

SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - FALL 2022, Term I

Thursdays only, August 25-September 29, 2022 (7:00-8:45 PM)
SW102 Wednesday AM class will meet August 24- September 28 (10:00-11:45 AM)

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW101A **DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING I*** (Discipleship II must be taken during Term II)
SW102 *This course is also offered on Weds mornings as SW102 with Mrs. Jane Cutrer;
 Guest Speaker, Dr. Don Whitney (August 24-September 28 from 10:00-11:45 AM)
Instructors: Mrs. Caffy Whitney and Mrs. Selwyn Parker;
 Guest Speaker, Dr. Don Whitney
Text: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald Whitney
 (NavPress, 2014) ISBN 1576830276

Description: This course encourages the development of a believer's obedient relationship with Jesus Christ. Personal devotion, prayer, Scripture memorization, and evangelism are emphasized. Using a small group setting, this course as well as the following consecutive one, Discipleship II, fosters friendship, camaraderie and accountability as students spend 12 weeks learning and growing together toward Christlikeness.

SW101B **ESSENTIALS I** (Essentials II must be taken during Term II)
Instructors: Various Faculty and Staff wives; coordinated by Mrs. Mary Mohler
Text: The Pastor's Wife by Gloria Furman (Crossway, 2015)
 ISBN 9781433543838
 How to Thrive as a Pastor's Wife by Christine Hoover (Baker, 2022)
 ISBN 9780801094491

Description: The first half of our core courses in our practical curriculum, Essentials I deals with your calling as a Christian; your calling as a wife; your influence on children; time management; listening skills; and practical budgeting matters. Essentials II must be taken during the subsequent term, so students make a 12-week commitment when registering for this course. Topics may or may not be taught in the order listed due to scheduling, but all will be covered in either Essentials I or II. You will gain so much from Essentials as you learn from a team of faculty wives who each has a passion for her particular topic.

SW101C **BAPTISTS THEN AND NOW**
Instructors: Dr. John Wilsey and Mrs. Mary Mohler,
 Guest lecturers: Mrs. Kari Akin, Mrs. Tanya York
Text: None to be purchased

Description: **BAPTISTS THEN** is a short course in Baptist history that encompasses the first three weeks of this six-week course. Topics include: the origins of Baptists and Southern Baptists; key personalities and events as the convention grew; and controversies such as anti-missionary schism, the Land mark Movement and the rise of liberalism.

BAPTISTS NOW seeks to explore the programs and structure of our denomination. We will trace the Cooperative Program and show how it is known as the most effective and efficient denominational mission system in the world. The roles of our Southern Baptist seminaries and agencies will be laid out. We will also look closely at our missionary sending agencies through the eyes of those who have been commissioned as missionaries. All of these elements will be studied from the perspective of a ministry wife who wishes to be better informed about our denomination.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SWI0ID THE ART OF COMMUNICATING WELL

Instructor: Mrs. Erin Austin

Text: Choice of: War of Words: Getting to the Heart of Your Communication Struggles by Paul David Tripp (P & R Publishing, 2001) ISBN 9780875526041
OR Writing Well for Business Success by Sandra E. Lamb (Griffin, 2015)
ISBN 9781250064516

Description: Join us for this new and innovative course. We will spend three weeks honing the written word by practicing skills in e-mail communication, social media, and basic public relations. The second three weeks will focus on the spoken word: in particular, skills for public speaking and leading a small group discussion. This course will help you craft professional correspondence and will also be helpful in the workforce as well as in different volunteer capacities within the church and the home.

SWIOIE INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Instructor: Drs. Robert Jones and Jeremy Pierre

Grader: Dr. Peggy Parr

Text: Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change: Helping People in Need of Change by Paul David Tripp (P&R Publishing, 2002)
ISBN 0875526071

Description: This course will give students a basic overview of how counseling is a ministry of the Word by which people come to understand the interplay between their situation, their responses, and God's grace in Jesus Christ. The course will focus on: (1) what biblical counseling is and what it involves; (2) the role of the counselor in biblical counseling; (3) the place of counseling in the ministry of the local church, with special emphasis on the importance of women counsel in women in Titus 2 ministries.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - Fall 2022, Term II
Thursdays only, October 13-November 17, 2022 (7:00-8:45 PM)

SW202 Wednesday AM class will meet October 12-November 16 (10:00-11:45 AM)

REQUIRED COURSES:

SW201A DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING II*
(Discipleship I must be taken during Term I)

*This course is also offered on Wednesday mornings
as SW202 with Mrs. Jane Cutrer
(October 12--November 16 from 10:00-11:45 AM)

Instructors: Mrs. Caffy Whitney and Mrs. Selwyn Parker

Text: no new text—same as Term I

Description: This course is the second half of the Discipleship Training course, which encourages the development of a believer's obedient relationship with Jesus Christ. Personal devotion, prayer, scripture memorization and evangelism are emphasized.

SW201B ESSENTIALS II
(Essentials I must be taken during Term I)

Instructors: Various faculty and staff wives; coordinated by Mrs. Mary Mohler

Text: no new texts—same as Term I

Description: This course is the second half of the Essentials core course. This course may only be taken subsequent to the completion of Essentials I during Term I this fall. You will gain insights in these two courses that will shape your walk as a ministry wife for years to come.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

SW201C CLOSER LOOK AT THEOLOGY: CHRISTOLOGY

Instructor: Dr. Bruce Ware

Text: The Man Christ Jesus by Bruce A. Ware (Crossway, 2012)
ISBN 9781433513053

Description: This elective will focus on both the deity and the humanity of Christ. Biblical passages will be studied in order to see more of the glory of Christ and to grow more in Christlikeness. We are grateful to have Dr. Ware teaching this class as a new theological elective for us and are pleased to be able to use his own work as the textbook.
(This class is approved by IMB as meeting the college course requirement for wives.)

SW201D LESSONS IN PRAYER

Instructor: Mrs. Jodi Ware

Text: Prayer by Tim Keller (Penguin Books, 2016) ISBN 9780143108580

Description: Using the prayers in Scripture as our tutor and the character of God as our inspiration, we will discover various components of prayer, the characteristics of praying people and strategies for developing our personal prayer lives. Students will be expected to spend time in the Word and in prayer both on their own and in class.

Note that our annual Family Life Conference is offered during this semester as well.

A flyer with more details is posted on our webpage and is available to on campus students as a hard copy.

SW050 FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

Instructor: Dr. and Mrs. Hershael York

Dates: Friday, September 16 (6-9PM) and Saturday, September 17 (9:30-noon)
BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE MUST ATTEND ON BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Description: This is the only class for SWI that requires students' husband to attend. The class is also a requirement for completion of SWI. Dr. and Mrs. York have taught our student couples so much about marriage and family over the years. SWI students register for this class like any other but it is highly subsidized such that dinner and breakfast are included for no additional fee. Students write a brief reflection paper in addition to attending all sessions. Child care is available.