

**SEMINARY WIVES INSTITUTE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 2023
Term III**

Thursday evenings, January 26-March 2, 7:00-8:45 PM
No Wednesday morning 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, Jeremy Pierre 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 framework 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 MENTORING

Instructor: Mrs. Jaylynn Cook

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

Description: 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.

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Term IV**

Thursday evenings, March 9-April 20, 7:00-8:45 PM.
Wednesday AM class: Redeeming the Time, March 8-April 19 10:00-11:45 AM
No class on April 5/6 due to Spring Break.

REQUIRED COURSES:

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

Instructor: Mrs. Nora Allison

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 CROSS CULTURAL MINISTRIES

Instructor: Mrs. Donna Martin and guest lecturers

Texts: *When It's Time to Go* by Brandi Biesiadecki
(a free copy will be provided to all registered students)

Description: The course introduces the Biblical foundation for missions. Contemporary issues will be explored including: the appointment process, cross cultural communication, practical issues in the missionary life. Guest speakers related to both NAMB and IMB will be a part of this class as well. Students will be expected to complete weekly assignments and participate in class discussions. Students will complete a final project based upon the student's integration of class lectures and resources, with her own personal pilgrimage. Students should complete and upload the survey posted on Canvas once they register for the class so as to help determine specific desired content for this unique class.

SW401D 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.

SW401E/402 REDEEMING THE TIME

This class will be offered on Wednesday AM (SW402) and Thursday PM (SW401E)

Instructors: Mrs. Mary Mohler and Mrs. Jodi Ware

Texts: *Redeeming Productivity* by Reagan Rose (Moody, 2022) ISBN 978-0802428943
(You will also choose a second book from an approved list to be given at the first class meeting)

Description: This course will seek to explore the value of time management as it applies to ministry wives. We will first look at the Biblical basis for setting goals and priorities. Various types of organizational styles will be outlined. We will look at how issues such as perfectionism, procrastination, and the inability to say "no" hamper effective time management. Many practical issues will be discussed in detail including planners; handling paper; avoiding clutter; home management; housekeeping and kitchen organization. Assignments will involve directly applying principles discussed in class and briefly reporting on progress made. This course is aimed at challenging those who are already skilled in areas of organization and motivating those who have room for vast improvement.