be required to fulfill all or some of the following supplementary information requirements. See the chart below.

Required Supplementary Information	Matriculating	Non-Matriculating	Auditor/ Rising Senior
Essay #1 – Statement of Christian Faith (250 words)	X	X	X
Essay #2 – Why You Wish to Attend (250 words)	X	X	X
Essay #3 – Copy of Previous Academic Work Essay	X	X	
Transcripts (Secondary & Post-Secondary Education)	X	X	X
College Entrance Test (ACT or SAT)	X	X	
Evaluation #1 – Pastoral Evaluation	X	X	X
Evaluation #2 – Academic Evaluation	X	X	X
Evaluation #3 – Financial Commitment Disclosure	X	X	X
Digital photograph (email to <a href="mailto:admissions@praxisbiblecollege.com">admissions@praxisbiblecollege.com</a> )	X		
Campus Visit/Interview	X	X	X

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS IN DETAIL

### The First Step...

#### 1) Application Form

You may complete the enclosed application form or download a form online at [www.praxisbiblecollege.com](http://www.praxisbiblecollege.com).

#### 2) Application Fee

You may send your check or money order along with your application.

### Next, Gather your Supplemental Information...

#### I. Essays

##### ***Statement of Christian Faith***

The Admissions Committee is not looking for a theological treatise, but a concise statement of the applicant's Christian beliefs in 250 words or less. Students should indicate what they believe with regard to basic Christian doctrine. All students who attend Praxis Bible College must pledge in writing to maintain sound Christian doctrine, to regularly attend an orthodox church, and to maintain a teachable spirit. Students should give attention not only to what they write, but how they write it. Students will be required to agree with the College's Abbreviated Statement of Faith.

##### ***Essay on Why You Wish to Attend Praxis Bible College***

In 250 words or less, the Admissions Committee wants to know how serious a student is about attending the College and how well the student will fit in with the other Christian scholars in our community. Because Praxis Bible College admits only 50-60 full-time first year students annually, each new student is an important addition to the character and culture of the College. The Committee tries to identify applicants whose educational goals and interests will be best served by the College, and whose presence will be a positive addition to the College. The Committee encourages applicants to explain why they think Praxis Bible College meets their specific academic and personal goals, and why they think they will benefit from the College's program.

##### ***Copy of an Essay Previously Submitted for Academic Credit***

The Admissions Committee believes that copies of previously graded academic work are helpful in assessing an applicant's rhetorical skills. Because these abilities are so important for academic success at Praxis Bible College, applicants are encouraged to provide an example of what they consider their best work. The essay must be the student's work alone, and preference is given to original copies of essays graded by a parent or teacher. The essay may be on any subject and in any style of writing, but it should be an example of what the student considers his or her best academic work.

## II. Transcripts and Test Scores

### ***Satisfactory Completion of Secondary Education***

Successful applicants typically average "B" or better grades in their general secondary-level studies. The Admissions Committee gives careful attention to an applicant's record in English, languages, history, and social studies in order to assess the student's ability to meet the College's significant reading and writing requirements. Students are required to have the minimum requirement in the following courses:

Subject Area	Minimum Requirement
English	4 courses
Mathematics	3 courses
History	2 courses (1 must be U.S. History)
Science	2 courses (plus labs)
Electives	4 courses

Previous Greek, Hebrew, and classical studies are not required, but they may prove helpful in demonstrating a student's ability and commitment to pursuing the College's classical curriculum.

Home schooled applicants should provide evidence of completion of secondary-level studies by submitting GED scores or other record of academic assessment, such as a full transcript of courses completed, including grades earned, date of graduation or completion and/or narrative evaluation of performance.

### **A Note to Transfer Students**

Praxis Bible College welcomes applications from prospective students who have completed post-secondary level coursework at other colleges or universities and who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree at Praxis Bible College. The integrative and intensive nature of the Praxis Bible College curriculum usually allows a limited number of transfer credits or course equivalencies from other colleges and universities. The College accepts transfer course equivalencies only for courses completed with a grade of "B" or better. Applicants transferring from other institutions must request that official transcripts of all their prior college-level coursework be sent directly to the Praxis Bible College Administrative Office.

