

**SOUTHWEST INSTITUTE for MESSIANIC STUDIES
and THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**



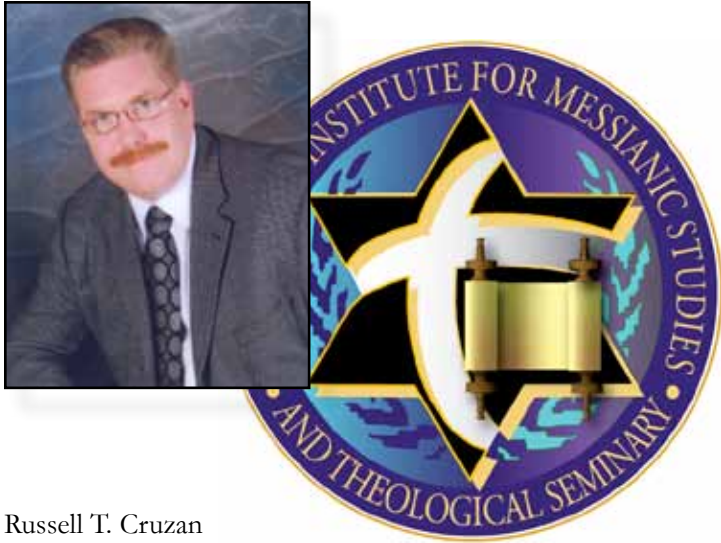
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Russell T. Cruzan
President
Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary

SHALOM and blessings prospective student! Thank you for taking time to review this catalog. As you prepare for the ministry that God has called you to and seek wisdom in the pursuit of your education to that end, I am pleased that you are considering us. May I be straightforward? I believe that our schools offer some of the best educational values anywhere – both monetarily and spiritually! The Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and the SWIMS School of Theology were established with service to you, the student, in mind. Our overarching desire is to deliver a quality education at an affordable price. Quality in that we prepare you to teach, minister, and deal Biblically and effectively with the culture at a solidly postsecondary level. Affordable in that expenses are kept to an absolute minimum so that anyone has access to this education. It is our conviction that true Biblically-based education should be accessible to every believer.

In this, we have a threefold purpose:

1. **Biblical** – knowledge of the Bible is essential for the believer. Unfortunately, we find ourselves in a time when the Body of Messiah is becoming increasingly detached from the scriptures. We believe that if this trend continues, the faith may eventually cease to exist. As such, we place supreme emphasis on studies in both the Tanakh (Old Testament) and the Brit Chadasha (New Testament).
2. **Hebraic** – we hold to the centrality of Yeshua (Jesus) and believe He should be at the heart of all that we do as believers. As the Hope of Israel and the Light of the world, He is the Jewish Messiah and the One from Whom salvation comes. As such, we seek to help the student learn of the Hebraic roots of his or her faith and to engage in studies from this perspective.
3. **Ministerial** – consistent with the admonition of Yaakov (James) that we be “doers of the word, and not hearers only . . .” we provide a venue that will allow the student to learn not just the teachings of scripture, but their practical application in ministry. Our schools, then, teach students how to do ministry as they make preparation for ministry!

Whether it’s the Institute you are considering or the Theological Seminary, it is my hope that you will be led to join us. May the blessings of Yeshua follow you as you seek God’s direction for your education as well as your ministry!

Blessings in Yeshua,

Russell T. Cruzan
President
Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary

GENERAL INFORMATION



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VISION STATEMENT

The Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary (SWIMS) exists to prepare students for service in building God's Kingdom through a threefold plan of education in the Bible, the Hebraic roots of the Judeo-Christian faith, and in practical ministry. SWIMS is dedicated to providing this well-rounded, high quality education at a price that is affordable so that more people can work with knowledge and wisdom in the "fields white unto harvest."

HISTORY OF SWIMS

The Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies (SWIMS) started out of the combined dreams of Jesse Gonzales and Russell T. Cruzan. As an Elder of Congregation Beth Simcha in San Antonio, TX, Jesse had a desire to see balanced, Biblical teaching from a Messianic perspective offered in the southwest. This vision, combined with Russell's lifelong desire to start a school that develops believers to be fervent Biblical witnesses, seeded an even greater vision that was to eventually become SWIMS. Since the very first day of class in September 2006, the school has held classes every semester. SWIMS functions as a ministry of Congregation Beth Simcha.

