

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - FALL 2026, Term I
Thursdays only, August 20-September 24, 2026 (7:00-8:45 PM)

SW102 Wednesday AM class will meet August 19- September 23 (10:00-11:45 AM)

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW101A **DISCIPLESHIP I***
SW102 **Discipleship II must be taken during Term II**

*This course is also offered on Weds mornings as **SW102** and will meet on August 19-September 23 from 10:00-11:45 AM*

Instructors: Mrs. Jane Cutrer, Mrs. Selwyn Parker

Text: *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Donald Whitney
 (NavPress, 2014) ISBN 1576830276

Description: This course encourages the development of a believer's obedient relationship with Jesus Christ. Personal devotion, prayer, Scripture memorization, and evangelism are emphasized. Using a small group setting, this course as well as the following consecutive one, Discipleship II, fosters friendship, camaraderie and accountability as students spend 12 weeks learning and growing together toward Christlikeness.

SW101B **ESSENTIALS I (Essentials II must be taken during Term II)**

Instructors: Various Faculty wives; coordinated by Mrs. Mary Mohler

Text: *The Pastor's Wife* by Gloria Furman (Crossway, 2015)
 ISBN 9781433543838
 How to Thrive as a Pastor's Wife by Christine Hoover (Baker, 2022)
 ISBN 9780801094491

Description: Our core class of our practical curriculum, Essentials deals with your calling as a Christian; your calling as a wife; your influence on children; time management; listening skills; and practical budgeting matters. Essentials II must be taken during the subsequent term, so students make a 12-week commitment when registering for this course. Topics may or may not be taught in the order listed due to scheduling, but all will be covered in either Essentials I or II. You will gain so much from Essentials as you learn from a team of faculty wives who each has a passion for her particular topic.

ELECTIVE COURSE:

SW101C WOMEN IN CHURCH HISTORY

Instructors: Mrs. Ruthie Shaw,
Guest Speakers, Mrs. Sharon Beougher and Mrs. Mary Mohler

Text: Students will choose from a book list posted on Canvas.

Description: This course is an examination of key women throughout Christian history. Both familiar and unfamiliar, young and old, and from a variety of cultures, all of these women are marked by faithfulness to the Lord and influence for Christ. We will be strengthened, encouraged and disciplined by their examples as wives, mothers, missionaries and disciples. Students will have reading and short written assignments to be completed in addition to a 3-4 page paper on a biography of their choosing from the provided list given their specific ministry interests.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - Fall 2026 Term II
Thursdays only, October 8-November 12, 2025 (7:00-8:45 PM)

SW202 Wednesday AM class will meet October 7 - November 11 (10:00-11:45 AM)

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW201A DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING II*

SW202 Discipleship I must be taken during Term I

*This course is also offered on Weds mornings as **SW202** and will meet on October 7 – November 11 from 10:00-11:45 AM*

Instructors: Mrs. Jane Cutrer. Mrs. Selwyn Parker

Text: no new text—same as Term I

Description: This course is the second half of the Discipleship Training course, which encourages the development of a believer's obedient relationship with Jesus Christ. Personal devotion, prayer, scripture memorization and evangelism are emphasized.

SW201B ESSENTIALS II

(Essentials I must be taken during Term I)

Instructors: Various faculty wives; coordinated by Mrs. Mary Mohler

Text: no new texts—same as Term I

Description: This course is the second half of the Essentials core course. This course may only be taken subsequent to the completion of Essentials I during Term I this fall. You will gain insights in these two courses that will shape your walk as a ministry wife for years to come.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW201C LESSONS IN PRAYER

Instructor: *Mrs. Jodi Ware*

Text: *Praying Together: The Priority and Privilege of Prayer in Our Homes, Communities, and Churches* by Megan Hill, (Crossway) ISBN 1433550512.

Description: Using the prayers in Scripture as our tutor and the character of God as our inspiration, we will discover various components of prayer, the characteristics of praying people and strategies for developing our personal prayer lives. Students will be expected to spend time in the Word and in prayer both on their own and in class.

SW201D MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Instructor: Mrs. Mary Mohler

Text: *A Life that Says Welcome: Simple Ways to Open Your Heart and Home to Others* by Karen Ehman, (Revell) ISBN 0800731395.

Description: Join us for this elective as we explore the many methods of practicing hospitality. We will first look at the biblical basis for this somewhat lost art. We will then look at areas specifically related to ministry. Some of the many topics include serving your own family, recipe and menu organization, event planning at home and at church, etiquette, hospitality in writing, evangelistic hospitality and overcoming challenges. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate hospitality as a part of this course. Practical assignments correspond to the weekly topics.