### **A Note to International Students**

International students whose native language is other than English must achieve either a score of at least 570 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and 4.5 on the Test of Written English (TWE), or a score of at least 230 on the computer-based TOEFL with a 4.5 minimum on the essay portion of the exam.

### ***Standardized Examination Scores (ACT or SAT)***

The College uses these standardized tests as one way (among several) to identify an applicant's areas of academic strength and weakness. The College finds these tests to be generally reliable indicators of future academic success at the undergraduate level, but the Admissions Committee never considers them apart from the context of the student's overall academic record and application portfolio. The College requires a composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT, or 1000 or higher on the SAT (Math + Critical Reading). Students who score below the required minimums may still be admitted on a provisional basis and given the opportunity to demonstrate their academic abilities during one academic term.

### **III. Evaluations**

#### ***Pastoral Evaluation***

The Admissions Committee considers confidential pastoral evaluations very seriously. These evaluations provide non-academic indicators of basic personal, familial, social, and spiritual traits that are essential to the Committee's assessment of how well a student will fit in at Praxis Bible College. When a pastoral evaluation seems to contradict other evidence in the applicant's portfolio, the Admissions Committee may contact the pastor and/or the applicant directly to seek additional information and clarification. The applicants are responsible for contacting their pastors and requesting that they fill out the Pastoral Evaluation Form. The completed pastoral evaluation form must be returned directly to the College and should not be returned by the applicant.

#### ***Academic Evaluation***

The Admissions Committee values the confidential academic evaluations of educators who know the applicant well. These evaluations provide academic indicators that are essential to the Committee's assessment of how well a student will fit in at New Saint Andrews. When an academic evaluation seems to contradict other evidence in the applicant's portfolio, the Admissions Committee may contact the teacher/advisor and/or the applicant directly to seek additional information and clarification. The applicants are responsible for contacting their teachers/advisors and requesting that they fill out the Academic Evaluation Form. The completed academic evaluation form must be returned directly to the College and should not be returned by the applicant.

#### ***Statement of Financial Commitment and Disclosure***

Because the College limits its enrollment, the Admissions Committee wants to know whether applicants can meet their financial obligations so it does not displace qualified applicants who are able to pay. The point is not to pry into your personal financial records, but to simply receive personal assurance that you will be able to meet your financial obligations to the College if accepted and that you are willing to take responsibility for this commitment.



**SENDING APPLICATIONS**

Send all application forms and material to:

**Praxis Bible College  
Admissions  
3570 Canada Rd., Suite 106  
Lakeland, TN 38002**

**APPLICATION FEE & DEADLINES**

Deadline	Fee
December 1	\$25
February 15	\$40
April 15	\$50
June 1	\$60
July 31 or later	\$75

**For help, call the Admissions Office at (901) 734-6546.**

**APPLICATION**

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**IDENTIFICATION & CONTACT INFORMATION**

Last Name	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married
If applicable, Spouse's Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State Zip Code	
Home Phone Number	(    )
Cell Phone Number	(    )
Email address	
Age	
Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Birthplace	
Name of Parents/Guardians	
Mailing Address	
City, State Zip Code	
Home Phone Number	(    )
Cell Phone Number	(    )
Email Address	
Year of Initial Attendance	Fall:
Check Enrollment Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Matriculating <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Matriculating <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor <input type="checkbox"/> Rising Senior
Secondary School	<input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Home School <input type="checkbox"/> GED
School Address	
City, State Zip Code	
Year/Expected Date of Graduation	
Academic Evaluator's Name	
Phone & Email Address	(    )
Name of Your Home Church	
Denominational Affiliation	
Church's Address	
City, State Zip Code	
Pastor's Name	
Phone & Email Address	
Have you received Christ as Lord?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a baptized member in good standing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No; if no, please explain

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

<p>List your major extracurricular interests and activities (attach additional pages if needed)</p>	
<p>List your significant school, church, and community activities, honors, and awards (attach additional pages if needed):</p>	
<p>List the last three books you read that were not required as part of your school work:</p>	
<p>List your favorite styles of music and list three of your favorite musical artists:</p>	
<p>List your three favorite movies and explain why they are your favorites:</p>	