SWIMS started out as a non-degree-granting Bible Institute offering only certificates and non-degree diplomas. In 2007, the Texas Supreme Court made a landmark decision concerning faith-based institutions of higher learning that would allow SWIMS to offer a higher-level education leading to degrees. The SWIMS Steering Committee voted to expand SWIMS to a full degree-granting Institute. In addition, the Committee elected to create an entity for granting postgraduate degrees, and the SWIMS School of Theology was born.

In June of 2008, SWIMS held its first commencement ceremony with Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum of Ariel Ministries as the keynote speaker. That night marked a number of firsts for SWIMS – the first diploma awarded, the first Master's degrees awarded, and the first Honorary degree awarded. In addition, this commencement ceremony included a number of ancillary honors given for the first time to include the Veritas Award, the Half Award, the Fruchtenbaum Award, several faculty awards, and the Barnabas Award which was later renamed the John Ross Award in loving memory of our good friend and avid SWIMS supporter and advocate, the late John Ross. SWIMS is seeking to build itself both administratively and academically in order to produce graduates that will positively influence the culture with the gospel of Yeshua haMashiach (Jesus Christ).

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE:

1. That the Bible, composed of both the Hebrew Scriptures (Tanakh) and the New Testament (Brit Chadashah), is the infallible word of God and is the final authority for all matters of faith and practice (II Timothy 3:16). When referring to "the scriptures," we mean the Bible that contains the 39 books of the Tanakh and the 27 books of the Brit Chadashah for a total of 66 books.
2. That God is the Source of all that is in existence, that He manifests Himself as one God (Deuteronomy 6:4) eternally existent in three Persons (Isaiah 48:16-17), and that all oneness, modalistic, and tritheistic expressions of His Being are false.
3. That Jesus (Yeshua) is God Who manifested Himself in bodily form (I Timothy 3:16; John 1:1-2,14). He is the Messiah (Mashiach, Christos, "Anointed") of Israel and the Savior of the world (Luke 2:1-14; John 1:29; John 3:16-17). He is both the Son of God (ben Adonai) and the Son of Man (ben adam) according to the scriptures (Matthew 16:15-17; Luke 24:6-7). He is the "seed of woman" as God promised in Genesis 3:15. His virgin birth is a sign of His Messiahship (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7).
4. That Yeshua's revelation of Himself through His followers in the Brit Chadashah is not mythical, but is in fact the revelation of the "historic Jesus" often spoken of in academic circles. We summarily reject any and all attempts to place the miracles of Yeshua in the category of "mythical." Likewise, we also reject contemporary efforts to separate "the Jesus of history" from "the Jesus of faith" as this appears to be an effort to see Him as only a man and thereby implicitly stating that He could not have been God. We understand the Yeshua of faith and the Yeshua of history to be one and the same.
5. That Messiah "died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve...After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once" (I Corinthians 15:3-6a) and that, as such, His substitutionary death, His burial, and His resurrection are among the best events to which history attests. His resurrection was a bodily resurrection that occurred on the third day after His crucifixion. Any explanations that rationalize His resurrection as being an ethereal event, or that say the event was in any way non-corporeal, are patently false. We likewise reject any explanation of the death of Yeshua on the cross that says he did not actually die and that he was not actually dead until the third day. We affirm His ascension from the Mount of Olives to go to be seated at the right hand of the Father and that, in like manner, He will one day return.

6. That all people, by nature, are born in a state of rebellion against God. This state of rebellion is called sin, and it separates every human being from God. The only means of atonement for sin is death by the shedding of blood. Yeshua's shed blood, unlike the shed blood of bulls and goats, provided this atonement "once for all" (Hebrews 9:11-14). A person is saved from sin, by God's grace, upon the sinner placing his or her faith in the finished work of Yeshua. Yeshua is the only way of salvation, and faith in Him alone is absolutely essential for personal salvation. We reject the notion that a person may simply believe in the concept of the Messiah while rejecting Yeshua and be saved just the same. We appreciate and encourage the doing of good deeds, but they are wholly inadequate to save Jews and Gentiles from their sins.

