

GRACE BIBLE COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS



*Preparing Christian Workers for New Challenges
in the New Millenium*

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**"Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be
ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."**

II Timothy 2:15

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General Information:

The Goal and vision of GBC is to prepare Christian workers for new challenges in the new millenium

Location:

Grace Bible College is situated at Amravati, which is one of the very important cities in Maharashtra. The city is situated at the approximate center of Nagpur and Akola, which are among the other big cities of Maharashtra. Badnera Railway Station (junction) is just 8 kms away from Amravati.

Amravati is a historical city named after goddess Amba. the famous temple of goddess Amba is located in the city. this city even has importance in Hindu epics. Amravati is both business and business and educational centre. It has a university, medical college and engineering college. The Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal of Amravati is very well known in Asia. People from all over the cuntry and abroad come to Amravati for educational purpose. Thus there is a great oppotunity for ministry among various peoples groups within the city.

Chikhaldara hill station is just 90 kms away. Chikhaldara is known as the paradise of Vidarbha. The historical Gawilgad fort is situated here. The place is also famous for tigers.

Purpose & Objectives:

Grace Bible College, Amravati is primarily fundamental theological college that prepares students for dynamic Christian living in the church and society and to serve God and mankind in the Bliblical perspective.

The objectives of the College are:

1. To train Christian ministers in the knowledge of the word of God.
2. To maintain an atmosphere which will foster and nourish the spiritual life of the students.
3. To prepare the grass root leadership.
4. To stimulate evangelistic and missionary zeal to evangelize india and region beyond.
5. To contribute to the society and the maintaining of the highest standard of conduct and service.
6. To equip the students to face the challenges of the contemporary world.

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

We believe in:

1. The holy scriptures composed of sixty-six books of the old and the new testament as originally given by God, uniquely inspired, entirely trustworthy, the supreme authority over man, and infallible in all matters of faith and doctrine.
2. One God eternally existent in three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit, active in the work of creation, providence and redemption.
3. The full deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection and ascension, and His ministry in the world as the only savior and finally judge of mankind.
4. The Holy Spirit by whose work of sanctification and indwelling the believers is enabled to live a holy life, and to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ and to serve responsibility in the contemporary world.
5. The dignity of man created in the image of God, his subsequent fall and universal sinfulness, and his need for justification and regeneration appropriated through personal repentance and faith in Christ.
6. The spiritual unity of all believers in Christ, composing the church, the body of Christ, visibly expressed in worship, fellowship and service in society.
7. The personal return of Jesus Christ in the power and glory to consummate His kingdom and the resurrection of all men either to eternal death or to eternal life.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Our medium of instruction is English.

Academic Programme:

The Grace Bible College trains Christians for ministry and church related vocations by means of a curriculum, which includes Biblical, theological, professional and general studies. GBC offers one year Certificate in Theology (C.Th.), Two-year Diploma in Theology (Dip.Th.) and three-year Bachelor of Theology (B.Th).

Certificate in Theology:

It is one year ministerial programme of minimum of 30 credit hours, which is designed for those who have successfully completed high school examination and desire to serve the Lord and desire personal enrichment in Bible and theology. It is available in English only.

Diploma in Theology:

It is two year Training programme of minimum of 60 credit hours which is designed for those who have successfully completed high school examination and desire to enter in full time ministry as pastors or evangelists. It is available in English only.

Bachelor of Theology:

It is a three year training programme of a minimum of 90 credit hours which is designed for those who have successfully completed pre-university examination and desire to enter in full time ministry as pastors, Bible teachers, evangelists and Christian administrators.

This programme also facilitates those intending to pursue further theological education. It is available in English only.

Admission Requirement:

- 1) Duly filled admission form.
- 2) The following documents--
 - a. Personal testimony of the applicant
 - b. Two recommendation letters from the pastor or influential Christian leader.
 - c. Medical Certificate from Medical practitioner (at least MBBS)
 - d. Two passport size photographs.
 - e. School/college leaving certificate and mark sheet of last examination appeared. (Original certificates should be produced at the time of registration.)
 - f. Baptism Certificate.
 - g. Letter of financial support from parents/sponsors/church/organization.
- 3) The students should supply themselves with the following for their personal use in GBC.
 - a. English Bible (preferably NIV)
 - b. Bedding (cot, mattress and pillow will be provided by the college.)
 - c. Mosquito net.
 - d. Bucket, mug, detergent, and sanitary kits.
 - e. Plate, glass, cup and bowl.
 - f. Note books, pen, pencil etc.
 - g. Dictionary
- 4) Submission of application form does not necessarily guarantee admission. Candidates qualifying for admission will be notified to appear for an interview. The outcome of the interview will be notified to the applicant. The college is under no obligation to give specific reasons for the refusal of any applicant, under no circumstances one should come to the college without receiving the admission letter or interview letter.