<p>How many hours a day do you normally spend doing the following:</p>	<p>Watching television:</p> <p>Playing internet games:</p> <p>Playing video games:</p> <p>Surfing the web:</p> <p>Reading:</p> <p>Emailing/messaging with friends:</p>
<p>Do you have a personal web page or blog (Facebook, MySpace, Xanga)? If so, please provide access information.</p>	
<p>Where did you hear of Praxis Bible College?</p>	
<p>What other colleges or universities are you considering attending?</p>	

## FINAL DETAILS

The following information will need to be submitted in order to complete your application file. This information can be submitted at a later date, but will need to be completed before your file will be recommended to the Admission Committee. It is listed here for your information. A checklist of these materials is also contained in the application instructions. As an applicant, you are either a matriculating student (full or part-time student pursuing a degree), a non-matriculating student (taking classes for credit but not pursuing a degree) or an auditor (attending classes but not participating in discussion or assignments). Based on your desired level of enrollment, you will be required to fulfill all or some of the following supplementary information requirements. See the chart below...

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

By signing and returning this application and the requisite application fee, you have initiated the Praxis Bible College application process. Additional materials are required to complete your application file. Please consult the application instructions for additional information.

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**PASTORAL EVALUATION FORM**

[ Applicant: Ask your pastor to respond to this request ]

Dear Pastor:

Please take a few minutes to evaluate the student applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Your candid assessment of the student will play an important role in the College's admissions process. Please return this completed form directly to:

**PRAXIS BIBLE COLLEGE  
ATTN: Admissions Committee  
3570 Canada Rd., Suite 106  
Lakeland, TN 38002**

Student's Name:	
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Your Name/Title:	
Congregation:	
Denominational Affiliation (if any):	
Mailing Address:	
City, State Zip Code	
Office Phone:	
Email:	
Fax:	

Please evaluate the student in the following areas. Check the appropriate response:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Weak	Poor	No Opinion
Spiritual Maturity						
Church Attendance/Participation						
Bible Knowledge						
Theological Understanding						
Discernment/Wisdom						
Integrity/Honesty						
Respect shown to parents						
Respect shown to non-parental authorities						
Reputation						
Service to Others						
Socially adept with peers						
Socially adept with non-peers						
Work Ethic						
Personal appearance/modest, appropriate dress						
Personal cleanliness						
Sense of humor						

<p>How long have you known the student?</p>	
<p>How long have you known the student's family?</p>	
<p>Is the student a member in good standing of your congregation?</p>	
<p>How well do you know the student? Describe your relationship.</p>	
<p>Has the student ever been subject to formal church discipline? If yes, please explain.</p>	
<p>All Praxis Bible College students are assumed to be exhibiting the godly fruit of self-control, joy, honesty, and diligence. Please describe the student's maturity, discernment, and self-control.</p>	



<p>Praxis Bible College has no system of on-campus residences or dormitories. How well prepared is this student for living away from home without immediate parental oversight?</p>	
<p>Please identify this applicant's most notable weakness, shortcoming, or area of immaturity.</p>	
<p>Please identify this applicant's most notable strength, talent, or gifting.</p>	
<p>Is there anything else you think we should know about this student as an applicant or future Praxis Bible College student?</p>	

In your ministerial experience, how does this applicant compare to other college bound students in terms of spiritual maturity and preparedness?

- Excellent    Good    Average    Weak    Poor

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your candid evaluation of the student applicant. Please turn in this completed form directly to: Praxis Bible College ATTN: Admissions Committee, 3570 Canada Road, Suite 106, Lakeland, TN 38002



**ACADEMIC EVALUATION FORM**

[ Applicant: Ask the person you've designated as your Academic Evaluator to respond to this form. ]

Dear Teacher/Academic Evaluator:  
 Please take a few minutes to evaluate the student applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Your candid assessment of the student will play an important role in the College's admissions process. Please return this completed form directly to:

**PRAXIS BIBLE COLLEGE**  
**ATTN: Admissions Committee**  
**3570 Canada Rd., Suite 106**  
**Lakeland, TN 38002**

Student's Name:	
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Your Name/Title:	
School:	
Affiliation (if any):	
Mailing Address:	
City, State Zip Code	
Office Phone:	
Email:	
Fax:	

Please place this applicant relative to the other college-bound students you've encountered in your professional experience.

