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This catalog provides essential information about Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools (TIBS), including our academic programs, admissions process, financial policies, faculty and staff, and institutional philosophy. It also outlines key policies and procedures that govern our educational environment. Whether you are a prospective student, parent, pastor, or supporter, this catalog is intended to offer a clear understanding of what TIBS stands for and how we operate.

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INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW

Our History

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview (formerly the Longview Baptist Temple) was formally organized in October 1960. Evangelist Nihl Bulkley Sr. was called to be the first pastor. Over the church's fifty-plus-year history, she has had six pastors.

Nihl Bulkley, Sr.	1960 - 1962
Jerry Smith	1965 - 1968
Terry Smith	1968 - 1978
Larry Webb	1978 - 1980
Bob Gray, Sr.	1980 - 2009
Bob Gray II	2009 - present

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools (formerly Texas Baptist College) was founded in 1982 by Dr. Bob Gray Sr., the church's deacons, and Christian businessman Frank Sturrock. TIBS was established to train soul-winning, independent Baptist church leaders.

In 2009, Dr. Bob Gray Sr. resigned as pastor of the Longview Baptist Temple and Chancellor of the Seminary; his son, Dr. Bob Gray II, became the sixth pastor of Longview Baptist Temple and second Chancellor of TIBS. Under Pastor Gray II's leadership, the church and school continue the founding principles with renewed vigor and even greater focus.

In 2019, the church membership voted to change the name of the church from the Longview Baptist Temple to Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview.

Who We Are

Our seminary features a vibrant threefold foundation:

- classroom education
- daily practical training
- weekend ministry

Classroom Education

At TIBS, students gain essential knowledge and skills for their chosen ministry fields through instruction from experienced Christian educators, pastors, and church leaders. In addition to major-specific courses, all students complete core classes in Bible, English, History, and the Humanities, ensuring a well-rounded foundation for ministry.

Daily Practical Training

TIBS students apply what they learn through daily hands-on ministry.

Education majors serve 75 hours each school year as teaching assistants at Longview Christian Academy, EBC's K-12 school, where they observe and teach alongside experienced teachers.

Music majors dedicate 75 hours each school year to vocal and instrumental rehearsals and performances under the guidance of the Emmanuel Baptist Church Music Coordinator.

This real-world training ensures our students are well-prepared to excel in their respective ministries.

Weekend Practical Training

Every weekend, TIBS students join ministry teams serving Emmanuel Baptist Church or interning in like-minded area churches.

Saturdays are dedicated to soulwinning; Sundays involve active service – teaching, preaching, playing music, leading singing, and supporting children's ministries.

By combining classroom instruction with real-world ministry, TIBS prepares students to lead and serve with excellence.

About Pastor Bob Gray II

Pastor Bob Gray II serves as the Chancellor and President of Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools (TIBS). Rather than leading from behind a desk, Pastor Gray actively engages with students throughout the hallways, classrooms, and especially during chapel hours. This approach allows students to benefit from his extensive ministry experience while also building a personal connection with him.

An alumnus of TIBS (formerly Texas Baptist College), Pastor Gray holds a Bachelor's degree in Christian Ministries and a Master of Theology degree. Before becoming the Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview (formerly Longview Baptist Temple), he served as the church's youth pastor for 22 years. He was voted in as the sixth pastor of the church on December 17, 2008. He has thirty-eight years of ministry experience.

Pastor Gray and his wife, Kelly, have been married since 1987 and have three children and six grandchildren.

Academic Calendar Fall Semester

Virtual Orientation

<i>Residence Halls Open</i>	<i>8/22/2026</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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SESSION 1

8/24/26 – 9/24/26

Session 1 Begins	8/24/2026	Monday
<i>Labor Day – no classes</i>	<i>9/7/2026</i>	<i>Monday</i>
Session 1 Exams	9/24/2026	Thursday

SESSION 2

9/28/26 – 11/5/26

Session 2 Begins	9/28/2026	Monday
<i>Fall Break Begins</i>	<i>10/12/2026</i>	<i>Monday</i>
Session 2 Resumes	10/19/2026	Monday
Session 2 Exams	11/5/2026	Thursday

SESSION 3

11/9/26 – 12/17/26

<i>Veteran's Day Observed – no classes</i>	<i>11/9/2026</i>	<i>Monday</i>
Session 3 Begins	11/10/2026	Tuesday
<i>Thanksgiving Break Begins</i>	<i>11/23/2026</i>	<i>Monday</i>
Session 3 Resumes	11/30/2026	Monday
Session 3 Exams	12/17/2026	Thursday
<i>Christmas Break Begins</i>	<i>12/18/2026</i>	<i>Friday</i>

Academic Calendar Spring Semester

Virtual Orientation

<i>Residence Halls Open</i>	<i>1/9/2027</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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SESSION 4

1/11/27 – 2/11/27

Session 4 Begins	1/11/2027	Monday
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Session 4 Exams	2/11/2027	Thursday
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SESSION 5

2/15/27 – 3/25/27

Session 5 Begins	2/15/2027	Monday
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<i>Spring Break Begins</i>	<i>3/15/2027</i>	<i>Monday</i>
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Session 5 Resumes	3/22/2027	Monday
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Session 5 Exams	3/25/2027	Thursday
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<i>Spring Soul Winning Blitz</i>	<i>3/29/2027</i>	<i>Monday</i>
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SESSION 6

4/5/27 – 5/6/27

Session 6 Begins	4/5/2027	Monday
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Session 6 Exams	5/6/2027	Thursday
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<i>TIBS Banquet</i>	<i>5/10/2027</i>	<i>Monday</i>
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<i>Graduate Brunch</i>	<i>5/11/2027</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
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<i>Commencement</i>	<i>5/11/2027</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
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Our Class Schedule

Each semester is divided into three five-week sessions, with students taking only two or three classes at a time. Classes meet Monday through Thursday for 75 minutes daily, with an additional 40 minutes devoted to practical training for Education and Music majors. There are no Friday classes. This format meets all recognized standards for academic credit.

The Daily Schedule is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:30 – 7:50 am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
7:50 – 9:05 am	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
9:15 – 10:30 am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
10:40 – 11:30 am	Deans Meetings	Chapel	Music Practices	Chapel
	Music Practices			
11:40 am – 12:10 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:20 – 1:35 pm	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3

Education and Music practicums are scheduled during Period 2, but the practicum meets for 40 minutes rather than 75. Students will receive their personalized practicum schedule during the enrollment process.

Educational Philosophy

TIBS recognizes God as the source of all knowledge and wisdom, revealed through His Word. Because education involves learning truth, TIBS provides a scripturally grounded environment led by spiritually minded faculty who challenge students intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. Our ultimate goal is to prepare students to glorify the Lord through a lifetime of service.

Core Curriculum Learning Outcomes

All degree programs at TIBS are built upon a core curriculum designed to produce the following outcomes in every graduate:

- Develop a commitment to the pursuit of learning
- Demonstrate a seminarian level of competence in their field of ministry
- Develop the ability to communicate scriptural values and beliefs
- Exercise leadership skills

TIBS Core Values

The Word of God

We uphold the King James Bible as the foundation of all knowledge and wisdom (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10) and call all staff and students to live by its teaching.

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." Luke 8:15

Personal Soul Winning

Every believer bears the responsibility to share the gospel. All students and staff are expected to witness weekly.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Biblical Standards and Convictions

We stand for Biblical Christianity, marked by personal obedience and separation from the world.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..." James 1:22-24

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit..." Colossians 2:8

Ministry

Ministry means caring for others. TIBS trains students to build people up in the Lord.

"For the perfecting of the saints... for the edifying of the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12

Personal Character Development

Scriptural principles must be lived out. Students are guided in discipline, stewardship, and responsibility.

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith..." 2 Peter 1:5

STUDENT CONDUCT AND CORRECTIONAL PROCEDURES

Student Code of Conduct

The TIBS Student Handbook sets policies in three general areas:

Procedure

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” I Corinthians 14:40

The ministry is often a complex machine having many moving parts. As such, it is important that everyone involved understand the various processes involved so that the ministry operates smoothly. This is also true of the academic institution. Many of the guidelines in the handbook outline procedures to follow on a day-to-day basis, helping to avoid confusion.

Personal Commitment to Christ

“Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” II Timothy 2:19

TIBS seeks to uphold the standards of the scriptures and to honor Christ in all that we do. In matters of personal conduct, the King James Bible is our final authority. The handbook references matters of Christian character and morality from the Word of God as a standard by which we ask both our staff and our students to abide. In matters not specifically covered in the handbook, the Bible itself may be used as a reference for admonishment, correction, and discipline.

Protection of a Student’s Christian Testimony

“Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” I Timothy 3:7

The policies outlined in the handbook provide students with a clear set of guidelines for personal conduct. However, the Seminary reserves the right to introduce additional policies, correct errors, or modify existing policies at any time as needed. Students will receive written notification before any new or revised policy takes effect.

The Admonishment System

The following outlines the steps the seminary follows when a student violates institutional guidelines or biblical principles. This system follows three basic levels of corrective procedures: admonishment, correction, and discipline.

Admonishment

An admonishment is a formal warning issued by a staff member to a student. Admonishments are the first step for nearly all rule violations unless otherwise noted in the handbook. Some rules bypass this step and move directly to correction, discipline, or expulsion. These exceptions are clearly indicated next to the applicable rules.

Procedure

- The staff member reports the infraction to the registrar's office using an online admonishment form.
- The registrar records the infraction and sends an email notification to the student.

Correction

When a student violates the same rule a second time, a corrective meeting is scheduled between the student and the appropriate staff member to address the issue. The purpose of this meeting is to address the violation, establish clear expectations, and provide guidance.

Procedure

- A staff member reports the infraction to the registrar's office using an online admonishment form.
- The registrar records the infraction and sends an email notification to the student, noting that this is the student's second offense of this rule.
- Additionally, the student receives a notification to schedule a meeting with the appropriate staff member, who will clearly explain what must change:
 - **Dean of Men or Women:** Residence Hall and General Conduct Infractions
 - **Registrar:** Academic Infractions

- **Chancellor and/or Weekend Ministries Director:** Ministry-related Infractions
- A summary of the meeting is placed in the student's file.
- The student receives a copy of the meeting summary.