Cirriculum:

A well balanced curriculum with the variety of courses have been designed to give broad exposure to develop effectiveness in ministry as well as spiritual maturity.

| First Year | First Semester | Credit Hours |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| B.Th., Dip.Th. & C.Th | O.T. Survey | 3 |
| | English | 3 |
| | Songs & Music | 1 |
| | Systematic Theology | 3 |
| | Study Methods | 2 |
| | Life and Work of Christ | 2 |
| | Evangelism | 2 |
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| | Second Semester | |
| | N.T. Survey | 3 |
| | English | 3 |
| | Systematic Theology | 3 |
| | Preaching Methods | 2 |
| | Gospel of Mark | 2 |
| | Pastoral Ministry | 2 |
| | Songs & Music | 1 |
| | Public Worship | 1 |
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| Second Year | First Semester | Credit Hours |
| B.Th. & Dip.Th. | Pentateuch | 3 |
| | Church History | 3 |
| | Systematic Theology | 3 |
| | Pastoral Espistles | 3 |
| | Major Religion | 3 |
| | Major Prophets | 3 |
| | Songs & Music | 1 |
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Second Semester

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| Credit Hours | |
| Gospel of John | 3 |
| I & II Corinthians | 3 |
| Church Growth & Planning | 2 |
| Indian Church History | 3 |
| Christian Education | 3 |
| Systematic Theology | 3 |
| Songs & Music | 1 |
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Third Year

First Semester

Credit Hours

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| B.Th. | Cultural Anthropology | 2 |
| | Prison Epistles | 3 |
| | Romans & Galatians | 3 |
| | Greek I | 3 |
| | Expository Preaching | 2 |
| | Art of Writing | 1 |
| | Songs & Music | 1 |
| | Book of Hebrews | 3 |
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Second Semester

Credit Hours

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| Apologetics & Cults | |
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| Indian Christian Theology | 2 |
| Secular Movement | 3 |
| Greek II | 3 |
| Leadership & Stewardship | 2 |
| Church Administration & Finance | 1 |
| Minor Religion | 2 |
| Christian Ethics | 2 |
| Songs & Music | 1 |
| Acts of the Apostles | 3 |
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Field Ministry:

This is an integral part of the training programme at GBC. Along with theological coaching in the classrooms GBC involves students in practical ministry. This involves house visitation, participation in church activities such as preaching, Sunday school, vacation Bible school and camps. Also other activities arranged by the college and by the local church such as conferences, open air preaching, tract distribution, etc.

During summer and Christmas vacation students are required to work under local church pastor, supervisors or their respective missions or in ministries like O.M., NCM etc.

Grading System:

| First Class | Second Class | Third Class |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| A+ (80% & Above) | B+ (65%) | C+ (50%) |
| A (75%) | B (60%) | C (45%) |
| A- (70%) | B- (55%) | C- (40%) |

The pass mark in each single subject is C- (40%).

Class Promotion:

Class promotion is given on the basis of student's overall performance. Any first year students who fails in minimum 5 subjects in the whole academic year will be sent back or can be considered to repeat the year.

Any students of any class fails in 3 subjects in the semester exam will be given chance for re-exam. He/She will be required to pay re-exam fees set by the college. The maximum marks for the re-exam will be 40 (C-).

Graduation Requirements:

The college has set the following requirement for graduation:

- Completion of the required number of credit hours for each programme and minimum grades (average of 50).
- Satisfactory practical work report.
- Settlement of the bills with the college.
- Personal life and character on the campus.
- Attendance at the graduation exercises (unless special permission for absence has been obtained from the Principle).

Dismissal/Termination:

The college administration has the full right and authority to suspend/dismiss/terminate a student at any time of the academic year that falls short of college rules and regulations. The dismissed student will not get degree/diploma/certificate.

At the end of each academic year, the students who get below 50% grade average will be given an opportunity for one semester to raise the average. If the student fails to do so, he/she will be academically disqualified and will be asked to discontinue study at the college.

Withdrawal from the college:

A student, who for any reason finds it necessary to discontinue his/her studies must obtain permission from the Principle and clearance by the heads of various departments.

Withdrawal from the college does not guarantee re-admission in the college in future.

The academic year begins from July and ends in March.

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| First Semester | - | July to October |
| Second Semester | - | November to March |

Annual Events:

- Arrival of Students
- Registration
- Orientation
- Welcoming of new students
- Day of Prayer (twice a year)
- Semester Exam
- Picnic
- Sports Day
- Days of Challenge
- Staff Retreat
- Graduation
- Practical Work

The calender of events with exact dates will be notified separately at the time of registration.

