

**SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 2022
Term III**

Thursday evenings, January 27-March 3, 7:00-8:45 PM
NO Weds. AM class is offered during Term III

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW301A EVANGELISM SKILLS FOR WOMEN

Instructor: Mrs. Sharon Beougher

Text: *How to Give Away Your Faith* by Paul Little. (IVP, 2019) ISBN 9780810848546

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: the message of evangelism, how to share the Bridge Illustration, basic principles for relationship evangelism, the importance of prayer in evangelism, how to use creative ideas for the purpose of evangelism, how to share the gospel with children and other family members, 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 the methods discussed.

SW301B BAPTIST BELIEFS

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, 2007) 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 content from the weekly lectures. We hope 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.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW301C BIBLICAL PARENTING

Instructor: Mrs. Sarah Kimbell

Text: *Don't Make Me Count to Three* by Ginger Hubbard (Shepherd Press, 2004)
ISBN 9780972304641

Description: From diapers to diplomas, parenting is a glorious and challenging journey! This course is designed to provide biblical instruction and practical wisdom on the high calling of training children "in the fear and admonition of the Lord." It seeks to provide biblical frameworks for training and discipling children according to God's Word and then apply those principles to the different ages and stages of parenting with practical advice and examples from everyday life. No matter what stage you are in, this class seeks to bring clarity and personal encouragement for the task of parenting and equipping for ministry to mothers in our spheres of influence.

SW301D SPIRITUAL HEALTH FOR THE MINISTRY WIFE

Instructor: Mrs. Whitney Bruce and Guest Speaker, Dr. Don Whitney

Text: *Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Life* by Donald S. Whitney
(NavPress, 2021) ISBN 9781641583305 **Be sure to purchase the 2021 edition!**

Description: We will examine the state of our spiritual life as we learn more about personal spiritual disciplines. We will seek to practice them in a way that helps us to better know God and draw nearer to Him. As we work to cultivate and maintain a healthy spiritual life, we will also incorporate topics such as gratitude, biblical friendship, remembering and celebrating God's goodness to us, and practical tips for building habits and making time in our busy lives. Our prayer is that at the end of this course we will have a healthier spiritual life and we will have grown in maturity as Christians.

SW301E WOMEN IN CHURCH HISTORY

Instructor: Mrs. Jeannie Hall

Text: Students will choose from a book list posted on Canvas.

Description: This course is an examination of key women throughout Christian history. Both familiar and unfamiliar, young and old, and from a variety of cultures, all of these women are marked by faithfulness to the Lord and influence for Christ. We will be strengthened, encouraged and discipled by their examples as wives, mothers, missionaries and disciples. Students will have reading and short written assignments to be completed in addition to a 3-4 page paper on a biography of their choosing from the provided list given their specific ministry interests.

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Term IV

Thursday evenings, March 10-April 28, 7:00-8:45 PM.
Wednesday AM class: God's Good Design, March 9-April 27 10:00-11:45 AM
No class on April 6/7 or April 20/21 due to Spring Break.

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW401A LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR WOMEN
-- in the Home, Church and Community

Instructor: TBD

Text *Life-giving Leadership* by Karen Hodge and Susan Hunt, (PCA CDM, 2018)
ISBN 1944964355

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.

SW401B OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

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

Text: The Bible

Optional Text: *Holman Quicksource Guide to Understanding the Bible* by Kendall H. Easley
(Holman Bible Publishers, 2011) 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.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW401C BIBLE STUDY SKILLS FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY

Instructor: Mrs. Garnetta Smith

Texts: *Living By the Book* by Howard Hendricks (Moody, 2007) 978-0802408235
Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth
(Moody, 2018) ISBN 978-0802412591

Description: This course will focus on developing personal Bible study skills as well as equipping students to effectively lead a group Bible study. Several different Bible study methods

will be discussed with a focus on how each can be used in different contexts. Additionally, we will spend time discussing how to handle challenges and conflicts in a small group Bible study setting.

SW401D/402 GOD'S GOOD DESIGN

This class will be offered on Wednesday AM (SW402) and Thursday PM (SW401D)

Instructors: Mrs. Mary Mohler and Mrs. Jodi Ware

Text: *God's Good Design* by Claire Smith (2nd edition, Matthias Media, 2019)
ISBN 9781925424510

Description: So much has changed since we last offered our biblical womanhood elective, *Embracing Femininity!* There's even confusion about this topic in our own denomination. But God's infallible word has not changed. Let's get back to basics as we revisit this course. We will study in detail key biblical passages week by week. We will use Claire Smith's brilliant work as our textbook. This will not be a lecture style course but instead will be a book study going through the book and study guide. Assignments will be based on the study guide questions as well as a short paper at the end. We will also have a special feature each week pertinent to contemporary issues. We have much to celebrate in the Lord's gracious assignment to us as women.

SW401E MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Instructor: Mrs. Tanya York

Text: *Creative Counterpart* by Linda Dillow (Thomas Nelson, 2003) 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.

SW401F PLAYING HYMNS

Instructor: Mrs. Sharon Beougher

Text: *None to purchase in advance. We will provide music in class.*

Description: Have you ever wanted to learn to play the piano OR have you wished that you had kept it up as a child? This course will teach how to read notes for the right and left hand and will teach basic chord patterns so that you could play worship songs or hymns with the right hand melody and various chord patterns with the left hand. Access to a keyboard or piano is required as well as regular practice times for about 20-30 minutes five days a week.