Discipline

If a student fails to meet expectations set during the correction phase, or breaks the same rule a third time, a disciplinary mark is added to his record. The student will be notified of this via email and receive formal consequences for the continued violations or repeated offenses. These consequences are detailed in the following section.

Disciplinary Consequences

Each repeated infraction of the same rule (beginning with the third occurrence) is recorded as a disciplinary mark on the student's record. The consequences for each violation depend on the area of the rule broken as follows:

For General Conduct Violations

- A 30-minute work assignment will be issued.
- This assignment must be completed within three school days of notification from the dean.
- If the work is not completed by the third school day, a \$10 fine will be assigned, due immediately.
- The student may choose to pay the \$10 fine instead of completing the work assignment.
- If a student does not complete the work or pay the work fine within three school days, the student will be suspended from classes until payment is made or the work fine completed. All absence penalties will apply.
- All fines must be paid before re-enrollment.
- If the student does not re-enroll, transcripts will be withheld until any fines are paid.

For Academic Infractions

Two percentage points will be deducted from the final grade of the affected class for each disciplinary mark in these areas.

- Tardiness to class
- Violations of the Conduct in Academic Classrooms or Electronic Devices in Class policies of the handbook

For Ministry-Related Infractions

- The student will meet with the Chancellor and/or the Weekend Ministry Director.
- They will determine an appropriate disciplinary action based on the nature of the infraction.

Student's Right to Appeal

Every student has the right to appeal any correction or disciplinary action.

How to Appeal

- An appeal can be made directly from the email notification of the admonishment – any appeal must be submitted within 24 hours of the email notification to be considered.
- Include a clear explanation of the reason for the appeal.
- Filing an appeal does not suspend the corrective or disciplinary action unless specifically authorized by the administration.

Final Decision

- Once the administration reviews the appeal and makes a decision, that decision is final.

A student may appeal directly to the Chancellor at any time.

Student Response Requirement

- Students must reply to any email within twenty-four hours.
- Any action required by the admonishment or subsequent correction must be completed by the deadline specified in the email.
- Students are held responsible for any information given, regardless of whether they acknowledged the communication or not.

- Failure to respond to a corrective email or complete required action within the prescribed time will result in an **Administrative Hold** being placed on the student.
- While on **Administrative Hold**, the student may not attend classes. Absences incurred during the hold will be recorded according to Seminary attendance policies.
- The **Administrative Hold** will remain in effect until the student fulfills the outstanding requirement and has been cleared by the registrar to return to classes.

Suspension

Circumstances

When a student receives three or more disciplinary actions in a single semester, he is eligible for suspension or dismissal at the administration's discretion.

Action

- Student is withdrawn from all classes with grades of WP (Withdrawn Passing) or WF (Withdrawn Failing).
- No tuition refund is given for the semester.

Duration

- At the Chancellor's discretion, a student may be permitted to complete the current session before the suspension takes effect.
- The suspension may then apply to a single session or to the remainder of the semester.

Residence Hall Policy regarding Suspension

- The Chancellor determines whether a suspended student may remain in the residence halls.
- If permitted to remain in the residence hall, the student must continue to follow all handbook guidelines during the suspension period.
- Additional restrictions may apply to campus access and privileges.

Dismissal

Circumstances

When a student receives three or more disciplinary actions in a single semester, he is eligible for suspension or dismissal at the administration's discretion.

Definition

- Complete removal from all classes and loss of all privileges.
- Grades of WP or WF issued for each incomplete course.

Additional Requirements

- Dorm students must vacate within 24 hours or at the discretion of the Chancellor.
- If the student is under 21 and unmarried, the parents or legal guardian of the student will be notified.
- The student's home pastor will also receive a courtesy call.

Reapplication Policy

- The dismissed student must wait two full semesters before applying for readmission.
- Reacceptance is not guaranteed.

Voluntary Withdrawal

- The student must inform the Chancellor of the student's intent to withdraw.
- If the chancellor does not agree with this decision, the student may not formally withdraw from classes.
- If the student then does not attend classes, absences will be recorded, and any missed tests or assignments will receive a grade of zero.
- If the chancellor agrees to the withdrawal, then the student must also complete all withdrawal steps listed next.

Steps for Dismissal or Voluntary Withdrawal

Failure to complete these steps will result in the student being ineligible to reapply and having transcripts permanently withheld.

Meet with the Registrar

- Complete the Withdrawal from Classes form.
- Receive “WP” or “WF” marks for each current course.

Return Keys and Fobs

- Turn in all items at the front desk in the Wayne Daniel building.
- Missing items will result in fines.

Provide a Forwarding Address

- Submit to the Wayne Daniel front desk.
- Mail will be forwarded for up to six weeks.
- After that, it will be discarded or returned to sender.

Settle Financial Obligations

Student must pay all tuition, fines, and assessed damages per the Financial section of the catalog.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

The statements presented in this section are for information purposes only. Students should not assume that the information constitutes a binding contract between the student and TIBS.

Undergraduate Admissions

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools encourages applications from students of like faith and practice who believe they have received a calling from God to serve Him full-time and have demonstrated to the satisfaction of their local church and pastor that they possess the gifts to do so. The TIBS administration will qualify applicants for admission after the application file is complete.

Graduate Admissions

Students desiring to enroll in graduate programs at Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools must have earned a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent), representing a minimum of 120 credit hours, to pursue a master's degree, and a master's degree to pursue a doctor's degree. The TIBS administration will qualify applicants for admission after the application file is complete.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, and biological gender (as determined at birth), and does not discriminate on these bases in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, or other school-administered programs.

Additionally, as a Baptist institution, Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools reserves the right to admit only those students who affirm and actively practice the faith, doctrine, and distinctives of historic Independent Baptist beliefs, including regular attendance at a like-minded Independent Baptist church.

How Do I Apply?

Undergraduate Admissions

Digital Applications

To apply, fill out and submit the application through the Seminary website, texasibs.org/admissions. There is a \$22 application fee that must be paid before the application can be submitted.

Once you have submitted your application, a member of our team will contact you.

Paper Applications

You may also request a paper or PDF copy of the application from the TIBS office at (903)759-0940. These may be scanned and emailed to seminary.tibs@gmail.com, or they may be mailed to:

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In the case of submitting a paper application, the \$22 application fee is due at the time of registration for classes before the student's first semester.

Once the application is submitted, we will email recommendation forms to your pastor and the two additional personal references you indicated during the application process. Please ensure that you provide the correct email addresses for these references.

Additional Forms

The following additional forms must be submitted before the start of classes. They may be submitted during the student's first semester registration or turned in by mail or email at any time prior to that.

- Medical History form
- Physical form

Please note that these forms must be completed by a licensed medical professional.

Submission of Transcripts

A student must submit one of the following prior to attending classes at TIBS:

- An official high school transcript
- A GED (or equivalent) certificate
- A college-level transcript showing at least 30 credits earned with a GPA of 2.0 or greater

The student must contact previous schools to request that these be sent directly to the registrar at TIBS:

- By email: registrar.tibs@gmail.com
- By mail:

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary

attn: Registrar

2200 W. Loop 281

Longview, TX 75604

All high school and college-level transcripts must be sent directly from the high school or other academic institution to TIBS; TIBS cannot accept transcripts directly from prospective students.

Acceptance of Credits in Transfer

Acceptance of credits in transfer from another college-level institution is at the discretion of TIBS administration. In general,

- A “credit” represents 12 or more clock hours of classroom study and/or practicum work
- Credits may be accepted from courses in which the student earned a “C” or above
- Bible and ministry-related credits may be accepted from college-level institutions of like faith and practice only
- General studies and elective credits may be accepted from post-secondary institutions, provided the course content approximates a similar course in the TIBS catalog
- No more than 50% of the credits required to complete a program at TIBS will be accepted

Readmitted Students

If the applicant has previously attended Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools and desires to return:

- The applicant must submit an application along with his pastor’s recommendation and two additional recommendations for readmission.
- The applicant must request **official transcripts** to be mailed directly to the TIBS office from each institution where college-level courses have been completed since last attending TIBS.

Regional Student Program

Students whose home church is within a two-hundred-mile radius of the TIBS campus may apply for permission to enroll in the Seminary as students while maintaining their local church membership and weekend ministry activity in their home church.

Approval must be granted by both the TIBS administration and the student’s home church pastor. The home church pastor will be asked to verify the student’s weekend ministry activities and tithing.

Either the TIBS administration or the home pastor will have the right to suspend the program if the student suffers financial, academic, or medical hardship as a result of the weekend travel schedule.

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Once the application is submitted, we will email recommendation forms to your pastor and the two additional personal references you indicated during the application process. Please ensure that you provide the correct email addresses for these references.

Post-Secondary Transcripts

The applicant must contact previous institutions to have an official post-secondary transcript sent directly to TIBS. We cannot accept transcripts directly from the student.

- A transcript must include the total credit hours, cumulative grade point average (GPA), and graduation date.
- The applicant's cumulative GPA must have been at least a 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) in order to enroll at TIBS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Basic Costs per semester

Tuition	\$ 2,550
Room and Board	\$ 1,950
Internet Fee	\$ 50
Administrative Fee	\$ 250

- Tuition assumes full-time status.
- TIBS does not offer part-time status except in the student's final semester before graduation if the student needs fewer than 12 credit hours to complete their course of study.
- Approved part-time students pay \$150/credit hour.
- Classes may be audited at a rate of \$150 per credit hour, with the administration's permission; however, no credits are awarded.

Financial Discounts

- Married students receive a 50% discount on their tuition costs.
- Any student who pays his tuition in full at or before the time of registration will receive a 10% discount on the tuition.
- Discounts do not apply to Room and Board or any fees.

Payment Plans

	Residence Hall Student	Off Campus Student	Married Student
<i>Tuition</i>	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$1,275.00
<i>Room & Board</i>	\$1,950.00	-	-
<i>Internet Fee</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<i>Administrative Fee</i>	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<i>Total</i>	\$4,800.00	\$2,850.00	\$1,575.00
<i>Monthly Payment Amount</i> (20% of total)	\$960.00	\$570.00	\$315.00

- Payments will be set up through our electronic system by ACH (automatic checking or savings account withdrawals). Debit cards may be used but with an additional fee.
- The payment plan for each semester includes five monthly installments:
 - August through December for the Fall semester
 - January through May for the Spring semester
- The first payment is due at registration, with subsequent payments being withdrawn via ACH on a monthly basis.
- If your payment account contains insufficient funds for the automatic withdrawal at any time, a fee of \$30 will be added to that month's payment.
- Regardless of this payment plan, a prospective graduate's bill must be paid in full prior to the issuance of a diploma.