Daily Schedule:

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| Raising up | 6:00 a.m. |
| Personal Devotion | 6:05-6:45 a.m. |
| Shramadan | 6:45-7:00 a.m. |
| Breakfast | 7:30-8:00 a.m. |
| Chapel | 8:00-8:30 a.m. |
| Classes (Monday-Friday) | 8:30-12:45 p.m. |
| Tea | 10:00-10:15 a.m. |
| Lunch | 1:00-2:00 p.m. |
| Rest | 2:00-2:30 p.m. |
| Study Hours | 2:45-4:15 p.m. |
| Tea | 4:15-4:30 p.m. |
| Shramadan | 4:30-5:00 p.m. |
| Games | 5:00-6:30 p.m. |
| Study Hours | 6:45-8:15 p.m. |
| Dinner | 8:15 p.m. |
| Room Fellowship (Friday) | 9:00 p.m. |
| Youth Fellowship (Saturday) | 6:30 p.m. |
| Staff Prayer Meeting (Saturday) | 8:00 a.m. |
| Sunday Worship Service | 10:30- 12:00 a.m. |

Financial Information:**Monthly Fees:**

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| Room & Board | 600 x 9 | Rs. 5400.00 |
| Tuition Fees | 100 x 9 | Rs. 900.00 |
| Pocket Money | 100 x 9 | Rs. 900.00 |
| Field Experience | 50 x 9 | Rs. 450.00 |
| Social & Function | 20 x 9 | Rs. 180.00 |

Annual Fees:

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| Registration | Rs. 50.00 |
| Examination | Rs. 40.00 |
| Sports/Games | Rs. 50.00 |
| ID Card | Rs. 20.00 |
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| Total Fees | Rs. 7990.00 |

Other Fees if necessary

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| Late Regsitration | Rs. 25.00 per day |
| Re-examination | Rs. 25.00 per subject |
| Transcript | Rs. 10.00 |
| Duplicate Certificate | Rs. 100.00 |
| Prospectus | Rs. 20.00 |
| Absent Fine | Rs. 10.00 per day |

Annual fees and the first installment of monthly fees shuld be paid at the time of registration.

Scholarships:

Students are encourage to seek sponsorship from their chruches, missions and friends.

Deserving and needy candidates will be given full or partial scholarships. Separate application for scholarship should be sent to the Principal. Scholarships do not cover pocket money, medical expenses, travel, books and incidentals.

The sponsors/students are required to make arrangement towards travel, medical expenses, books and incidentals expenses for their candidates/themselves.

Financial Policies:

1. Fees are taken for 9 months only (July to March)
2. For day scholars Rs.300/-per month (This includes the lunch) If anyone who is not interested to take lunch will have to pay Rs. 150/- per month.
3. The payment should be made either in cash or by D.D. in favour of Grace Bible Church.
4. For a student to be eligible to appear for the final examinations should be cleared of all fees of the current semester and all arrears of the preceding semester.
5. All costs fees and figures mentioned in this prospectus and in the fee structure are subject to change.

CAMPUS LIFE:**Accommodation and Food:**

GBC gives a lot of importance to the campus life of the students especially to students stay and food, since it contributes towards the students' growth and development of spiritual life, personality and mental strength.

There are separate living facilities for men and women. the college provides cot, mattress and pillow, but the students are expected to bring their own bed covers, mosquito net, warm clothing and all the necessary things for personal use. All the students have a common dining hall; the students are expected to bring their own plate, glass, cup and bowl. The office manages the mess.

Worship:

Personal devotion/quiet time is compulsory in the morning. This is important for ones spiritual growth. Morning Chapel service from 8:00-8:30 a.m. from Monday to Friday and Sunday worship service from 10:30 -12:00 a.m. is compulsory for all students. Apart from these, hostel fellowship, weekly prayer meetings and toher church activities are compulsory for all the students.

Library/Study Hours:

The library and study hour is compulsory for all the students. The study hours are from 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. & 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Silence must be kept during study hours.

Medical Care:

GBC attends immediately to students who fall sick and adequate medical care will be given in due time. First Aid will be given freely, but Doctor's fee, hospital charges and other major expenses should be taken car by the students/parents/sponsors.

Sports:

Development of mental strength and physical fitness is given balanced importance. Sports and games are designed to build a healthy relationship with each other.

Equipments are provided for physical exercise and games. Attendance is compulsory for this. If anyone who is unable to participate on medical ground should produce the doctor's certificate.

Dressing:

In order to maintain the highest Christian standard students are encouraged to dress modestly in and outside the campus.

Student Body:

The student body consists of the president of the student body, treasurer, secretary and one representative from each class and advisor from the faculty. The student body is responsible to arrange and to look into the student activities, recreation and social programme.