7. That the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) was sent by both the Father and Yeshua to fulfill His present ministry as, among other roles, Comforter, Counselor, Convicter of sin, Immerser into the body, and the One Who bears witness of Yeshua.

8. That the Gospel of Yeshua is for both Jews and Gentiles and that believers from both groups together make up one Body of Messiah. All forms of replacement theology and dual covenant theology are false. Gentiles do not and cannot become Jews as a result of finding salvation in Yeshua but remain saved Gentiles. Likewise, Jews do not and cannot become Gentiles as a result of finding salvation in Yeshua but remain saved Jews. Since it is God alone who controls which persons will be born as physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, it is not within the power of any person or persons, irrespective of title, to successfully declare any Jewish believer in Yeshua as no longer Jewish simply because that individual chooses to believe in Yeshua. It is in Yeshua that the "middle wall of partition" has been pulled down and now Jew and Gentile are one in Him.

9. That the true Messianic believer and the true Christian are essentially and in reality one Body in Messiah and, as such, are a representation of Godly unity within diversity. We affirm that Christians in Bible-believing churches do not subscribe to a false or pagan religion but are true followers of Yeshua. People joining a Messianic Jewish congregation have not found the "real" or "authentic" expression of faith to the detriment of the churches. Rather, they have entered into a distinctly Jewish faith expression that is different from, not superior to, that expressed in most churches. Any expression of castigation toward our brothers and sisters in the churches and any expression of our own self-perceived superiority as Messianic believers is sin.

10. That the resurrection of Yeshua is the evidence that the resurrection of the true believer in Yeshua will one day come to pass. This will be a bodily resurrection that will involve the believer's original body being glorified. Likewise, unbelievers will be resurrected to experience the judgment of God and the subsequent eternal punishment in the "lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15). In the interim, upon death the believer is "absent from the body" and "present with the Lord" (II Corinthians 5:8).

11. In the partaking of the elements of Matzah (unleavened bread) and the fruit of the vine as was instructed by Yeshua at his last observance of Pesach (Passover) and that in so partaking, we not only affirm the great redemptive power of God as was evidenced in the Exodus, but we also do show forth the Lord's death until he comes again (I Corinthians 11:23-26). The elements are a symbol of the broken body and imminent return of Yeshua.

12. In tevilah in the mikveh. This is the immersion (baptism) of believers in water as is shown forth in scripture. This observance pictures the burial of the believer in the likeness of Yeshua's death and the raising of the believer in the likeness of Yeshua's resurrection (Romans 6:4).

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STEERING COMMITTEE

The SWIMS Steering Committee functions to direct the vision and policies of the Institute and Theological Seminary. The Steering Committee, led by the President of SWIMS, is composed of SWIMS faculty and administration and leadership of Congregation Beth Simcha in San Antonio, Texas.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Russell T. Cruzan	Jesse Gonzales
James H. Aldridge, III	Richard Grochowski
Gwen Cruzan	Steven Pankratz
David M. Earle	

ADVISORY BOARD

The SWIMS Advisory Board, composed of Pastors and Ministry Leaders, serves to provide counsel and advice to the SWIMS President and Steering Committee. Based on Proverbs 15:22 – plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed – the SWIMS Advisory Board plays an integral role in the planning and prayerful strategy of the Institute and Theological Seminary.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman of the Board

Jesse T. Gonzales, Jr. / Elder of Congregation Beth Simcha San Antonio, TX

Members of the Board

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Robert Gibbs, Ph.D. / Hospice Counselor San Antonio, TX
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 2009

August 2, 2009 Sunday.	Registration for Fall Semester begins.
August 23, 2009 Sunday.	Deadline to apply for entrance into the Institute or Theological Seminary for Fall 2009.
September 6, 2009 Sunday.	Fall Semester classes begin.
September 20, 2009 Sunday.	Last day for late registration and last day to add / drop classes.
September 27, 2009 Sunday.	Last day to drop a class and receive a “W.”
Sept 27 – Oct 3	Yom Kippur Holiday week – no classes.
Nov 22 – Nov 28	Thanksgiving Holiday week – no classes.
December 5, 2009 Saturday.	Last day of the semester.