Financial Withdrawal from Classes

If a student's bill becomes past due at any point during a 5-week session, the student will be withdrawn from classes after the session ends. However, the student will still receive credit for the current 5-week session.

Financial Withdrawal Policy

Tuition and fees are billed by the semester, based on enrollment in all three 5-week sessions. However, if a student withdraws with the chancellor's permission during the semester, the financial obligation will be adjusted according to the number of sessions in which the student was enrolled.

Tuition Adjustments due to withdrawal

- If a student withdraws before the start of a session, no tuition will be charged for that session or subsequent sessions.
- If a student withdraws after the start of any Session, they are responsible for the full cost of that session and all previous sessions.
- Semester fees are non-refundable

Residence Halls

Students who withdraw with permission and move out of the residence halls will have their housing fees prorated based on the number of weeks they resided on campus.

Summer and Holiday Occupancy of the Residence Halls

- Students must obtain administrative approval to stay in the residence hall between semesters, including summer and Christmas break.
- If approved, students will be charged \$100 per week.
- This same fee may apply if at any time a student is withdrawn from classes but remains in the residence halls.

Refunds

Following the adjustment of the tuition and residence hall costs, if the student is found to have overpaid, the student may request a refund for the amount overpaid or request it be applied as a credit for future semesters.

Refunds or billing adjustments are calculated based on the official date of withdrawal.

Please Note:

Any student who withdraws from classes without notifying and gaining permission from the chancellor and/or administration will be responsible for the entire semester's bill.

Books and Supplies

The cost of textbooks and supplies is not included in the basic cost per semester. A list of textbooks and supplies will be made available to all students prior to the beginning of each semester. Required books can be purchased from the campus bookstore.

Missions Internship Fee

Each student enrolled in the World Missions program will spend one full year in a missions internship on the mission field with a veteran missionary.

The total cost for a student participating in the mission internship is \$500 per semester:

- Missions internship fee of \$250/semester in place of tuition.
- Additionally, mission intern students are responsible for the \$250 administrative fee.

Children of Missionaries Scholarships

A limited number of partial scholarships for children of missionaries currently on the field may be available. Please contact the Seminary office for more information.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Academic Programs

Upon enrollment in Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools, students declare a program of study (see Overview of Programs of Study). Each program has a predetermined curriculum that must be completed to be awarded a degree. Students must adhere to and complete the curriculum for their program major.

Authority to Operate

Believing that the sole authority to educate and train New Testament church leaders resides in a local New Testament church, Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools is a local church ministry owned and operated by the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview, Texas.

Accreditation

Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools is a non-accredited, post-secondary institution. TIBS has not sought, nor is it seeking, any form of accreditation.

FERPA

What is FERPA?

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, students have the right to inspect and review their education records maintained by the school. Additionally, they have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If such a request is denied, they may then request that a notation regarding their concerns be made a part of the education records.

The Student's Right to Privacy

The following information summarizes student rights under FERPA and identifies circumstances under which FERPA permits disclosure of educational records without student consent.

Although FERPA permits disclosure in these situations, TIBS may choose to exercise greater discretion and, when appropriate, obtain student permission before releasing information.

- TIBS may disclose education records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
 - School officials with legitimate educational interests
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring
 - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena
 - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies
 - State and local authorities, pursuant to specific State law
- At the administration's discretion, TIBS may disclose, without consent, **directory information**, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - Name
 - Program and Field of Study (Major)
 - Dates of enrollment/attendance
 - Degrees, certificates, and awards received
 - Student classification (undergraduate, freshman, etc.)
 - Name of the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended
 - Telephone number and/or email address
 - Current and permanent addresses
 - Names of graduate candidates

- Except under the conditions listed previously, TIBS will not disclose the following without the student's permission:
 - Social Security number
 - Transcripts
 - Grade reports
 - GPA
 - Financial records
 - Discipline records

Restriction of Directory Information

A student may request that TIBS not disclose directory information by submitting a written request to the Registrar. Such requests will be placed in the student's educational record and will remain in effect through the end of the current academic year unless withdrawn in writing by the student.

Requests must be renewed annually if the student wishes the restriction to continue during a subsequent academic year.

Course Information

Semester Hours

The unit of credit is the semester hour.

TIBS has subdivided each semester into 3 five-week sessions.

Each two-credit-hour course meets for 75 minutes daily from Monday through Thursday for five weeks. One credit-hour practical training for Education and Music majors meets for 40 minutes daily, Monday through Thursday, each session.

Additionally, each student may earn one credit hour per semester in applied ministry work for participating in their assigned weekend ministries.

Course Designations

BI	General Bible
BU	Business
ED	Education
EN	English
HI	History
HU	Humanities
MA	Math
MI	Missions
MU	Music
TH	Theology

Course Numbering

Course numbers consist of a two-letter course designation and three digits.

In courses specific to a program of study (Theology, Missions, Education, Music), the numbering system indicates the annual class rotations – for instance, 100 numbered classes are all taught in the same year.

In classes common to all programs of study, the number indicates the recommended level of study for that course. A 100-level course is for freshmen, a 200-level course is for sophomores, a 300-level course is for juniors, and a 400-level course is for seniors.

It is not required that courses be taken in their designated order, but the registrar will make the final decision.

Registration for Classes

This catalog contains the academic programs for Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools. Once a student declares a program of study (or *major*), the registrar enrolls the student in the appropriate classes for their academic major, level, and semester. Students must complete the required classes for each level and semester to be eligible for graduation.

Part-time Status

No part-time enrollment is permitted except during a student's final semester before graduation if that student needs fewer than 12 credits to complete the curriculum required for graduation by their declared major.

Transcript Requests

The registrar maintains a permanent record of each student's grades. Students may obtain copies of their transcripts by submitting a written request either in person, by mail, or by email to registrar.tibs@gmail.com. The registrar will then send a Transcript Request form via email. Each request, including those from third parties, must bear the student's signature (or digital signature).

The Registrar will not release official transcripts if the student's financial account is outstanding.

Declaring a Course of Study and Level of Completion

A student enrolling in Texas Independent Baptist Seminary & Schools must declare a course of study and level of completion on their application. Careful consideration should be given to this declaration.

Associate programs can be completed in 2 years of study (64 credit hours)

Bachelor programs can be completed in 4 years of study (128 credit hours)

Graduate programs can be completed in 2 years of study (64 credit hours)

Changing a Course of Study and/or Level of Completion

A student who wishes to change his academic major must do so prior to the start of his sophomore year and must receive approval from the administration.

Changes requested after the sophomore year may be granted at the discretion of the administration. However, such changes will result in a later graduation date to allow time for the completion of all requirements for the new program.

Requests to change academic programs may be submitted to the Office of the Registrar at any time, but they will only be reviewed and processed after the current semester has ended.

Required Events

Attendance is required at certain school events, such as TIBS chapel, Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview services (including special meetings), semester orientations, ministry requirements, and Commencement activities and exercises.

Students participating in internships at area churches or in the Regional Student Program will be exempt from Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview services if they are attending their assigned or home church services.

Grade Scale

Letter Grade	Percentage Grade	Grade Points per Credit Hour
A	93 – 100	4.00
B	84 – 92	3.00
C	75 – 83	2.00
D	66 – 74	1.00
F	65 or below	0.00
WF	Withdrawal while failing	0.00
WP	Withdrawal while passing	--

Classification of Undergraduate Students

Classification of students is based on minimum credit hours earned and not on semesters attended. Classifications shall be according to the following minimum standards:

Classification	Minimum Credit Hours Completed
<i>Sophomore</i>	32
<i>Junior</i>	64
<i>Senior</i>	96

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Bachelor of Arts

All Bachelor of Arts programs encompass 4 years of study. The Religious Education and Missions programs include a full-year internship in the student's final year.

Pastoral Theology

World Missions

Religious Education (*Elementary or Secondary*)

Church Music

Christian Ministries

Associate of Arts

All Associate of Arts programs encompass 2 years of study.

Church Music

Christian Ministries

Each program is built on three core principles:

- Emphasize Jesus Christ
- Employ His Word – the King James Bible – in the Classroom and on the Streets
- Enable His Called Servants for Practical Work in a Local Church Ministry

Pastoral Theology

- Engage in Local Church Ministry Work in Emmanuel Baptist Church and Local Churches of Like Faith and Practice
- Learn Pure, Bible-Based Doctrine in the Classroom
- Work Alongside Your Classroom Teachers in Weekend Ministry Work
- Graduate to Work as a Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Youth Worker, or Evangelist

The Pastoral Theology Major's coursework is broken down as follows:

Theology and Practical Ministry courses	48 credit hours
General Studies courses	48 credit hours
Biblical Studies courses	24 credit hours
100 hours of weekend ministry work	8 credit hours
Total	128 credit hours

The course of study on the following page is recommended. Some courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may, at times, be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Pastoral Theology – Bachelor of Arts

	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Freshman	Hermeneutics I	2	Homiletics 1	2
	Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
	Hermeneutics 2	2	Homiletics 2	2
	Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
	Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
	Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
			Elective	2
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		15		17
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Sophomore	Christology	2	Biblical Counseling	2
	Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
	Bibliology	2	Hamartiology	2
	Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
	Ecclesiology	2		2
	Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
	Elective	2		
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		17		15
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Junior	World Religions	2	Teleutology	2
	Bible Study Methods	2	King James Bible	2
	Bible Geography and Anthropology	2	Soteriology	2
	Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
	Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
	Computer Skills	2	Advanced Grammar & Composition	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
			Elective	2
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		15		17
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Senior	Eschatology	2	Pneumatology	2
	Bible Doctrines 1	2	Bible Doctrines 2	2
	Paterology	2	Cults	2
	Music in a Soul Winning Church	2	Advanced Media Presentations 1	2
	Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
	Bible Teaching Methods	2	Advanced Media Presentations 2	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
	Elective	2		
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		17		15

Total Credit Hours **128**

World Missions

- Learn in the Classroom from Experienced Missionaries
- Study to Present Christ and Start Churches at Home and Abroad
- Engage in Practical Ministry Training on the Weekend
- Spend a Full School Year on a Mission Field with a Veteran Missionary