	Top 10%	Above Avg.	Average	Below Avg.	Bottom 10%	No Opinion
Integrity/Honesty						
Respect shown to parents						
Respect shown to non-parental authorities						
Clothing: avoids immodesty, not too casual						
Hygiene and cleanliness						
Conversational skills						
Discerning in friendships						
Discrete, discerning with the opposite sex						
Works hard and cheerfully						
Works well with others						
Sense of humor						
Service, care for others						
Influences peers positively						
Humility and gratitude						
Mathematical reasoning						
Follows arguments						
Appreciates beauty						
Public Speaking						
Creative Writing						



	Top 10%	Above Avg.	Average	Below Avg.	Bottom 10%	No Opinion
Persuasive/Argumentative Writing						
Displays Leadership						
Organization/Time Management						
Creativity/Artistic Ability						

Comment on any of the topics above:	
How long have you known the student?	
How long have you known the student's family?	
In what context have you known the student?	
Has this student ever been placed on probation or dismissed from school for academic or disciplinary reasons? If so, please explain.	

<p>Please comment on the applicant's weaknesses.</p>	
<p>Please comment on the applicant's strengths.</p>	

Academically, where would this student stand compared to the other students in his/her peer group?

- Top 10%  
  Above Average  
  Average  
  Below Average  
  Bottom 10%

Your recommendation of this applicant for admission to Praxis Bible College:

- Highly Recommended  
  Recommended with Reservations  
  Not Recommended

Additional Comments:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FINANCIAL COMMITMENT DISCLOSURE FORM**

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Your answers will help the Admissions Committee to know whether or not you can meet the financial obligations associated with attending Praxis Bible College.

Student's Name:	
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Please identify who will bear the primary responsibility for meeting your financial obligations to the College (you, your parents, your church, others).	
Indicate the primary sources of revenue you will draw upon to meet your financial obligations (savings, trust, gifts, other).	
Explain whether you already have or will have sufficient revenue to pay the full annual tuition in advance, or pay in installments.	
Do you understand that if your are accepted a \$100 non-refundable reservation deposit is required (within 14 days of acceptance letter being received or by August 21 <sup>st</sup> – whichever comes first).	
If you anticipate needing scholarship assistance, please list the scholarships or other forms of financial assistance that your are pursuing, and indicate the amount of funds you need to receive to meet your financial commitment to the College.	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**CAMPUS VISIT R.S.V.P.**

The College invites prospective students and their families to visit Praxis Bible College at any time throughout the year. Of particular note, though, are our Prospective Student Visitation Events scheduled throughout the summer. This year's schedule includes:

- o Friday, May 29, 2009
- o Friday, June 12, 2009
- o Friday, July 3, 2009
- o Friday, July 31, 2009

These events include opportunities to meet the faculty and administration, tour our facilities and the community, attend the local churches, and get answers to your questions about attending Praxis Bible College. To reserve your place at a Prospective Student Visitation Events, you may register with this form. Please register at least one week prior to the event so we can make all the necessary arrangements for your arrival. To get more information about the events, or to arrange a visit at another time, please contact the Vice President of Operations at (901) 734-6546 or email to [info@praxisbiblecollege.com](mailto:info@praxisbiblecollege.com)

Date of your planned visit?	
Last Name	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Age:	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married
If applicable, Spouse's Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State Zip Code	
Home Phone Number	(    )
Cell Phone Number	(    )
Email address	
Name of Parents or Guardian:	
Your secondary education has consisted primarily of...	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School <input type="checkbox"/> Private School <input type="checkbox"/> Home School <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
I'm considering Praxis Bible College for the Fall of:	
I'll be visiting the College with (list relation to you):	
Where did you hear about Praxis Bible College?	
What other colleges & universities are you considering?	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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