WINTER 2009 - 2010

November 1, 2009 Sunday.	Registration for Winter Semester begins.
November 29, 2009 Sunday.	Deadline to apply for entrance into the Institute or Theological Seminary for Winter 2009 – 2010.
December 13, 2009 Sunday.	Winter Semester classes begin.
Dec 20 – Dec 26	Christmas Holiday week – no classes.
January 3, 2010 Sunday.	Last day for late registration and last day to add / drop classes.
January 10, 2010 Sunday.	Last day to drop a class and receive a “W.”
March 6, 2010 Saturday.	Last day of the semester.

SPRING 2010

February 7, 2010 Sunday.	Registration for Spring Semester begins.
February 28, 2010 Sunday.	Deadline to apply for entrance into the Institute or Theological Seminary for Spring 2010.
March 14, 2010 Sunday.	Spring Semester classes begin.
March 28, 2010 Sunday.	Last day for late registration and last day to add / drop classes.
Apr 4 – Apr 10	Passover Holiday week – no classes.
April 11, 2010 Sunday.	Last day to drop a class and receive a “W.”
June 5, 2010 Saturday.	Last day of the semester.

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 16, 2010	Deadline for degree candidates to apply for graduation.
June 2010	Graduation Commencement Ceremony

STATEMENTS AND DISCLAIMERS

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary makes reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Students requiring accommodation should submit their requests to the class instructor or professor prior to the beginning of the semester.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, or gender.

PROFESSIONAL DISCLAIMER

The Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary is not engaged in offering legal or financial advice or counsel of any kind. It is also not engaged in rendering any type of clinical counseling. The Institute and Theological Seminary recommend that persons with legal, financial, or clinical needs procure the services of a licensed professional. Students enrolling in the school agree to the provisions set forth in this catalog and, should a dispute arise for any reason, also agree to dispute settlement by arbitration in lieu of court proceedings.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

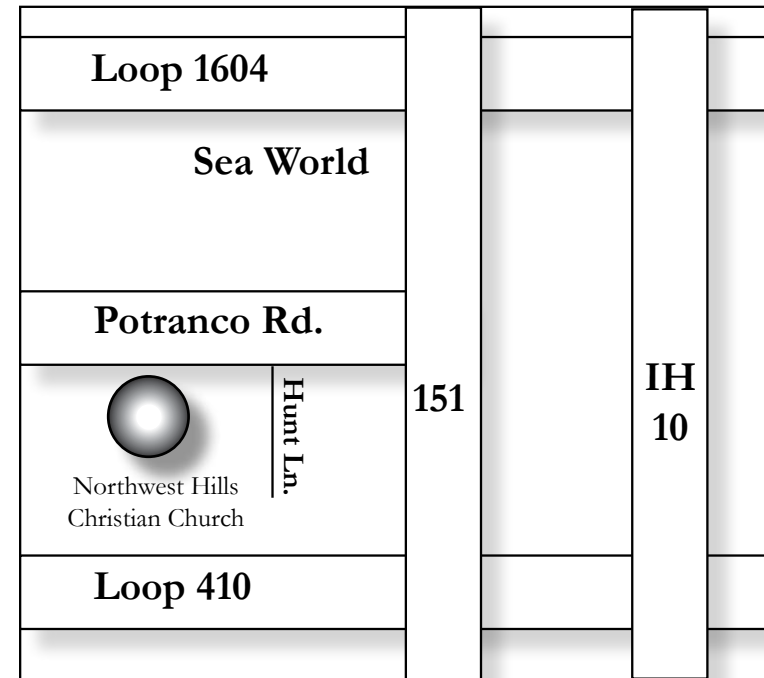
The Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary (SWIMS) is an educational ministry of Congregation Beth Simcha in San Antonio, Texas – a 501(c)3 non-profit Texas corporation – and exists for faith-based educational purposes only. It is not licensed by the State of Texas nor is it accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Institute and Theological Seminary offer Bachelor’s and Master’s ministerial degrees for the purposes of recognizing education and training in the Bible, the Hebraic roots of the Judeo-Christian faith, and in practical ministry.