The World Missions Major's coursework is broken down as follows:

Missions and Practical Ministry courses	36 credit hours
General Studies courses	36 credit hours
Biblical Studies courses	18 credit hours
100 hours of weekend ministry work	8 credit hours
Mission Field Internship	30 credit hours
Total	128 credit hours

The course of study on the following page is recommended. Individual courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may, at times, be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

World Missions – Bachelor of Arts

	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Freshman	Hermeneutics I	2	Homiletics 1	2
	Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
	Hermeneutics 2	2	Homiletics 2	2
	Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
	Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
	Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
			Elective	2
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		15		17
Sophomore	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Christology	2	Biblical Counseling	2
	Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
	Bibliology	2	Hamartiology	2
	Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
	Ecclesiology	2		2
	Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
	Elective	2		
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		17		15
Junior	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	World Religions	2	Teleutology	2
	Bible Study Methods	2	King James Bible	2
	Bible Geography and Anthropology	2	Soteriology	2
	Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
	Church Ministries	2	Church Ministries	2
	Computer Skills	2	Advanced Grammar & Composition	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
			Elective	2
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		15		17
Senior	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Missions Internship	15	Missions Internship	15
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16

Total Credit Hours **128**

Religious Education

- Engage Daily with Real Students and Teachers in EBC's K-12 School, Longview Christian Academy
- Learn Teaching Techniques from Experienced Teachers with Decades of Experience
- Experience Teaching in the TIBS Classrooms with Fellow Students
- Spend Your Senior Year as a Student Teacher in Longview Christian Academy

The Religious Education Major's coursework is broken down as follows:

Education courses	36 credit hours
General Studies courses	36 credit hours
Teaching In-service	18 credit hours
100 hours of weekend ministry work	8 credit hours
Teaching Internship	30 credit hours
Total	128 credit hours

The courses of study on the following pages are recommended. Individual courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may, at times, be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Religious Education – Bachelor of Arts

Freshman	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Philosophy of Education	2	Teaching Science/History	2
	Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
	World History	2	Teaching Bible	2
	Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
	Vocabulary Enrichment	2	Child Psychology	2
	Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
	Teaching In-Service	3	Teaching In-Service	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16

Sophomore	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Basic Math	2	Basic Algebra	2
	Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
	General Math	2	Teaching English	2
	Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
	Educational Philosophy	2	Tests and Measurements	2
	Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
	Teaching In-Service	3	Teaching In-Service	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16

Junior	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Classroom Management	2	Teaching Methods	2
	Bible Study Methods	2	King James Bible	2
	Teaching Math	2	United States History	2
	Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
	Christian School Administration	2	Teaching Reading	2
	Computer Skills	2	Advanced Grammar & Composition	2
	Teaching In-Service	3	Teaching In-Service	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16

Senior	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Teaching Internship	15	Teaching Internship	15
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16

Total Credit Hours **128**

Church Music

- Take Part in the Vibrant Church Music Ministry of the Emmanuel Baptist Church and Local Churches of Like Faith and Practice
- Learn How to Run a Local Church Music Ministry
- Work with Music Leaders Who Have Decades of Experience
- Graduate to Work as a Music Pastor, Choir and Orchestra Director, or Music Coordinator in a Local Church Ministry

The Music Major's Bachelor's coursework is broken down as follows:

Music Courses	48 credit hours
General Studies Courses	48 credit hours
Music Practicum	24 credit hours
100 hours of weekend ministry work	8 credit hours
Total	128 credit hours

The Associates program is exactly half in each of the above categories.

The course of study on the following page is recommended. Individual courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may, at times, be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Church Music – Bachelor of Arts

	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Freshman	Concert Choir	2	Music Theory 1	2
	Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
	Ear Training and Sight Singing	2	Music Theory 2	2
	Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
	Music History	2	Piano Lab	2
	Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
	Music Practicum	3	Music Practicum	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Sophomore	Concert Choir	2	Church Music Administration	2
	Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
	Instrument Workshop	2	Music Methods	2
	Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
	Orchestration	2	Piano Lab	2
	Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
	Music Practicum	3	Music Practicum	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Junior	Concert Choir	2	Music Theory 3	2
	Bible Study Methods	2	King James Bible	2
	Ear Training and Sight Singing	2	Music Theory 4	2
	Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
	Music History	2	Piano Lab	2
	Computer Skills	2	Advanced Grammar & Composition	2
	Music Practicum	3	Music Practicum	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Senior	Concert Choir	2	Music Technology	2
	Bible Doctrines 1	2	Bible Doctrines 2	2
	Conducting Techniques	2	Song Writing and Arranging	2
	Music in a Soul Winning Church	2	Advanced Media Presentations 1	2
	Music Ministries	2	Piano Lab	2
	Bible Teaching Methods	2	Advanced Media Presentations 2	2
	Music Practicum	3	Music Practicum	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16

Total Credit Hours **128**

Church Music – Associate of Arts

Freshman	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Concert Choir	2	Music Theory 1	2
	Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
	Ear Training and Sight Singing	2	Music Theory 2	2
	Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
	Music History	2	Piano Lab	2
	Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
	Music Practicum	3	Music Practicum	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16
Sophomore	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Concert Choir	2	Church Music Administration	2
	Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
	Instrument Workshop	2	Music Methods	2
	Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
	Orchestration	2	Piano Lab	2
	Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
	Music Practicum	3	Music Practicum	3
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		16		16

Total Credit Hours **64**

Christian Ministries

- Gain Wisdom and Insight from Godly Teachers
- Study through All the Scriptures for Pure Doctrine and Practical Application
- Supplement Biblical Studies with a Choice of Courses from the Pastoral Theology, World Missions, Church Music, and Religious Education Programs
- Become a Valuable Asset in a Local Church as a Member or Lay Staff Person

The Christian Ministries Major's coursework is broken down as follows:

Biblical Studies	48 credit hours
General Studies Courses	48 credit hours
Electives*	24 credit hours
100 hours of weekend ministry work	8 credit hours
Total	128 credit hours

* Electives are chosen from the Theology, Missions, Practical Ministry, Education, and Music courses.

The course of study on the following page is recommended. Individual courses may be taken in a different order than suggested upon the registrar's approval and/or recommendation. Courses may, at times, be substituted for similar courses with the same academic prefix.

Christian Ministries – Bachelor of Arts

	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Freshman	Books of History 4	2	The Book of John	2
	Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
	Books of History 2	2	General Epistles	2
	Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
	Ezekiel	2	I, II, and III John	2
	Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
			Elective	2
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		15		17
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Sophomore	Books of History 3	2	Ecclesiology	2
	Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
	Minor Prophets 1	2	Hebrews	2
	Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
	The Synoptic Gospels	2	Isaiah	2
	Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
	Elective	2		
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		17		15
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Junior	Books of History 1	2	Pentateuch	2
	Bible Study Methods	2	King James Bible	2
	Minor Prophets 2	2	Jeremiah & Lamentations	2
	Apologetics	2	Ministry Mindset	2
	Books of Poetry	2	Bible Geography and Customs	2
	Computer Skills	2	Advanced Grammar & Composition	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
			Elective	2
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		15		17
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Senior	Pastoral Epistles	2	Minor Prophets 3	2
	Bible Doctrines 1	2	Bible Doctrines 2	2
	Pauline Epistles	2	Acts	2
	Music in a Soul Winning Church	2	Advanced Media Presentations 1	2
	I & II Corinthians	2	Romans	2
	Bible Teaching Methods	2	Advanced Media Presentations 2	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
	Elective	2		
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		17		17

Total Credit Hours **128**

Christian Ministries – Associate of Arts

	Freshman		Sophomore	
	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
Freshman	Books of History 4	2	The Book of John	2
	Orientation	2	English Grammar 1	2
	Books of History 2	2	General Epistles	2
	Personal Evangelism	2	English Grammar 2	2
	Ezekiel	2	I, II, and III John	2
	Personal Finance	2	Speech	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
			Elective	2
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		15		17
Sophomore	Fall	Cr	Spring	Cr
	Books of History 3	2	Ecclesiology	2
	Media Presentations 1	2	Song Leading	2
	Minor Prophets 1	2	Hebrews	2
	Media Presentations 2	2	Baptist History 1	2
	The Synoptic Gospels	2	Isaiah	2
	Music Appreciation	2	Baptist History 2	2
	Elective	2	Elective	2
	Elective	2		
	Ministry Practicum	1	Ministry Practicum	1
		17		15

Total Credit Hours **128**

GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Theology

Master of Theology, Th.M.

Doctor of Theology, Th.D.

The graduate theology programs are designed to deepen students' knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures. Guided by established hermeneutical principles, TIBS instructors lead students through a personal, thorough, and intensive study of the Bible.

Students who complete both the Master's and Doctoral programs will have undertaken a comprehensive study of the entire Bible, book by book, and will have personally produced outlines and analyses of the scriptures, which will prove invaluable to them throughout their lives and ministries.

In addition to the contextual, book-by-book analysis of the scriptures, the Master's student will also complete a Master's Thesis (30,000 words) and the Doctoral student a Doctoral Dissertation (60,000 words) detailing an approved topic or doctrine from the Word of God.

Master of Theology

Prerequisites

- Bachelor of Arts, Theology, or equivalent earned in a minimum of 128 credits or 2,048 clock hours.
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or greater

Requirements

- Completion of 60 credit hours (960 clock hours) of assigned program courses.
- Completion of a 30,000-word thesis: topic to be approved by the TIBS administration.

Program Courses

Year one

Fall

Analysis of Matthew	3	(48)
Analysis of Mark	3	(48)
Analysis of Luke	3	(48)
Analysis of John	3	(48)
Analysis of Acts	3	(48)

Spring

Analysis of Romans	3	(48)
Analysis of 1 Corinthians	3	(48)
Analysis of 2 Corinthians	3	(48)
Analysis of Church Epistles	3	(48)
Analysis of Personal Epistles	3	(48)
Analysis of Hebrews	3	(48)

Year two

Fall

Analysis of General Epistles	3	(48)
Analysis of Revelation	3	(48)
Analysis of Job	6	(96)
Analysis of Psalms	6	(96)

Spring

Analysis of Proverbs	6	(96)
Analysis of Ecc. & Song of Solomon	3	(48)
Submission of Thesis	4	(64)

Doctor of Theology

Prerequisites

- Master of Theology or equivalent.
- G.P.A. of 3.0 or greater

Requirements

- Completion of 60 credit hours (960 clock hours) of assigned program courses.
- Completion of a 60,000-word dissertation: topic to be approved by the TIBS administration.

