

Seminary Wives Institute is pleased to launch ASYNCHRONOUS COURSES

We hope this format will benefit distance students, many of whom who have enjoyed taking our classes since March 2020 in an online Zoom format while we were out of the classroom due to Covid-19. As we head back into the classrooms for the Fall of 2021, we encourage distance students to register for our asynchronous classes that 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.

These classes are for married 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. We will post a three year proposed schedule soon. 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.
- students who have some type of hindrance that keeps them from attending classes with us in Norton Hall.

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 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 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 texts, 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 is 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. The online payment will be processed and she will be added to the class on Canvas within a day or two in most cases. Students will need to notify the SWI Secretary (swi@sbts.edu) when they have added and paid for any asynchronous course so she can verify payment and manually add the student to Canvas. 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 as of March 1, 2021 as well as those we plan to release in June. 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 since March 1, 2021:

- **SW700 Baptist Beliefs**
- **SW704 and SW705 Essentials I & II (must be taken together)**
- SW710 Closer Look at Theology: The Centrality of Scripture
- SW711 Closer Look at Old Testament: Amos
- SW714 The Ministry of Hospitality
- SW715 Women of the Bible

Available as of June 1, 2021:

- **SW707 Evangelism Skills for Women**
- **SW708 Leadership Skills for Women**
- **SW709 Old and New Testament Survey**
- SW712 Marriage and Family

- SW713 Mentoring

These classes will be added next, hopefully by the end of 2021:

- **SW701 Baptists Then and Now**
- **SW706 Family Life Conference**
- SW716 Intro. to Biblical Interpretation
- SW717 Closer Look at NT: Mark
- SW718 My Body, His Temple

This will be added last, hopefully by May 1, 2022

- **SW702/SW703 Discipleship I & II (must be taken together)**

Thus, twelve classes should be available by June 1, 2021. We plan to expand the list with additional classes in coming semesters. The ten classes required for the SWI certificate are in bold. Three electives of the student's choosing are 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 mail your certificate to you.