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A Word from the President

Thank you for choosing SouthWest Florida Bible Institute for you Christian education needs. SWFBI provides solid Biblical teaching. Our desire is to equip the Sunday school teacher, the home Bible study leader, the Pastor or youth leader, anyone desiring to continue their study in God’s Word and to be more effective in personal evangelism.

About SouthWest Florida Bible Institute, Inc.

SWFBI is a non-denominational Bible Institute. We are a non-profit 501c3 organization. We depend solely on the generous tax-deductible donations of Christians to keep our school tuition free. We began in 2010 and have grown by the Lord’s gracious Providence. Your support helps keep SWFBI tuition free.

Statement of Faith

SWFBI adheres to a basic Evangelical statement of faith. As our logo clearly displays... we believe the Bible is the inerrant, infallible, immutable Word of God; now and for all time. A copy of the one page “statement of faith” can be provide at your request.

Books and Materials

Although the Institute is tuition free some courses require the purchase of textbooks for those who are enrolled in the degree program. SWFBI does not provide textbooks (unless the professor has published his or her own). Therefore, students in the degree program have to purchase textbooks on their own. There are many on-line and local book stores that may have the books required.

Ordination or Denominational Ministry

Any students seeking ordination or ministry positions within a desired denomination should consult with their pastor or denominational headquarters regarding necessary requirements. Often, a specific denomination will have minimum requirements that SWFBI may or may not meet. It's best to check first. Those seeking further seminary education may want to consult with that seminary first to determine if any of SWFBI's courses are transferable.

Student Behavior

All our faculty and staff are not paid and do not collect a salary for their time teaching. For each hour in the classroom professors spend many more hours preparing the material. Respect, attention, and prayer for them is expected by all students. Know that the professors will be praying for each student and will do all they can to help the student to succeed. Students should be mindful of other students in class. Pray for each other and encourage each other in the faith.

Transferring of Credits

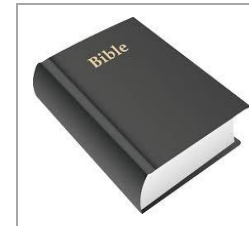
SWFBI does not make promises that the Associate degree or Bachelor's degree will be fully transferable or accepted at other Bible colleges or Seminaries. However, some courses might be accepted. This also shows that the student is a serious candidate for further Biblical studies. Also, all SWFBI courses are transferable to any school within the National Bible College Association (NBCA) of which SWFBI is a member in good standing since October, 2016.

School Calendar



Courses are divided up into two Semesters (Semester I and Semester II). The Semesters are divided up into two Quarters each (Quarters 1 and 2). Semester I Quarter 1 starts in August Semester I Quarter 2 starts in October Semester II Quarter 1 starts in January Semester II Quarter 2 starts in March Summer courses are also available as scheduled. A full-year calendar is available on the Institute website.

Bachelor and Associate Degrees



We offer a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies (BBS) and three Associate degrees: Associate in Bible (AB), Associate in Christian Ministry (ACM), Associate in Theology (ATH). There is no deadline for finishing the degree program. There is no minimum number of courses to be taken. Students can begin studies at the beginning of any Semester or Quarter. Any student completing the Associate degree can have all 20 courses transferred directly to the Bachelor's degree if they so choose to continue their studies.

Certificates



All students whether taking courses for degree or Audit will receive a Certificate for attending and/or completing the course.

Professors

All the professors at SWFBI are experts in their area of study. Many have their doctorate and most have their master's. They are from a variety of ministry backgrounds and educational experiences. The one thing that brings them all together at SWFBI is their love for the Lord and His Word, the Bible. To find out more about the professors go to the website and see their educational backgrounds.

Auditing Courses

Students auditing courses do not have to do course work or take the tests or quizzes. They do not have to do any assigned readings or other required course work. Auditors are only required to attend as many classes as possible. At the end of the course those auditing will receive a certificate based on the recommendation of the professor.

Degree Requirements

Students in the degree program are encouraged to attend all courses. All course work must be completed and turned in on time to the satisfaction of the professor. At the end of the course grades will be issued for each student. If all the requirements are met and the grade is a passing grade (60 or above) the student will be awarded 3.0 credits for that course.

Upon completing 40 courses (120 credits) in the area of study the student will be awarded, at a graduation ceremony, a diploma issued from SWFBI stating that the student has graduated with the Bachelor's degree in that particular area of study.

Upon completing 20 courses (60 credits) in the area of study the student will be awarded, at a graduation ceremony, a diploma issued from SWFBI stating that the student has graduated with an Associate degree in that particular area of study.

Accreditation

SouthWest Florida Bible Institute, Inc. offers a valuable ministry service and opportunity to the Christian seeking to advance his or her knowledge of the Bible.

We are accredited with the National Bible College Association (NBCA). NBCA is a collegial association which joins together Bible Institutes, Bible Colleges and Seminaries into a consortium that shares its credits with one another.

To learn more about NBCA go to www.n-b-c-a.com.



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