Program Courses

Year one

Fall

Analysis of Genesis	3 (48)
Analysis of Exodus	3 (48)
Analysis of Leviticus	3 (48)
Analysis of Numbers	3 (48)
Analysis of Deuteronomy	3 (48)

Spring

Analysis of Joshua	3 (48)
Analysis of Judges & Ruth	3 (48)
Analysis of 1 Samuel	3 (48)
Analysis of 2 Samuel	3 (48)
Analysis of 1 Kings	3 (48)

Year two

Fall

Analysis of 2 Kings	3 (48)
Analysis of 1 Chronicles	3 (48)
Analysis of 2 Chronicles	3 (48)
Analysis of Ezra - Nehemiah	3 (48)
Analysis of Isaiah	3 (48)

Spring

Analysis of Jeremiah & Lament.	3 (48)
Analysis of Ezekiel	3 (48)
Analysis of Daniel	3 (48)
Analysis of Hosea - Haggai	3 (48)
Analysis of Zechariah - Malachi	3 (48)
Submission of Dissertation	4 (64)

Master of Practical Ministry

The Master of Practical Ministry graduate program is designed for those who are currently in the ministry serving on the staff of a local church. The purpose of the program is to give the student practical experience in building a local church ministry from the ground up.

The program has two facets: academic and practical. Academically, the student will receive instruction from the staff of Texas Independent Baptist Seminary and Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview via video conferencing. Practically, the student will work under the guidance of his home pastor to build a new ministry or to rebuild from the ground up an existing ministry within his local church. The administration of Texas Independent Baptist Seminary will have reporting status only for the sake of issuing the final diploma but the ministry project will be under the authority of the student's pastor.

In this manner, the student gains valuable information as well as practical experience in the ministry.

Master of Practical Ministry

Requirements for Admission

- a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a college of like faith and practice
- at least twelve months experience working on staff in a local church ministry
- currently working on staff in a local church ministry
- Pastor's reference

TIBS reserves the right to make the final determination concerning the acceptance of any applicant.

Academic Requirements

The student will complete 120 academic modules.

Each module consists of a 30-minute lesson via videoconferencing, presented by the Faculty and Staff of Texas Independent Baptist Seminary and Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview (60 clock hours of instruction).

Ministry Project

Under the direction of his own pastor, the student will organize a new ministry or reorganize an existing ministry within his local church.

This ministry will be carefully planned and implemented prior to the student receiving his Masters degree.

The program is designed to be flexible, the student completing academics according to his own schedule. The program can be completed in as few as two years but may be extended to as many as three years.

Financial Responsibility

Academic Modules

- Each academic module costs \$30, to be paid prior to the student taking that module.
- The total cost after 120 modules are completed is \$3,600.

Masters Project

- Once the project has been approved by the student's pastor, a one-time \$200 administrative fee is due the Seminary.

STAFF AND FACULTY

Administration

Dr. Bob Gray II

Chancellor; President; Head of Theology Department

B.B., Th.M., L.H.D. – Texas Baptist College. Thirty-nine years' ministry experience as a youth pastor, Bible college teacher, conference speaker, seminary administrator, and currently senior pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview.

Dr. Joseph M. Koenig

Vice President of Academics; Registrar

B.B., L.H.D. – Texas Baptist College; D.R.E. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Thirty years' experience as a seminary instructor, nine years' experience as a Christian school principal or assistant principal, six years' experience as a church choir director, and fourteen years' experience as a church orchestra conductor.

Faculty/Instructors

Elizabeth Brackeen

Instructor, Media

B.R.E. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Seven years' experience as a church graphic designer, four years' experience as a church videographer, and five years' experience as a seminary media instructor.

Jordan Gray

Technical Services; Instructor, Media and Theology

B.Th. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Twelve years' experience in teen ministry, twelve years' experience in bus ministry, ten years' experience as Technology Director at Emmanuel Baptist Church, and seven years' experience teaching at Texas Independent Baptist Seminary.

Bryan Karratti

Student Recruitment; Assistant to the Social Activities Director; Instructor, Theology

B.Th. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Six years' experience in bus ministry, four years' experience in Sunday school leadership, guest preaching in local churches, service in various church internships, and experience as Student Pastor while completing seminary studies.

Shawna Koenig

Assistant to the Registrar; Instructor, Education

B.R.E. – Texas Baptist College. Eight years' experience as an elementary teacher at Longview Christian Academy, six years' experience as a church nursery director, twenty-three years' experience teaching three-year-olds in Sunday school, and seven years' experience teaching at Texas Independent Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Jeff Lines

Instructor, Theology

B.S. – Hyles-Anderson College; Th.M. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary; D.D. – Practical Bible Baptist College. Founder and pastor of Oriole Park Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan; pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Shreveport; forty years' ministry experience.

Dr. Gary Mann

Instructor, Theology

B.S. Pastoral Theology – Hyles-Anderson College; M.Min. – Bethany Seminary; Honorary D.D. – Texas Baptist College. Founder and pastor of Grace Baptist Church, evangelist since 1995, author of five books and numerous pamphlets and articles, and experienced college instructor.

Juan Meave

Social Activities Director; Weekend Ministries Director; Instructor, Theology

B.Th. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Four years' experience as an assistant pastor, ten years' experience leading the Spanish ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church, and nine years' experience teaching in the seminary and leading student missions trips.

Samantha Meave

Instructor, Music

B.M. Education – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Twenty-seven years' experience as a violinist, eleven years' experience as a violin teacher, six years' experience with the Northeast Texas Symphony Orchestra, five years' experience as a church pianist, and four years' experience conducting the Emmanuel Baptist Church string orchestra.

Ethan Medders

Instructor, Theology

B.Th. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Seven years' ministry experience and leadership of the children's ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Dr. Jennifer L. Petticoffer

Music Coordinator; Head of Music Department; Instructor, Music

B.M. Education, C.M.M., L.H.D. – Texas Baptist College. Forty-five years' experience as a church and college music coordinator, Bible college instructor, and Dean of Women.

Dr. Donald Plant

Student Recruitment; Instructor, Theology and Missions

B.S. Biblical Studies and Missions – Arlington Baptist College; M.Th., Th.D. – Calvary Baptist Bible Seminary; M.Ed. – The University of Texas; M.S. Educational Human Resources – Texas A&M University; D.B.S. – School of Biblical & Theological Studies. Two years' experience as a missionary in Slovakia, twenty-one years' experience in public education, and Sunday school teacher.

Amy Robinson

Instructor, Music

B.M. Education, Ed.M. – Texas Baptist College. Twenty-eight years' experience working with church music groups, accompanying church services, teaching private music lessons and college classes, writing and arranging music, and directing teen and children's choirs.

Kim Robinson

Dean of Men; Instructor, Theology

B.S. Pastoral Studies – Arlington Baptist College; M.R.E. – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Two years' experience interim pastor. Forty-five years' experience as a Christian school teacher and Seminary instructor.

Zachary Rusaw

Director of Alumni and Pastor Relations; Instructor, Theology

B.A. Theology – Texas Independent Baptist Seminary. Six years' experience as an assistant pastor and pastor.

Dr. John Smith

Instructor, Music

B.B., Th.M., D.D. – Texas Baptist College. Thirty-seven years' experience as an assistant pastor, registrar at Texas Baptist College, Bible college instructor, and assistant pastor.

Dawn Thomas

Head of Education Department; Dean of Women; Instructor, Education

B.A. Education – Arkansas State University. Seven years' experience as a teacher at Longview Christian Academy and ministry service in chapel, bus ministry, church orchestra, and ninth-grade girls' Sunday school.

Daniel Woods

Chief Financial Officer

B.Th.; Administration Specialist Certificate – Texas Baptist College. Seven years' experience as a Christian school principal, ten years' experience as a professional bookkeeper and office manager, and currently Chief Financial Officer of Church Bible Publishers and Texas Independent Baptist Seminary.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Undergraduate Programs

BI 101 PERSONAL EVANGELISM A study of the basics of witnessing, the motivations to witness, the dynamics and logistics of soul winning, and how to achieve a more vital and effective soul-winning life. Studies will include several key approaches to soul winning as well as various specific types of presenting the Gospel through the Scriptures.

BI 102 BIBLE DOCTRINES 1 The first of two courses presenting the major Bible doctrines as outlined in the Statement of Faith of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview and Texas Independent Baptist Seminary with reference to works of literature by renowned Baptist authors.

BI 103 BIBLE DOCTRINES 2 The second of two courses presenting the major Bible doctrines as outlined in the Statement of Faith of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview and Texas Independent Baptist Seminary with reference to works of literature by renowned Baptist authors.

BI 104 BOOKS OF HISTORY 2 Study the books of I Samuel through II Chronicles, following the historic period of the kingdom of Israel under the first three kings – Saul, David, and Solomon.

BI 105 BOOKS OF HISTORY 4 Study the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, following the historic period of rebuilding after the captivity in Babylon.

BI 106 ROMANS Explore the book of Romans, placing it in its historical context, and analyzing its doctrinal teachings and practical applications.

BI 107 PAULINE EPISTLES Enrich your understanding of the books of Galatians through II Thessalonians, placing their writings in the surrounding narratives of the New Testament and seeking its doctrinal and practical truths for the modern age.

BI 108 PASTORAL EPISTLES Examine the letters of Paul to Timothy and Titus, with a goal of learning practical truths to working in the ministry of a local church.

BI 109 GENERAL EPISTLES Explore the writings of James, Peter, John, and Jude, placing their teachings in the overall New Testament narrative, with emphasis on doctrine and practical application.

BI 110 DANIEL AND REVELATION Explore the writings of James, Peter, John, and Jude, placing their teachings in the overall New Testament narrative, with emphasis on doctrine and practical application.

BI 112 I, II, III JOHN A textual study of the Epistles of John emphasizing the structure, progression, and argument of the inspired text. Students will analyze the epistles through careful observation of grammar, syntax, literary structure, recurring themes, contrasts, and logical development in order to trace the author's purpose and flow of thought. Attention is given to the relationship between the epistles' major themes – including fellowship, light, truth, love, obedience, assurance, and error – and to developing sound interpretive and expository skills through close reading of the biblical text.