SWIMS is actively pursuing accreditation with an accreditation body that corresponds to the school’s vision and statement of faith for the purposes of affording its students the best possible opportunities in continuing their faith-based education and engaging in practical ministry.

Main Campus

Northwest Hills Christian Church
9560 Potranco Road
San Antonio, Texas 78251



Satellite Campuses

Ariel Ministries
11926 Radium St.
San Antonio, Texas 78216

Oasis Mission
10202 Desert Sands St. Apt K13
San Antonio, Texas

Abounding Hope Church
1250 S. Trinity Street
San Antonio, TX 78207



ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

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UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Students planning to seek a diploma or an undergraduate degree at the Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies (SWIMS) must meet the requirements for Undergraduate Admissions. All material submitted to meet admission requirements becomes the property of the Institute and Theological Seminary.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Application for Student Admission

Complete and submit the SWIMS application form. Prospective students may print the form from the SWIMS website (www.swimsschools.org), complete the form, and mail the completed form to PO Box 690115, San Antonio, TX 78269. Alternatively, the prospective student may complete and submit an application form online at www.swimsschools.org.

Undergraduate Application Fee \$30 (non-refundable)

A one-time application fee is required from every prospective student seeking a diploma, degree or audit of course material. Mail your application fee, made out to Congregation Beth Simcha, to the address listed above or submit your application fee online through Paypal's secure service using the link provided on the SWIMS website.

Transcripts

Prospective students must submit an official high school transcript showing graduation or documentation of a completed GED. If the prospective student is transferring from another college or university, a college transcript from each institution attended is required to be submitted in lieu of a high school transcript or GED (see Acceptable Documents).

Exceptional students or students with extraordinary circumstances may make an appeal for Administrative Approval to forego the requirements for transcripts (see Administrative Approval).

Testimony

A written testimony of the prospective student's conversion, profession of faith, and agreement with the school's Statement of Faith must be submitted with the Application for Student Admission. The testimony should be typed, double-spaced, no less than a full page, and no more than two pages. The prospective student may compose his or her testimony and submit it to the address listed above or through the online application process.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Students planning to seek a graduate degree at the SWIMS School of Theology must meet the requirements for Graduate Admissions. All material submitted to meet admission requirements becomes the property of the Institute and Theological Seminary.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Leveling Courses

Before being considered for admission into graduate studies, the prospective student must have completed all required leveling courses prior to submitting an application (see List of Leveling Courses). The completion of these courses must be reflected in the prospective student's transcripts (see Transcripts).

Application for Student Admission

Complete and submit the SWIMS School of Theology application form. Prospective students may print the form from the SWIMS website (www.swimsschools.org), complete the form, and mail the completed form to PO Box 690115, San Antonio, TX 78269. Alternatively, the prospective student may complete and submit an application form online at www.swimsschools.org.

Graduate Application Fee \$30 (non-refundable)

A one-time application fee is required from every prospective student seeking a graduate degree or audit of course material. Mail your application fee, made out to Congregation Beth Simcha, to the address listed above or submit your application fee on-line through Paypal's secure service using the link provided on the SWIMS website.

Transcripts

Prospective students must submit an official college transcript showing graduation from an institution with a four-year degree (e.g. Bachelor of Science). The student must be in good standing and have a minimum 2.5 GPA (see Acceptable Documents). Exceptional students or students with extraordinary circumstances may make an appeal for Administrative Approval to forego the requirements for transcripts (see Administrative Approval).

Testimony

A written testimony of the prospective student's conversion, profession of faith, and agreement with the school's Statement of Faith must be submitted with the Application for Student Admission. The testimony should be typed, double-spaced, no less than a full page, and no more than two pages. The prospective student may compose his or her testimony and submit it to the address listed above or through the online application process. If the prospective student has previously submitted a testimony for Undergraduate admissions, another written testimony is not required.

