

## **Seminary Wives Institute Frequently Asked Questions**

### **May I take asynchronous classes if I live in Louisville and work on Thursday nights or cannot arrange for child care?**

You can but we would need to know the reason when you register. We are truly thankful for Canvas and Zoom but there is nothing like face to face instruction and most students are not in Louisville for long!

### **May I take remote residential classes even though I live in a different time zone?**

Yes, but in certain classes where class participation is required, you will need to be connected live on Zoom for most of the class sessions. We understand that you may prefer to take these classes since they are closer to the on campus experience but once asynchronous classes are widely available in coming months, we will discourage distance students from taking remote residential classes if they cannot join live on Zoom.

### **When will we know if fall classes will meet on campus or if they will be remote residential on Zoom?**

Great question! We are glad we don't make that call but will eagerly wait with you for the seminary's administration to make that decision. It will be posted all over social media and we will post an announcement on our webpage too. 7/20/20 Update: All fall classes will be remote residential on Zoom and NOT on campus.

### **Will it be possible to graduate from SWI without taking any on campus courses?**

We are certainly working to that end! Discipleship will be a bit tricky but if students can attend it by remote residential, that will work, especially since we offer it both on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings, Eastern time! Our required Family Life Conference is the other issue as it requires both husband and wife to attend but we are working on that.

### **Speaking of graduation, I was only a few courses short of completing the three year program while we were at Southern. Can I take those courses through SWI Online and graduate?**

Yes! We would love to see students finish the program. Email us at [swi@sbts.edu](mailto:swi@sbts.edu) and we will be glad to let you know what courses you need to take to fulfill the requirements.

### **I took some SWI classes when we were at Southern; does that mean I get the \$20 class rate?**

We will be glad to welcome you back! But we are offering this perk to those students who indeed completed the program and graduated with either the regular certificate or the advanced one. And if you decide to pursue graduation remotely as described above, you will then be charged \$20 per class as an alum.

### **How does Discipleship work online as it is a small group class?**

As stated above, this class will have to be taken as a remote residential class and will not be offered as an asynchronous class but hopefully, most students will be able to arrange schedules for 12 weeks to be available either Wednesday morning or Thursday evening, Louisville time.

### **May I take two remote residential classes simultaneously and watch one by Zoom recording?**

We love this question and the answer is yes! You are welcome to take more than one class while

we are preparing to offer a host of asynchronous classes—and you will be allowed to take more than one of those too. As stated above, Discipleship requires live participation as do a couple of other classes, so let us know if you would like to take two and we will help you figure out what will work best.

**I am not a ministry wife but I have a great desire to learn and am very interested in the unique curriculum offered by SWI. May I take all of the classes offered?**

We welcome you to SWI. You would likely not gain as much benefit from our 12 week Essentials for the Minister's Wife courses but you may take them. Discipleship I and II are our only size restricted classes as they are offered in a small group format. We will give priority to future ministry wives but may allow non ministry wives by request as space allows. Realize that teachers will refer to life as ministry wives since that is our core group.

**I am so interested in these classes but fear I will not have the time to complete the work or will not be able to give it as much time as I wish. Can't I just watch the videos?**

We hear this often but are adamant about not allowing audits for a long list of good reasons. We are long suffering! Upon request, we will work with you and give you extensions for completing the short assignments and reading. Remember, these are certificate level courses and are not rigorous. There are quizzes, assignments and required reading of short books. There are no mid-term or final exams, research papers or lengthy texts.

**Do I have to be proficient in English to enroll?**

We have had international students in our program since we started in 1997. Many have graduated. We are very glad to have multiple nations represented each semester. But we want to be clear that we are not an immersion program to assist students in learning English. We have required reading and assignments in addition to lectures. All work must be completed in English. Students must be able to communicate with us verbally in English as well. Please honor this request!

**Do you have a question that was not covered here or on our other posts?**

Please email us at [swi@sbts.edu](mailto:swi@sbts.edu) and we will be happy to help.