

Seminary Wives Institute ONLINE

Frequently Asked Questions

Are asynchronous/distance/SWI online all the same thing? Yes, we may refer to this new program by any of those terms but they all refer to SWI classes taken online instead of in the classroom. We have been offering SWI classes on campus since 1997 but only added the online option in 2020 when it was our only option during the pandemic. The response was so great that we are happy to continue it for distance students by using newly recorded lectures. Our local students are going back to the classroom and will no longer be using Zoom.

May I take asynchronous classes if I live in Louisville and work on Thursday nights or cannot arrange for child care?

We will answer this on a case by case basis but discourage it! We would need to know the reason when you register. We are truly thankful for technology that allows for asynchronous classes but there is nothing like face to face instruction and most students are not in Louisville for long!

Will it be possible to graduate from SWI without taking any on campus courses?

Yes, it is now! Discipleship was the last required class to be added to Async in 2022.

We encourage you to make plans to attend our Family Life Conference held on campus in September of ***even numbered years***, but we have an alternate option with recordings for you and your husband to watch together if it's not possible for you to travel to Louisville. Email us to request details on that too. All of the remaining required classes and lots of electives will be readily available as SWI Online classes as we add them based on the schedule found here on our webpage. Requirements for graduation are posted there as well.

Speaking of graduation, I was only a few courses short of completing the three year program while we were at

Southern. Can I take those courses on SWI Online and graduate?

Yes! We would love to see students finish the program. Email us at swi@sbts.edu and we will be glad to let you know what courses you need to take to fulfill the requirements.

What is the cost for these classes? All of us on the faculty volunteer our time so we are able to offer SWI classes for a very affordable rate! If you are a current SBTS or Boyce College spouse, on campus or online, the cost is just \$20 per six week course. We also welcome wives who are currently serving in ministry and have no prior relationship with Southern Seminary. We charge those women just \$40 per six week course.

I took some SWI classes when we were at Southern, does that mean I get the \$20 class rate?

We will be glad to welcome you back! If you decide to pursue graduation remotely as described above, you will then be charged \$20 per class as a continuing student.

I am not a ministry wife but I have a great desire to learn and am very interested in the unique curriculum offered by SWI. May I take all of the classes offered? Absolutely! You would likely not gain as much benefit from our 12 week Essentials for the Minister's Wife courses but you may take them. Realize that teachers will refer to life as ministry wives since that is our core group.

I am so interested in these classes but fear I will not have the time to complete the work or will not be able to give it as much time as I wish. Can't I just watch the videos?

We hear this often but are adamant about not allowing audits for a long list of good reasons. We are long suffering! Upon request, we will work with you and give you extensions for completing the short assignments and reading. Remember, these are certificate level courses and are not rigorous. There are quizzes, assignments and required reading of short books. There are no mid term or final exams, research papers or lengthy texts. The answer to the question about just watching videos is no! See logistics document for further details.

Do you have a question that was not covered here or on our other posts? (Be sure to read the logistics document that is also posted on our webpage as it answers lots of questions as well.)

Please email us at swi@sbts.edu and we will be happy to help.