List of Leveling Courses

The following courses are required as prerequisites prior to taking Graduate level courses through the SWIMS School of Theology.

BIST 1301 Bible Survey 1

BIST 1302 Bible Survey 2

APPLICATION DEADLINES

To ensure consideration for admission to the Institute and School of Theology, fees and other supporting materials must be submitted to the Registrar by:

August 23, 2009 for the Fall 2009 semester

November 29, 2009 for the Winter 2009 – 2010 semester

February 28, 2010 for the Fall 2010 semester

Applications received after these dates will be processed subject to available space. Application material and information may be obtained directly from:

Registrar
PO Box 690115
San Antonio, TX 78269

or from registrar@swimsschools.org

ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

The following is a description of those admission documents listed in other sections that are defined as acceptable to meet admission requirements. All material submitted to the Institute and Theological Seminary become the property of the Institute and Theological Seminary.

Application for Admission

The SWIMS Application for Student Admissions form which must be completed in its entirety, signed, and dated.

High School Transcript

A high school transcript is official if mailed directly from the high school or if submitted to the Registrar in a sealed envelope. A seal, stamp, or signature affixed by the high school must be on the back flap of the envelope. Final transcripts should include the graduation date. Transcripts should also include class rank, standardized test scores, and the school seal.

College Transcript

A college transcript is official if mailed directly from the issuing institution or if hand-carried to the Registrar in a sealed institution envelope. The transcript must bear the college seal, date, and appropriate signature. If hand-carried, a school seal, stamp, or signature affixed by the College must be on the back flap of the envelope.

General Education Development Test (GED)

Documentation of completion must be sent directly from the testing center with an official seal or signature or brought to the Registrar in a sealed envelope with a seal or signature affixed by the testing center on the back flap.

AUDITING COURSES

Students who apply to and are accepted into the Institute or School of Theology may audit courses at a reduced rate. Audited courses may not be converted into credit without exception. In addition, a student auditing a Graduate level course must have completed all required leveling courses for credit prior to auditing.

When available space in a class is limited, students taking courses for credit will have priority over students auditing the class.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

Transient students, international students, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, persons with prolonged experience in ministry, persons who have no access to scholastic records, and persons under other extraordinary circumstances may appeal for Administrative Approval to waive transcript requirements. The prospective student's appeal will be reviewed by the Academic Dean and other faculty as required in a timely manner, and the prospective student will be notified of the results of the review thereafter.

Prospective students appealing for Administrative Approval should send an email to appeals@swimsschools.org with "Admin Approval Request" in the subject line.

The appeal should provide a brief description of the circumstances and reasons why the prospective student should be considered for Administrative Approval. In addition, the prospective student should provide their name, semester and year for which the student is applying, return address, and phone number.

One's service to country or ministry does not constitute automatic grounds for a waiver. The decision of the appeal review is final.

PAYING TUITION AND FEES

Payment for tuition and fees may be performed using the following methods:

Paypal

A credit card or bank transfer may be used to pay tuition and fees on www.swimsschools.org through Paypal (a Paypal account is not required). The transaction will generate a receipt for which the prospective student is responsible for keeping a copy.

Check or Money Order

A check or money order payable to Congregation Beth Simcha may be used as payment. Include on personal checks name, address, and phone number. The canceled check serves as the transaction receipt.

Cash

Cash should not be sent through the mail. If paying by cash, payment must be made directly to the Office of the Registrar. A receipt will be provided.



GRADES

Grades will be measured for each class according to the following table:

Numeric Grade	Letter Grade	Grade Points Earned
90 – 100	A	4
80 – 89	B	3
70 – 79	C	2
60 – 69	D	1
0 – 59	F	0

Additionally, the following codes may be assessed in place of a letter grade:

W	Withdrew (within the first three weeks of the semester)
I	Incomplete

The Incomplete code is designated for students with extenuating circumstances subject to recommendation of the Instructor / Professor and the written approval of the Academic Dean.

