

Seminary Wives Institute is pleased to offer ASYNCHRONOUS COURSES

This format benefits our distance students. While we greatly prefer to teach our students in person, one advantage of this format is that courses can be taken at one's own pace!

We have worked hard to make these classes as close to the live classroom experience as possible. We have recorded our lectures in the studios of Southern Productions here on our campus so that they quality is much better than a Zoom recording. We have posted all of the handouts and helps for classes just as they are offered on campus. And we are available to answer questions you might have about logistics and content as needed.

Our asynchronous courses are for women who are either preparing for service as ministry or missionary wives—or perhaps are already on the field and desire more training. Students in the Louisville area should plan to take these same classes in person when they are offered. Special permission will be needed for a local student wife to enroll for asynchronous classes. Possible exceptions would be:

- students preparing to apply for service with the IMB who need to quickly fulfill the college hours requirement and thus need to take our approved courses in the summer or winter when we are not meeting
- students who are 1-2 courses short of graduating and need to pick up an extra class quickly in order to complete the requirements
- students who have a major hindrance that keeps them from attending classes with us in Norton Hall
- students who wish to take additional electives that are offered asynchronously and are not currently available on campus
- students who wish to take Essentials async so they can take additional electives on campus
- interested on campus students will need to contact us by email to make their request. We will have to assist with registration since they may be enrolled simultaneously in both on campus and online classes.

Logistics for Asynchronous Classes:

- All classes must be taken for a grade, just as they are on campus. We have never allowed auditing and are not allowing it through asynchronous classes either. Students must pay the small class fee (\$20 for current SBTS student wives; \$40 for non student wives) before they are granted access to a class on Canvas, our online learning platform. If they are accessing the videos but are not uploading assignments in a timely fashion, we will discontinue their access and their fee will not be refunded. Students who are removed from classes for failure to upload assignments will not be allowed to register for classes in the future. We will be gracious to those who have extenuating circumstances and will grant extensions for reading and assignments but you must contact us by email at swi@sbts.edu to request help.

- Our classes are geared for seminary wives, as you can tell by our name, but we have always welcomed like-minded women from the community to enroll in most of our classes when space allows and will do the same online. We will ask you to provide some information about your particular situation when you apply to take courses.
- All of our classes require proficiency in English without exception. Students must be able to read text books, process lectures and do assignments in English. We have always welcomed women for whom English is not their primary language but our classes are not going to work as immersion classes to learn English so please don't try to take them for that purpose.
- New students will complete a new student application form found on our webpage specifically for asynchronous classes. They may choose more than one class at that time and payment will be due for all before access if granted, assuming the application is approved.
- Once a student is registered as an asynchronous student, she will be able to go to my.sbts.edu and register herself for SW700 classes which is the designation for async classes. Once she has registered and paid for the course, she must email swi@sbts.edu to notify the SWI staff, and then she will be added to the class on Canvas within a day or two in most cases. Students may register for several classes at once but one at a time is fine as well.
- When all the assignments have been completed, it would be helpful for a student to email swi@sbts.edu with a quick message to state that a specific course (provide name and course number) has been completed so that we can log on to Canvas and finalize the grade.
- We realize that some students may complete a six session class in less than six weeks, and that's fine! We also know some are taking courses in this format due to lack of time and may need a whole semester to complete a six session class. Therein lies an advantage of asynchronous classes.
- We have posted a document on our webpage that has detailed course descriptions for the asynchronous courses that are available and we update it when new courses are posted. The current version is correct as of June 1, 2022. Please access that document so you know more than the just the title of a class before you apply/register. Once a class is available, it will remain so indefinitely.

Available now:

Classes required to earn the certificate:

SW700	Baptist Beliefs
SW701	Baptists Then and Now

SW702	Discipleship I (listed as Spiritual Health)
SW713	Discipleship II (listed as Mentoring)
SW704	Essentials I & II
SW705	(must be taken together)
SW706	Family Life Conference (audio recordings of Dr. and Mrs. Ware)
SW707	Evangelism Skills for Women
SW708	Leadership Skills for Women*
SW709	Old and New Testament Survey

Elective courses—3 required for basic certificate, 7 required for advanced certificate

SW710	Closer Look at Theology: The Centrality of Scripture
SW711	Closer Look at Old Testament: Amos
SW712	Marriage and Family
SW702*	Spiritual Health (dually listed as Async Discipleship I)
SW713*	Mentoring (dually listed as Async Discipleship II)
SW714	The Ministry of Hospitality
SW715	Women of the Bible
SW716	Intro. to Biblical Interpretation
SW717	Closer Look at NT: Mark
SW718	Cross Cultural Ministries
SW720	Seminar Saturday^
SW721	Redeeming the Time
SW723	Counseling Women in the Local Church

*SW702 and SW713 cannot count as electives for those seeking the certificate unless they took Discipleship I and II on campus at Southern in the past— but may be taken separately by those who are not seeking the certificate.

SW720 ^Seminar Saturday (audio recordings only) Email us if you would like a list of seminars and requirements for this unusual elective before registering.

Four new electives are scheduled to be included in our Async line up in coming terms:

Biblical Parenting Through the Years
 Lessons in Prayer
 Navigating Cultural Chaos
 Women in Church History

The ten classes required for the SWI certificate are in bold. Three electives of the student's choosing are also needed to fulfill the 13 total credits needed for the basic certificate and seven electives are needed for the advanced certificate. See the document on our webpage regarding graduation for further details about what is required. Note that some electives offered on campus are not being offered as asynchronous classes.

Students who complete all of the requirements to graduate will be welcome to join us as we honor SWI graduates at Boyce College commencement in May each year. If you are unable to attend, we will certainly ship your certificate to you.

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