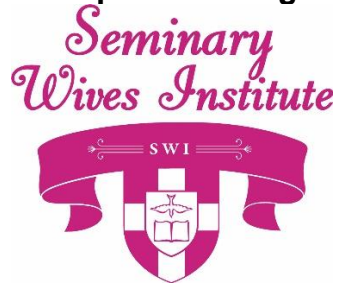


The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary



**Course Descriptions
for
Asynchronous Classes**

***The following classes are available for distance students as of June 2021.
This list will be updated as more classes are added in an asynchronous format.***

SW700

Baptist Beliefs

Required Class—IMB Approved for wives' requirement

Instructors:

Drs. Albert Mohler, Paul Akin, Dustin Bruce, Matthew Hall and Hershael York

Text:

The Baptist Faith and Message by Charles S. Kelley Jr., Richard Land and R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (LifeWay) ISBN 1415852958

Description:

Prepare to be tremendously enriched by this course on doctrine. The seminary's president and four of its deans/provost will introduce you to eleven doctrines of faith. They will teach as they would to church members or lay people on an undergraduate level. We believe you will find the text to be both readable and enlightening. Grades will be based on short quizzes given and graded by SWI faculty. The quizzes will cover study guides, notes and lectures. We predict you will use what you learn in this course for years to come. You will also gain a greater appreciation and understanding of what your husbands spend years studying.

SW704

Essentials I and II

SW705

Required Classes—must be taken together

Instructors:

Team taught by faculty wives (and one session taught by a seminary professor)

Texts:

The Pastor's Wife by Gloria Furman (Crossway 2015)
Help! I am Married to My Pastor by Jani Ortlund (Crossway 2021)

Description:

Join us for 12 sessions in just three days! Considered to be the core courses in our practical curriculum, Essentials I and II deal with your calling as a Christian and a ministry wife; marriage from both a Biblical and practical perspective; your influence on children as well as many other practical areas that apply to ministry life including mentoring, time management, listening and discerning skills, hospitality, starting well/finishing well in various settings and more. You will glean so much wisdom from these three days as you learn about many different topics from many different

ministry wives—all of whom have a passion for their particular topic. Short assignments are given for each of the 12 sessions.

SW710 **Closer Look at Theology: The Centrality of Scripture for the Christian Life**
Elective Class—IMB approved for wives' requirement

Instructor: Dr. Bruce A. Ware

Text: *From the Mouth of God: Trusting, Reading, and Applying the Bible* by Sinclair B. Ferguson (The Banner of Truth Trust), 2014. ISBN 9781848712423

Description: Learn what makes the Bible a fully unique book, and the most important book for our lives. Marvel that it comes from God, with God's own revealed words and divine authority, and so it alone can guide us faithfully and accurately in what we believe and how we should live. Attention will be given to Scripture's inspiration, inerrancy, illumination, and sufficiency. The course ends with considering how we may best read and digest the Bible for our everyday lives.

SW711 **Closer Look at the OT: Amos**
Elective Class—IMB approved for wives' requirement

Instructor: Dr. T.J. Betts

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

Description: Through this study of Amos, 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 how God 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.

SW714 **Ministry of Hospitality**
Elective Class

Instructor: Mrs. Mary K. 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 often lost art. We will then look at the 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.

SW715 **Women of the Bible**
Elective Class

Instructor: Mrs. Sharon M. Beougher

Text: Assigned portions of the Bible

Description: The Bible mentions 187 women by name and refers to hundreds of nameless women. We can learn priceless lessons from them to see what God wants to teach us on how to be a godly woman; on the other hand, we can also learn from others in God's Word some mistakes to avoid. In this course we will take a look at Esther, Ruth, Jochebed (Moses' mother), the Hebrew midwives, Naaman's wife's maid, the Proverbs 31 woman, Rahab, Lydia, Mary and Martha, Mary, the mother of Jesus, Lois, Eunice and others. We will also learn how to do a biographical Bible study. Students will be expected to write a personal application from the life of each woman we study to turn in weekly, and will choose a woman about whom to write a biographical study to turn in at the end of the course.

SW707 **Evangelism Skills for Women**
Required Class

Instructor: Mrs. Sharon M. Beougher

Texts: *How to Give Away Your Faith* by Paul Little. (IVP) ISBN 9780810848546
Overcoming Walls by Timothy K. Beougher

Description: This course will challenge you in personal evangelism, give a variety of practical helps in how to share the gospel and help you answer some of the challenging questions people have about the gospel. Some specific topics that will be covered are: giving your personal salvation testimony, how to share the Bridge Illustrations, the importance of prayer in evangelism, how to use creative ideas for the purpose of evangelism, how to share the gospel to children and how to do basic follow up of a new Christian. Accountability groups of three will be used to continue spiritual disciplines and to gain practice in presenting some of these methods discussed.

SW708 **Leadership Skills for Women**
Required Class

Instructor: Mrs. Jessica Joslin

Text: *Life-giving Leadership* by Karen Hodge and Susan Hunt (CDM/PCA) 2018
ISBN 9781944964351

Description: This course is designed to help the student understand what leadership looks like for women in the home, in the church and in the community. We will be identifying the character and skills that God praises in those who serve Him. We will also be personalizing the answers to the questions, "Where do I lead?" "Who do I lead?" and

“How do I lead?” as we explore each woman’s gifting and skills. The students will have the opportunity to put into practice what they have learned as they pray for and plan ways to lead in the spheres in which God has placed them.

SW709 **Old and New Testament Survey**
Required Class-- IMB approved for wives’ requirement

Instructors: Dr. T.J. Betts and Dr. Thomas J. Schreiner

Text: The Bible

Optional Text: *Holman Quicksource Guide to Understanding the Bible* by Kendall H. Easley (Holman Bible Publishers) ISBN 0805494332

Description: You will be enriched as you study God’s Word from Genesis to Revelation in this life changing overview course. Short quizzes are given weekly. Portions of both the Old Testament and New Testament are required reading.

SW712 **Marriage and Family**
Elective Class

Instructor: Mrs. Tanya K. York

Text: *Creative Counterpart* by Linda Dillow (Thomas Nelson) ISBN 0785263764

Description: This course will give biblical, practical and applicable principles concerning marriage and family. Each week we seek to retain or regain the true biblical perspective of marriage and family life that culture continues to challenge. We will consider the defining of your roles, conflict management, the specific needs of your husband, and ways to nurture your marriage and keep it fresh and growing. Included will be resourceful ideas for developing other family relationships such as in-laws and children. We will be encouraging and challenging each other as we enjoy our God-given responsibilities and opportunities of family.

SW713 **Mentoring**
Elective Class

Instructor: Mrs. Jaylynn P. Cook

Text: *Spiritual Mothering* by Susan Hunt (Crossway) ISBN 1433503131

Description: This course offers a study of the biblical foundation for mentoring, mentoring as a lifestyle, a mother’s role in mentoring her children, and beginning a mentoring ministry in the local church.