ACADEMIC STANDING AND HONORS

Undergraduate candidates must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher to be in good academic standing with the Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary (SWIMS). Graduate candidates must maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher to be in good academic standing with SWIMS.

Students whose GPAs fall below their applicable thresholds for maintaining good academic standing will be placed on academic probation. Students placed on academic probation will have two semesters to bring their GPAs up to the minimum for good academic standing. Students who are on academic probation will be required to receive academic counseling. A student who does not bring their GPA up to the minimum for good academic standing during their probationary period will be subject to dismissal from the Institute and Theological Seminary.

Academic excellence is recognized by SWIMS each semester. Students taking at least six semester hours may qualify for the Dean’s List or the President’s List:

Dean’s List	with a semester GPA of 3.5 to 3.8
President’s List	with a semester GPA of 3.81 to 4.0

Graduates are honored for academic excellence based on their cumulative GPA upon graduation:

Cum Laude	minimum GPA of 3.5
Magna Cum Laude	minimum GPA of 3.7
Summa Cum Laude	minimum GPA of 3.9

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All Southwest Institute for Messianic Studies and Theological Seminary (SWIMS) students are expected and required to uphold the highest levels of academic integrity in the performance of course work. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism and all forms of cheating and is subject to penalty.

Penalties for academic dishonesty will be administered by the faculty teaching the course and may include lowered grades for the assignment or course, additional work requirements as restitution, and reworking of assignments. The severity of offense will be gauged at the discretion of the faculty member, and severe cases of academic dishonesty may result in dismissal from SWIMS.

All instances of academic dishonesty, along with the penalties assessed, will be kept on file in the student’s record.

DIPLOMA AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Diploma in Biblical Studies

Associate of Biblical Studies

Bachelor of Biblical Studies



DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

BIST 1301	Bible Survey 1
BIST 1302	Bible Survey 2
BIST 1305	Bible Doctrine
BIST 1310	The Torah
BIST 2320	The Gospels
BIST 2330	Acts and the Early Community
BIST 3360	Bible Study Tools and Methods

In addition to the core courses, students must complete 12 hours of elective courses from the following categories:

6 hours of BIST electives; 3 hours of HEST electives; 3 hours of MNST electives

ASSOCIATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

BIST 1301	Bible Survey 1
BIST 1302	Bible Survey 2
BIST 1305	Bible Doctrine
BIST 1310	The Torah
BIST 2320	The Gospels
BIST 2325	Life of Messiah
BIST 2330	Acts and the Early Community
BIST 3301	Second Temple Period
BIST 3360	Bible Study Tools and Methods
BIST 4301	Logic and the Bible
BIST 4302	General Apologetics
BIST 4310	Problem Texts of the Bible
GNST 1301	Research Writing with Turabian
MNST 1301	Personal Evangelism

In addition to the core courses, students must complete 21 hours of elective courses from the following categories:

9 hours of BIST electives; 6 hours of HEST electives; 6 hours of MNST electives

BACHELOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

BIST 1301	Bible Survey 1
BIST 1302	Bible Survey 2
BIST 1305	Bible Doctrine
BIST 1310	The Torah
BIST 1320	Judges and Kings
BIST 1330	Wisdom and the Historical Literature
BIST 2310	Prophets 1
BIST 2311	Prophets 2
BIST 2320	The Gospels
OR	
BIST 2325	Life of Messiah
BIST 2330	Acts and the Early Community
BIST 2340	Letters of Paul 1
BIST 2341	Letters of Paul 2
BIST 2360	General Epistles and Revelation
BIST 2380	Biblical Geography
BIST 3301	Second Temple Period
BIST 3360	Bible Study Tools and Methods
BIST 3481	Biblical Greek 1
BIST 3491	Biblical Hebrew 1
BIST 4301	Logic and the Bible
BIST 4302	General Apologetics
BIST 4310	Problem Texts of the Bible
BIST 4320	Messianic Apologetics: General and Historical Issues
BIST 4321	Messianic Apologetics: Theological Issues
BIST 4322	Messianic Apologetics: Messianic Prophecy Issues
BIST 4323	Messianic Apologetics: New Testament Issues
BIST 4330	Messianic Polemics
GNST 1301	Research Writing with Turabian
GNST 2310	Personal Finances and Budgeting
MNST 1301	Personal Evangelism
MNST 1380	Public Speaking
OR	
MNST 1381	Preparation and Delivery of Sermons
MNST 4301	Witnessing to the World Religions
MNST 4350	Discipleship
HEST 3310	Feast Days and Holidays
OR	
HEST 3320	Jewish Rituals and Symbols
HEST 4320	Torah Observance: History and Issues