BI 202 PENTATEUCH Study the first five books of the Bible, with an emphasis on their historical context, Jewish covenants and feast days, the priesthood and Mosaic law, etc. including how these concepts relate to the New Testament age.

BI 203 BOOKS OF HISTORY 1 Study the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth, considering their historical context during the conquest of Canaan and the time of the judges.

BI 204 MINOR PROPHETS 3 Study the prophets Zechariah, Haggai, Joel, and Malachi, and the period of time during which they preached, following the return of a remnant from Babylon to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple.

BI 205 I & II CORINTHIANS Explore the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians, placing the narratives within their historical backdrops, and discovering the doctrinal teachings and practical applications for New Testament Christianity.

BI 206 HEBREWS See the richness and beauty of God in this letter to the Hebrew Christians, exploring its themes of the person of Christ, the fullness of redemption, and cleansing from sin.

BI 207 THE KING JAMES BIBLE Explore the care and diligence that went into the crafting of the King James Bible, examine the various texts, the translation techniques, and the diligence of the translators to come to a deeper conviction in and a greater appreciation for our Bible in English, the King James Bible.

BI 300 BIBLE TEACHING METHODS A study of scriptural methods of communicating the message of Christ in the classroom, Sunday school, Bible clubs, children's church, and other evangelistic atmospheres. Actual practice required for completion of course.

BI 302 APOLOGETICS The student will learn to expound on difficult passages of scripture, defend biblical doctrine, and present scriptural truth from a strong, logical scriptural position.

BI 303 ECCLESIOLOGY Learn to recognize a New Testament church, explore the scriptural foundations of the church, and see the place of the local church in the New Testament and in the modern age.

BI 304 BOOKS OF HISTORY 3 An in-depth study of the historical contexts of the books of I Kings through II Chronicles, following the narrative of the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah, with practical application concerning working with people using biblical leadership principles.

BI 305 BOOKS OF POETRY Study the books of poetry, from Job to Song of Solomon, examining their historical context and exploring practical applications.

BI 306 ISAIAH Study the book of Isaiah, placing the narratives in their historical setting and exploring the many prophecies of Christ.

BI 307 JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS Study the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations, looking particularly at the historic setting and the prophecies, both concerning the coming captivity of the Jews and the future coming of the Messiah.

BI 308 EZEKIEL Study the prophet Ezekiel and his writings, especially the various illustrations, prophecies, and visions he saw.

BI 309 MINOR PROPHETS 1 Study the prophets Hosea, Amos, Micah, and Jonah, and the period of time during which they preached, leading up to the downfall of Samaria and the Assyrian War in Judah.

BI 310 BIBLE STUDY METHODS The student will learn different methods of gleaning and organizing truths from the Word of God.

BI 311 MINISTRY MINDSET A scriptural philosophy of working with people within the scope of a ministry of the local church aimed at practical application in a vibrant church ministry.

BI 401 MINOR PROPHETS 2 Study the prophets Zephaniah, Nahum, Habbakuk, and Obadiah, and the period of time during which they preached leading up to the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple by Babylon.

BI 402 THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS Study the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, both compiling and comparing their accounts of the events of Jesus' life, his teachings, his parables, and his death, burial, and resurrection.

BI 403 THE BOOK OF JOHN Study the book of John, its singular character from the other Gospels, the historical narrative, and the symbology and teachings of Christ.

BI 404 ACTS Study the ministry of the apostles following Christ's resurrection and the growth of New Testament churches under the ministries of the original apostles and then of Paul.

BU 100 ORIENTATION First year students are taught to organize their schedule, maintain their responsibilities, study for tests, research and prepare papers for projects, etc.

BU 101 PERSONAL FINANCE A financial study presenting the scriptural philosophy of personal finances. The student is taught how to handle a checking account and how to scripturally care for a personal budget.

BU 200 COMPUTER SKILLS This course presents the basics of Word Processing and working Spreadsheets to create professional-looking documents such as resumes, letters, presentations, reports, legal documents, brochures, manuals, et al., as well as learning the creation of spreadsheets for data entry including basic formulas, charts, and tables. The latest editions of Microsoft Word and Excel desktop software is required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

BU 201 MEDIA PRESENTATIONS 1 An introduction to graphic design using Adobe Photoshop. Design skills include photo enhancement, layout skills, and print design with a focus on church media needs. Adobe Photoshop software required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

BU 202 MEDIA PRESENTATIONS 2 Expands Adobe Photoshop design skills with a focus on major thematic church projects. Includes in-depth design training from conceptualization to implementation. Adobe Photoshop software required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

BU 400 CHURCH FINANCES An in-depth study of all finances involving the operation of a church including accounts payable, accounts receivable, offerings, payroll, and budgeting.

BU 401 ADVANCED MEDIA PRESENTATIONS 1 Introduces students to video production and editing, including livestreaming, media presentations, and working with video equipment includes cameras, projectors, etc. Adobe Premiere Pro and Photoshop software required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

BU 402 ADVANCED MEDIA PRESENTATIONS 2 More advanced video production and editing is introduced along with instruction on incorporating media into church ministries. Adobe Premiere Pro and Photoshop software required along with a reliable Mac or Windows laptop.

ED 100 WORLD HISTORY An overview of World History including Creation, Old World History, New World History, Map Studies, etc.

ED 101 CHILD PSYCHOLOGY A study of a child's spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social, and physical development emphasizing the teaching-learning process at different stages, spiritual development, and the teaching of self-discipline.

ED 103 TEACHING BIBLE Organizing a Bible class that will make an impact on the lives of Christian school students. The course will teach how to use visuals, songs, character traits, and Bible memory for grades kindergarten through sixth.

ED 104 PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION Explores the Biblical foundations of Christian Education, a history of education generally, and a history of Christian education.

ED 200 TEACHING MATH A class focusing on the fundamentals of techniques for teaching mathematics in a Christian school, including the basics of classroom instruction, drills, board work, classwork, games, etc.

ED 204 TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS This course examines traditional and digital assessment methods in education, emphasizing formative and summative strategies. Students will learn the principles of test design, including validity, reliability, and usability, as they develop and evaluate assessments through lectures, discussions, and hands-on activities. By the end of the course, students will be prepared to design effective evaluations and confidently interpret results.

ED 205 EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY A study of educational philosophies, both secular and biblical, with a view of their practical difference in the K-12 classroom.

ED 300 CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT Students learn to run a K-12 school classroom, including preparation of curriculum and the classroom environment, time management, organization of materials and records, and classroom discipline.

ED 301 TEACHING READING A class designed to teach future Christian school teachers the phonics approach to reading, along with spelling and handwriting.

ED 302 UNITED STATES HISTORY A review of the history of the United States from a Biblical perspective. Students will build a framework of US History from which they can more effectively understand and teach the subject in the K-12 school.

ED 303 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION Learn to oversee the planning and preparation of the academic year and the management and supervision of teachers and staff in a Christian school.

ED 304 TEACHING METHODS An in-depth study explaining and demonstrating the most effective methods of teaching, with emphasis on story-telling and visual aids.

ED 305 TEACHING ENGLISH Students learn the various methods and difficulties teaching English in the Christian school. This course pairs practical instruction with peer-to-peer teaching, as students teach lessons to their fellow students in the TIBS classroom.

ED 310 TEACHING SCIENCE AND HISTORY A class designed to teach future Christian school teachers how to teach science and history from a scriptural perspective.

ED 400 STUDENT TEACHING 1 Supervised classroom teaching for the first of two semesters at Longview Christian Academy. The student will work up to teaching the entire school day with full responsibilities.

ED 401 STUDENT TEACHING 2 Supervised classroom teaching for one semester at Longview Christian Academy. The student will work up to teaching the entire school day with full responsibilities.

EN 100 ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1 This course provides a foundational study of English grammar, focusing on the eight parts of speech, sentence structure, and the use of phrases. Students will explore how words function in different contexts, analyze sentence components such as subjects, predicates, and complements, and learn to identify and use various types of phrases effectively. Through lessons, assignments, and reviews, the course builds essential grammar skills in preparation for advanced study.

EN 101 SPEECH An introductory study of speech. Fundamentals of voice production, platform poise, gestures, and speech organization are investigated.

EN 103 VOCABULARY ENRICHMENT Students will expand their English vocabulary and develop a greater grasp of how words are formed (morphology).

EN 200 ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 This course builds on foundational grammar concepts, focusing on clauses, grammar usage, and advanced sentence structures. Topics include the study of adjective, noun, and adverb clauses, as well as subject-verb agreement, pronoun case, verb tenses, and sentence classification. Students will deepen their understanding of grammar through practical exercises and cumulative reviews, preparing them for academic and professional communication.

EN 400 ADVANCED GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION This Advanced Grammar and Composition course focuses on refining students' grammar skills and enhancing their ability to write clear, concise, and effective prose. Topics include sentence structure, pronoun clarity, parallelism, conciseness, sentence variety, and word choice. Emphasis is placed on identifying and correcting common errors, maintaining consistency, and crafting writing suited to audience and purpose. Through focused exercises and assignments, students will develop advanced writing techniques and achieve greater precision and style in their written communication.

HI 200 BAPTIST HISTORY 1 A detailed study of the triumph of Christ and His church from the age of the Apostles, emphasizing the early church and early church fathers to the reformation of the 1500's and the reformers of that era.

HI 201 BAPTIST HISTORY 2 A continuing study taught from the Baptist perspective, and not reformation theology. Dated from the Reformation period to today's fundamentalist movement.

HU 100 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP This course examines Biblical principles of Christian living and their application to serving others in ministry. Topics center around the personal discipline of living a Christ-centered life, building strong relationships with fellow Christians in leadership roles, and demonstrating a life that reflects Christ's example. Students will explore how to lead others by exemplifying faithful Christian living, focusing on bringing faith into both their daily life and their ministry leadership.

MA 200 BASIC MATH A review of principles of primary and elementary mathematics including basic multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, graphs, basic geometry, fractions, equations, converting measurements, etc.

MA 201 GENERAL MATH Continuing from the material presented in Basic Math, concepts previously presented in that course are studied at more advanced levels and with more complex equations, including instruction on solving word problems.

MA 202 BASIC ALGEBRA A course designed to familiarize students with fundamental algebraic concepts, including inequalities, polynomials, linear and quadratic equations, and fundamental trigonometry.

