

Seminary Wives Institute Courses

We have a new vocabulary to learn! There are three types of SWI classes:

1. **On campus classes** are held on Wednesday morning or Thursday night in Norton Hall as all SWI classes have been since 1997 until March 2020. These classes are on pause until the fall of 2021.
2. **Remote residential classes (synchronous)**—as close to on campus as we can get with live lectures via **Zoom** in most classes and required attendance and participation. Some classes will have recorded lectures but live Q/A at the end on most weeks. Assignments and handouts are posted on Canvas.
3. **Asynchronous classes**--these classes may be taken on Canvas and do not require live participation on Zoom as remote residential classes do. Recorded video lectures are posted on Canvas along with the assignments. In some cases, a Zoom meeting may be scheduled at the beginning and end of the course. These classes are intended to serve distance students who can neither join us on campus nor join by *remote residential* due to time differences or others circumstances. We strongly discourage on campus students from taking classes in this format.

Our *on campus/remote residential plan* is posted in a separate document titled **Proposed Class Schedule 2020-2021**. Please refer to that document if you are able to attend classes locally. Due to the limited availability of *asynchronous classes* during the next 12 months, we will allow distance students who cannot attend our *remote residential classes* live to enroll for them and watch the lectures by video later.

ASYNCHRONOUS CLASS PLAN

It is going to take some time to get courses ready for this format as they will be recorded in a studio on campus.

These two classes are available for students to take now:

CLOSER LOOK AT OT: Amos

Instructor: Dr. T.J. Betts

Text: *Amos: An Ordinary Man with an Extraordinary Message* by T.J. Betts (Christian Focus) ISBN 1845507274

Description: Through the study of this prophet, we will be reminded of the importance of the Word of God in our lives. The aim will be to make the messages of this book come alive for the students by paying particular attention to what they teach us about God and how He uses human agents to accomplish His purposes. Special emphasis will also be placed on developing a theology of ministry so the students will have a sounder biblical understanding of God's claim upon them and their husbands.

CLOSER LOOK AT THEOLOGY: The Centrality of Scripture to the Christian Life

Instructor: Dr. Bruce Ware

Text: *Knowing Scripture* by R. C. Sproul (IVP) ISBN 978-0830844685

Description: This new elective will be so helpful to students as they consider these topics about God's precious word: Scripture as divine revelation, inspired by God, inerrant and authoritative, illumined by the Spirit, sufficient for faith and life and central to every-day life.

Both of these courses are scheduled to be offered as on campus OR *remote residential* (Zoom) classes during the 2020-21 SWI academic year. Local students are encouraged to take them in that format. Also, both of these courses are approved by the IMB to count towards the college credit requirement for spouses.

On January 15, 2021, we will add these additional classes to the *asynchronous* list:

Essentials I

Essentials II

Women of the Bible

Ministry of Hospitality

By June 1, 2021, we plan to add these to the list:

Evangelism Skills for Women

Leadership Skills for Women

Baptist Beliefs

Baptists Then and Now

OT/NT Survey

Marriage and Family

Mentoring

Thus, thirteen classes should be available by June 1, 2021. We plan to expand the list with additional classes in coming semesters. Classes required for the SWI certificate are in bold. See the document on our webpage regarding graduation for further details about what is required. All required classes with the exception of Discipleship I and II and the Family Life Conference should thus be available by June 2021.