Counselling:

Personal and social counseling are provided by the warden as well as other administrators and the faculty members. Spiritual counseling may be obtained from the pastor or the Principal of the college. Academic matter should be taken to the Academic Dean for Academic counseling. In GBC all administrators, faculty and the Principal is ready to help the students to solve their problems and difficulties.

General Rules and Regulations:

To maintain a high standard of Christian life and conduct the students are expected to observe general rules and regulations set by the college.

1. All students should respond to the bell at 5:30 a.m. and should maintain personal quiet time.
2. All are required to do their assigned duties honestly.
3. The students should keep their rooms, toilets & bathrooms clean.
4. Everyone should be present on time for their meals in dining hall. No student should take the meal outside the dining hall without appropriate reason and permission. There should be no private cooking on campus.
5. If lights are not switched off by 10:30 p.m., the students will be fined Rs. 10/- from each of the roommates.
6. The use of electric equipments like heater and electric stove is prohibited.
7. Guest of the student should first see the principal & then with permission of the warden will be allowed to visit the hostel.

8. The stay of the student's guest should not be more than one day in the campus.
Any guest who eats in the mess will be charged accordingly-

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| Breakfast | - | Rs. 10/- |
| Lunch | - | Rs. 25/- |
| Dinner | - | Rs. 20/- |
9. Special food will demand doctor's certificate.
10. Any complaint/suggestion about food should be made directly to the principal without any argument with the kitchen staff.
11. Personal hygiene & cleanliness are very important. It is the responsibility of the student to keep the surroundings clean & tidy.
12. Sickness of any sort should immediately be informed to the warden.
13. Transistor, taperecorders are allowed only with earphones. Electric tapping is forbidden.
14. Consumption of intoxicating beverages will be severely dealt with.
15. The students are encouraged to speak in English with other students.
16. Unity and co-operation should always be maintained among the students.
Groupism is forbidden. Quarrels/tension among the students should be brought to the notice of the warden.
17. Strikes and rebellion will not be tolerated.
18. Students should not press and argue on their denominational views with others. This will cause disruption. Everyone should respect others.
19. The students are not allowed to attend or participate in any programme outside the campus.
20. The students are not allowed to work outside the campus.
21. The college does not encourage the students to purchase anything on credit.
22. Every student should participate in every programme of the college.
23. Any sort of hot argument or insult of the staff will not be tolerated.
24. Misbehaviour & filthy behaviour of the students will be severely punished.
25. In emergencies only the students will be granted permission to go home on basis of telephone or telegram messages.
26. Students should abstain from causing damage to any college property. If any damage is done, the concerned student may be asked for replacement or compensation.
27. Outdoor evangelistic activities and manual labor are of equal importance. All students are expected to participate joyfully in all such activities.
28. The students should refrain from any cultural, linguistic, ethnical and religious discrimination and criticism.
29. Leaving the campus should only be done with prior permission from the warden. Everyone should sign the outing register.
30. Any mal practice in the exam will result in the dismissal of the student.
31. Student will not be permitted to write outside examination without prior permission. First year students will not be allowed to write outside examination under any circumstances.
32. The student who is found guilty of any sorts will be warned by memo and true copy of the same will be sent directly to the parents/guardian/sponsors.

33. Violation of these rules and regulations and other guidelines announced by the administration from time to time, will result in punishment, fine or suspension of a student from the college.
34. For any disciplinary action, Principal's decision will be final and not be questioned.
35. Discipline is given top priority in GBC, as none can be true disciple of Jesus Christ and lead others to discipleship without practicing discipline in ones life.

Special Features:

1. Emphasis on spiritual growth, ministerial skills development & academic excellence.
2. Emphasis on Biblical exposition, theology, counseling & church planting.
3. Exposure to the mission field/practical training.
4. Homely and healthy atmosphere.
5. Scholarships available for deserving condidates.
6. GBC prepares Christian Workers for New Challenges in the New Millenium.
7. Dedicated and qualified faculty from India and abroad.

Faculty:

Visiting Faculty:

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| 1. Rev. Dr. Michael McCutcheon | D.Mim., Th.M. |
| 2. Rev. Dr. John W. Cook | M.A., S.T.M., D.D |
| 3. Rev. Dr. Randoll Brannon | M.Div., Ph.D. |
| 4. Rev. Shashikant Irshid | M.Th. |
| 5. Rev. Rajiv Yangad | M.Th. |

Full Time Faculty:

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| 1. Rev. Pramod Tantarapale | M.Div. (Principal) |
| 2. Rev. Himmat Mohod | B.D. |
| 3. Mr. Rajpal Bhatkar | M.Th. (Academic Dean) |
| 4. Mrs. Soma Bhatkar | M.Div. |