MI 100 INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS Introduction to Missions comprises a Biblical study of the foundation of missions, with emphases on history, philosophy, and missions in the local church.

MI 101 MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHIES Study the lives and missionary works of great missionaries of the past and present, beginning with the Apostle Paul in the books of Acts and continuing to this present generation.

MI 102 MISSIONS METHODS Students learn to present the Gospel and conduct missions work in a variety of cultures, integrating with foreign cultures without compromising Biblical standards and principles.

MI 200 MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIPS Students develop their skills both in presenting and in reporting on missionary efforts to home /supporting churches, as well as building effective relationships with other missionaries in the same field and with foreign governments.

MI 201 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY Learn to effectively communicate the Gospel to a people not just of a foreign field but with foreign values and viewpoints.

MI 202 CHURCH PLANTING Learn how to start new churches both in America and on the foreign field, including principles of evangelism, location, procuring facilities, financing, promotion, and organization.

MI 203 THE GOSPELS AND ACTS A study of the daily missions works first of Christ and His apostles, then of the original apostles and Paul, as they spread the gospel to the known world in their own lifetimes.

MI 204 CULTS A study of those groups who claim Christ as their head but reject the truth of Who He is, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, and others. Class includes discussions of witnessing to those deceived by these groups.

MI 205 WORLD RELIGIONS Study the major religions of the world, including Islam, Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and others, along with helps to win someone to Christ from these religions.

MI 302 MISSIONARY FINANCES Build the skills necessary to manage incoming support, personal budgets, building projects, and all other aspects of finances while on a foreign field.

MI 303 DEPUTATION PRINCIPLES Students learn the necessary skills to raise their support from likeminded churches, including correspondence, scheduling meetings, personal presentations both spoken and by video technology, handling finances while on deputation, producing prayer cards, and other vital skills.

MI 400 MISSIONS INTERNSHIP 1 As the final step in the missions student's practical education, the student will spend his final two semesters on the foreign missions field with an experienced, established missionary.

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MU 100 CONCERT CHOIR Study choir methods, vocal skills, comportment, and singing with heart. Learn what it takes to be a special group singer, receive simple voice lessons, and sing gospel choral music in a variety of styles.

MU 101 MUSIC IN A SOUL WINNING CHURCH A fundamental study covering choosing godly music, as well as planning and organizing a Bible-based music program. Focuses on music ministries in the independent Baptist soul-winning church.

MU 102 MUSIC THEORY 1 Sharpen your music reading skills in all clefs, including treble, bass, tenor, and alto; review basic rhythmic principles; and study more advanced skills in rhythm and musical form.

MU 103 MUSIC THEORY 2 Learn and master building and recognizing harmonic and melodic intervals, study the structure of triads and seventh chords, and begin applying harmonic theories to real world examples in hymns and hymn arrangements.

MU 104 EAR TRAINING AND SIGHT SINGING Develop listening skills and sight-singing, including recognizing, writing, and singing rhythms, intervals, and melodies. A must-have skill for the future music leader.

MU 105 MUSIC HISTORY 1 Learn the history of music and the musical eras from the viewpoint of hymns and hymn stories to gain a greater perspective of the hymn writer and song.

MU 106 PIANO LAB Develop the skills to playing piano for the congregational song service, including basic accompaniment styles as well as improvisation. Each student will be instructed according to their individual skill level.

MU 201 CONDUCTING TECHNIQUES Students build skills necessary to lead the church choir and orchestra, including score reading, advanced use of conducting patterns, indicating tempo, volume, etc. with the off hand while maintaining the beat with the dominant hand, and many other skills.

MU 202 SONG WRITING AND ARRANGING Participate in a workshop designed to develop song-writing skills, writing and arranging original songs; skills developed include lyric writing, melody writing, score preparation, and choosing chords.

MU 203 SONG LEADING Learn to lead a church congregation or small music groups in singing hymns or simple arrangements of hymns in a church setting; includes a review of basic music reading skills and an understanding of rhythm and meter.

MU 204 MUSIC MINISTRIES Learn how music is used in various church ministries and how the church music leaders interact with all other aspects of the local church.

MU 205 MUSIC TECHNOLOGY Gain practical training on music notation software as well as an overview of audio/visual technology used by the music ministry in church services and special meetings.

MU 300 MUSIC THEORY 3 Continue your study of harmonic theory, study principles of melodic theory, and begin learning vocal writing techniques for choir-style parts (SATB).

MU 301 MUSIC THEORY 4 Learn and practice secondary functions in harmony, inversions, musical forms, and non-chord tones. A student who masters these skills will be able to arrange and write music for the church choir and other vocal groups.

MU 302 MUSIC APPRECIATION Learn a Biblical philosophy of music, develop basic music reading skills, gain an overview of music history, and become acquainted with the use of music in churches and its effect on Christianity and the world in which we live.

MU 303 MUSIC HISTORY 2 Learn the history of music and the musical eras from the viewpoint of hymns and hymn stories to gain a greater perspective of the hymn writer and song.

MU 304 EAR TRAINING AND SIGHT SINGING Develop listening skills and sight-singing, including recognizing, writing, and singing rhythms, intervals, and melodies. A must-have skill for the future music leader.

MU 400 MUSIC METHODS Learn to teach music and music theory one-on-one or in a classroom setting, including such topics as the manner of the teacher, teaching principles of music theory at different levels, and evaluating and correcting faulty instrument techniques.

MU 401 ORCHESTRATION Learn to write and arrange for the instruments in a typical church orchestra, both for instrumental settings and as vocal accompaniment. Additionally, learn the organization and running of a church orchestra.

MU 402 CHURCH MUSIC ADMINISTRATION Learn how to build and organize a practical and helpful music ministry in a local church. Along with establishing a Biblical philosophy of music, students will learn to work with volunteers, schedule congregational and special music for church services, conduct singing rehearsals, and much more.

MU 403 INSTRUMENT WORKSHOP Grasp the fundamentals of each group of instruments, strings, winds, brass, and percussion, including the basics of playing technique, typical use in choral and instrumental settings, and cleaning and maintenance.

TH 100 BIBLE GEOGRAPHY AND ANTHROPOLOGY A study of the cultures represented within the scope of scripture and the geography of the land of Israel and surrounding areas in order to provide a greater context for the narratives of the scriptures.

TH 101 ESCHATOLOGY Study the prophecies of the end times as given in both the Old and New Testaments, including a Biblical understanding of the church age, the rapture, the tribulation period, the second coming of Christ, the millennial reign of Christ, and the kingdom of God.

TH 103 BIBLIOLOGY What is the Word of God, how was it transmitted to man, how was it preserved from generation to generation, what difference does a

translation make, and how is the Word of God powerful in the lives of Christians today? These and many other questions are addressed in this class.

TH 104 PNEUMATOLOGY A scriptural study of the Holy Spirit, Who He is, how he has worked in the lives of men throughout the scriptures, and how he works in the everyday lives of men now.

TH 110&111 CHURCH MINISTRIES (Offered Every Semester) Staff men from the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview, along with guest speakers, present the detailed workings of the ministries they lead and the practical, everyday workings of a local church; learn how to run a nursing home ministry, how to conduct a wedding, how to organize a church nursery, and so much more.

TH 201 HERMENEUTICS 1 The first of two courses designed to learn the theory and methodology of studying the scripture, including basic techniques of recognizing context and comparing scripture with scripture, along with an emphasis on making practical application of doctrinal truth.

TH 202 HERMENEUTICS 2 The second of two courses designed to learn the theory and methodology of studying the scripture, including basic techniques of recognizing context and comparing scripture with scripture, along with an emphasis on making practical application of doctrinal truth.

TH 203 SOTERIOLOGY Students study the doctrines of the New Testament as they relate to the salvation of man, including salvation, justification, redemption, reconciliation, and others.

TH 204 HOMILETICS 1 The first of two courses to learn preaching and the various methods of systematic sermon preparation.

TH 205 HOMILETICS 2 The second of two courses to learn preaching and the various methods of systematic sermon preparation. In addition to classroom study, students preach in front of their peers as well as on street corners and in other common venues.

TH 300 CHRISTOLOGY Students study Who Christ is through His manifestations in both the Old and New Testaments, and how the character of God was perfectly demonstrated in His incarnation.

TH 301 TELEUTOLOGY Study the eternal state of man, including death, heaven, hell, and eternity.

TH 302 HAMARTIOLOGY Students study sin, what it is, its effects in men's lives, Christ's provision for its cleansing, and the practical aspects of leading men to a scriptural dealing with and recovering from sin to lead productive Christian lives

TH 303 BIBLICAL COUNSELING Students learn the principles of pastoral counseling, including answering a church member's real-life problems with scripture, recognizing and obeying the power of Holy Spirit conviction, and other practical topics such as resolving tension in marriages and family, overcoming the bonds of sin, and more.

TH 403 PATEROLOGY A study of God the Father throughout the Old and New Testaments, the trinity, His names and attributes, His covenants with man throughout the ages, and His special relationship with man as our "Heavenly Father".

Course Descriptions

Graduate Theology Programs

BI 500 ANALYSIS OF MATTHEW An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Matthew.

BI 501 ANALYSIS OF MARK An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Mark.

BI 502 ANALYSIS OF LUKE An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Luke.

BI 503 ANALYSIS OF JOHN An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of John

BI 504 ANALYSIS OF ACTS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Acts.

BI 510 ANALYSIS OF ROMANS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Romans.

BI 511 ANALYSIS OF 1 CORINTHIANS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of 1 Corinthians.

BI 512 ANALYSIS OF 2 CORINTHIANS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians.

BI 513 ANALYSIS OF CHURCH EPISTLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament books of Galatians through 2 Thessalonians.

BI 514 ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL EPISTLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament books of 1 Timothy through Philemon.

BI 515 ANALYSIS OF HEBREWS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Hebrews.

BI 520 ANALYSIS OF GENERAL EPISTLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament books of James through Jude.

BI 521 ANALYSIS OF REVELATION An in-depth, systematic analysis of the New Testament book of Revelation.

BI 522 ANALYSIS OF JOB An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Job.

BI 523 ANALYSIS OF PSALMS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Psalms.

BI 530 ANALYSIS OF PROVERBS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Proverbs.

BI 531 ANALYSIS OF ECCLESIASTES & SONG OF SOLOMON An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

BI 532 SUBMISSION OF THESIS An original, 30,000-word research paper upon a pre-approved topic.

BI 600 ANALYSIS OF GENESIS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Genesis

BI 601 ANALYSIS OF EXODUS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Exodus.

BI 602 ANALYSIS OF LEVITICUS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Leviticus.

BI 603 ANALYSIS OF NUMBERS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Numbers.

BI 604 ANALYSIS OF DEUTERONOMY An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy.

BI 610 ANALYSIS OF JOSHUA An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Joshua.

BI 611 ANALYSIS OF JUDGES & RUTH An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Judges and Ruth.

BI 612 ANALYSIS OF 1 SAMUEL An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 1 Samuel.

BI 613 ANALYSIS OF 2 SAMUEL An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 2 Samuel.

BI 614 ANALYSIS OF 1 KINGS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 1 Kings.

BI 620 ANALYSIS OF 2 KINGS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 2 Kings.

BI 621 ANALYSIS OF 1 CHRONICLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 1 Chronicles.

BI 622 ANALYSIS OF 2 CHRONICLES An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of 2 Chronicles.

BI 623 ANALYSIS OF EZRA-NEHEMIAH An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Ezra-Nehemiah.

BI 624 ANALYSIS OF ISAIAH An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

BI 630 ANALYSIS OF JEREMIAH & LAMENTATIONS An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Jeremiah and Lamentations.

BI 631 ANALYSIS OF EZEKIEL An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Ezekiel.

BI 632 ANALYSIS OF DANIEL An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament book of Daniel.

BI 633 ANALYSIS OF HOSEA – HAGGAI An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Hosea through Haggai.

BI 634 ANALYSIS OF ZECHARIAH & MALACHI An in-depth, systematic analysis of the Old Testament books of Zechariah and Malachi.

BI 635 SUBMISSION OF DISSERTATION An original, 60,000-word research paper upon a pre-approved topic.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

Section 1 – Verbal Inspiration of Scriptures

We believe in the infallible inspired Word of God. We accept the Textus Receptus manuscript as the foundational material from which we derive the King James Bible. We believe the King James Bible to be the inerrant, preserved, infallible, inspired Word of God for the English-speaking people. The Old and New Testament Scriptures were written by human authors divinely inspired and edited by the Holy Spirit, preserved, unbroken and passed down to us today. (II Timothy 3:16; John 10:35; II Peter 1:19-21; Psalm 119:89)

Section 2 – Genesis Account of Creation

We believe the Genesis account of creation, and that what you believe about your origin will determine your philosophy of life. We believe creation was a direct act of God, which included literal days, and that it was instantaneous and miraculous. We believe man was created in the image of God and all reproduction was “after their kind.” (Genesis 1:1; Job 26:7; Psalm 33:6, 9; John 1:3; Colossians 1:17)

Section 3 – Trinity

We believe God is a person, eternally existing. There is one true God existing in the unity of the Godhead. There are three eternal and coequal persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are the same substance but distinct in subsistence. There is one Godhead made up of three persons who are the same in attributes, power, characteristics and desires. (Romans 1:7; Hebrews 1:8; Acts 5:1-3; Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 8:6)

Section 4 – Deity

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because of His character, His miracles, His influence, His power to forgive sins and set people free from Satan and because He claimed to be and died making this claim and arose victorious over death. (Mark 12:6; John 5:22, 23; Matthew 26:63, 66; John 14:9; John 1:1; Hebrews 1:8; John 20:28; Romans 9:5; I John 5:1-5)

Section 5 – Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost and was in miraculous manner born of Mary, a virgin, as no other person was ever born or can ever be born of woman. He is both the Son of God and God the Son. (Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30-35; Isaiah 7:14)

Section 6 – Substitutionary Death of Christ

Jesus took the saved sinner’s place, bore his sins, and met the penalty through His substitutionary death for all men. Jesus satisfied the law, becoming our accepted substitute. His righteousness, or His right doing, is imputed to us by faith. Therefore, we have through Him kept the law. Instead of merely covering the sins of man, the blood of Christ cleanses man from his sins. (Isaiah 53:5; Acts 20:28; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28; I Peter 3:18; Matthew 26:28)

Section 7 – Salvation by Grace through Faith

The sacrifice made by Jesus is the only basis of salvation, the only means of reconciliation, and the only ground of justification. We believe that no man cometh to God except through Jesus Christ. We hold and believe many important truths, but the most important to every individual is the personal salvation of his own soul. God's order is salvation and then works. (Acts 4:12; I Thessalonians 5:9; Hebrews 5:9; John 12:46; John 20:31; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:9, 10; Titus 3:5-8)

Section 8 – Heaven, Hell and the Lake of Fire

We believe that Heaven and Hell are real, literal, and physical places. Heaven is a place of indescribable beauty and glory, just as Hell is a place of indescribable torment and punishment. Throughout all eternity, Heaven is the final eternal dwelling place of the saved. Hell is the temporary abode of the lost, until Hell itself along with its inhabitants is cast into the Lake of Fire, the final eternal dwelling place of punishment for the lost, who will there suffer eternal torment and total separation from God. (Matthew 6:20; Luke 10:20; John 14:2; Daniel 7:10; Isaiah 33: 14; Matthew 13:42; Revelation 14:10)

Section 9 – Depravity

By nature, man is wicked and corrupt. All are under sin. Romans 3:10 proves that all are alike under sin in an unregenerate condition. (Genesis 6:5; Job 15:16; Psalm 14:3; Isaiah 1:6; Jeremiah 16:12; Matthew 23:27; Romans 1:24; II Peter 2:12)

Section 10 – Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion concerning the tongues movement of this church age. The Holy Spirit ministers to the Christian. He regenerates, baptizes (not with water), indwells, seals, and fills the believing sinner. The believer does not get more of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit more of the believer. Therefore, these ministries of the Holy Spirit happen instantaneously to the believing sinner. They all occur by faith and are not in the least dependent upon one's personal emotional feelings at the time. (I Corinthians 14:33; Titus 3:5; Romans 5:3-4; Acts 2:4; I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 1:22)

Section 11 – Separation from the World

We believe that all the saved are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices. A person, once he has accepted Christ as Saviour, is a new creation in Christ and should live a holy, consecrated life. He should separate himself from the world and all its lust in obedience to the command of God. (Romans 12:1-2; I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14-18; Colossians 2:6; I Peter 2:9; II Corinthians 5:17; II Timothy 2:19)

Section 12 – Rapture and Second Coming

The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, is coming in the air at any moment to catch up as many as receive Him as Saviour. The saved of all ages will stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ and enjoy the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. We believe in the personal, bodily, visible, premillennial Rapture of all believers. Those left behind

will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ Himself shall return to the earth, visible in body (Second Coming), to set up His kingdom of one thousand years of righteous rule. After this, the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord. (Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 19:11; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:31-34)

Section 13 – Baptism and the Lord’s Supper

We believe there are two ordinances of the local church. They are baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Scriptural baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, administered by the authority of a New Testament Church and is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a memorial ordinance of the local church members according to the individual examinations and teaching of I Corinthians 11:17-34. The unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, grape juice, are to commemorate the dying love of Christ. This is a local church ordinance. Non-church members do not participate. (Acts 8:38; Mark 1:9-10)

Section 14 – Devil or Satan

We believe in the personality of Satan; that he is the god of this world, blinding the minds of them which believe not, and the author of all the power of darkness. We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors. But, through pride and ambition, to be as the Almighty, he fell and drew after him a host of angels. Satan is the author of all false religions, the chief power of darkness – destined, however, to the judgment of an eternal justice in Hell, a place prepared for him and his angels. (Matthew 4:1-3; Revelation 20:1-3; II Corinthians 4:3,4; Revelation 20:10; I Peter 5:8; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-17)

Section 15 – Resurrection

We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He arose bodily “the third day according to the scriptures” from the tomb, ascended bodily into the heavens, and through His resurrection a sure hope of immortality and everlasting life is given to all who have been saved by His grace. He is at the right hand of God as our “Mediator, merciful and faithful High Priest, and advocate.” (John 20; Hebrews 9:24; I Corinthians 15:12- 28; Luke 24:1-7; Romans 4:25)

Section 16 – Eternal Security

We believe in the eternal security of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. A person who is born again has everlasting life, which never ends and cannot be taken away. Saved forever, God’s children are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and sealed unto the day of redemption. (John 10:27-30; I Peter 1:5; Ephesians 4:30; Romans 8:35-39; John 5:24)

Section 17 – Soul Winning and Missions

We believe that the Great Commission to evangelize the world was given to the church by our risen Lord and that this evangelization is the mission of the church. The Great Commission was given to the local church which was commanded to “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Christ commanded His church to “teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

Section 18 – Sanctification

We believe that sanctification is a personal separation from things that are unclean to things that are holy, clean, and sacred. Sanctification is a progressive work that is begun in regeneration and carried on in the hearts of the believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The sanctification of the believer will be complete at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The soul and spirit are sanctified at salvation. The body will be sanctified in glory. (I Thessalonians 4:1-10, 5:23; I Corinthians 6:11; II Peter 3:18; II Corinthians 3:18; II Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 8:5)

Section 19 – Local Church

We believe that a scriptural church is a visible assembly of baptized believers, covenanted together under New Testament law for the purpose of carrying out the Great Commission, with an unbroken history from the personal ministry of Jesus on earth to this present day. This church is a self-governed, independent body having Christ as the head, the Holy Spirit as its guide, and the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice. The only scriptural offices of the church are bishop (or Pastor) and Deacons. The two ordinances of the local church are baptism and Lord’s Supper. On all matters of membership, polity, government, discipline, or benevolence, etc., the will of the local church is final. (Mark 16:15; Ephesians 1:22,23; I Timothy 3; Titus 1; Acts 20:17-20)

Section 20 – Marriage

We believe that marriage is a physical and spiritual union between a man and a woman before God for a lifetime. Marriage is the foundation for a family and human society. All intimate contact outside of marriage is a sin. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:21-25; Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:1-12; Romans 1:24-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Hebrews 13:4)

Section 21 – Gender Identity

We believe that God created only two genders, male and female: there are no others. We believe that gender is not a matter of human choice but of birth and biological design. We believe that physical intimacy is reserved by God for those in a union of biologically-born male and female within the bounds of marriage; all other physical intimacy is sin. (Genesis 1:27, 5:2; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; Hebrews 13:4)



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