In addition, the student will select one class from the following Elective Group:

MNST 2310	Children's Ministries
MNST 2311	Youth Ministries
MNST 2312	Men's Ministries
MNST 2313	Women's Ministries
MNST 2314	Senior's Ministries

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GRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Master of Biblical Studies

Master of Messianic Studies

Master of Ministry Studies

Master of Theology and Apologetics

MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

BIST 5310	The Torah
BIST 5320	Judges and Kings
BIST 5321	Wisdom and the Historical Literature
BIST 5322	Prophets 1
BIST 5323	Prophets 2
BIST 5350	The Gospels
OR	
BIST 5351	Life of Messiah
BIST 5355	Acts and the Early Community
BIST 5360	Letters of Paul 1
BIST 5361	Letters of Paul 2
BIST 5370	General Epistles and Revelation
BIST 6305	Second Temple Period
BIST 6330	Bible Study Tools and Methods

MASTER OF MESSIANIC STUDIES

BIST 5310	The Torah
BIST 6305	Second Temple Period
BIST 6325	Israelology
BIST 6370	Messianic Polemics
HEST 5301	Messianic Judaism
HEST 5320	History of the Church and Messianic Community
HEST 6310	Feast Days and Holidays
OR	
HEST 6315	Jewish Rituals and Symbols
HEST 6325	Torah Observance: History and Issues
MNST 5305	Witnessing to Jewish People

Additionally, the student must complete two of the following courses:

BIST 6360	Messianic Apologetics: General and Historical Issues
BIST 6361	Messianic Apologetics: Theological Issues
BIST 6362	Messianic Apologetics: Messianic Prophecy Issues
BIST 6363	Messianic Apologetics: New Testament Issues

In addition, students must complete 3 hours of elective courses from BIST, HEST, MNST, or GNST.

MASTER OF MINISTRY STUDIES

HEST 5320	History of the Church and Messianic Community
MNST 5301	Personal Evangelism
MNST 5302	World Evangelism
MNST 5305	Witnessing to Jewish People
MNST 6310	Congregational Finances
OR	
GNST 5310	Personal Finances and Budgeting
MNST 6320	Congregational Administration
MNST 6350	Witnessing to the World Religions
OR	
MNST 6351	Witnessing to the Sects and Cults
MNST 6380	Discipleship

In addition, the student will select one class from each of the following Elective Groups

ELECTIVE A

MNST 5310	Public Speaking
MNST 5311	Preparation and Delivery of Sermons

ELECTIVE B

MNST 5330	Children's Ministries
MNST 5331	Youth Ministries
MNST 5332	Men's Ministries
MNST 5333	Women's Ministries
MNST 5334	Senior's Ministries
MNST 6390	Ministry Internship / Practicum

ELECTIVE C

MNST 6340	Pastoring: Leading God's Congregation
MNST 6345	The Deaconate (Shammashim)

ELECTIVE D

MNST 5340	Home Ministry (Chavurah Groups)
MNST 5341	Media Ministry (Audio and Video)
MNST 5342	Drama Ministry
MNST 5343	Praise, Worship, and Music Ministry
HEST 5360	Hebraic Dance
MNST 6390	Ministry Internship / Practicum

MASTER OF THEOLOGY AND APOLOGETICS

BIST 5305	Theology 1
BIST 5306	Theology 2
BIST 6325	Israelology
BIST 6355	General Apologetics
BIST 6356	Problem Texts of the Bible
BIST 6360	Messianic Apologetics: General and Historical Issues
BIST 6361	Messianic Apologetics: Theological Issues
BIST 6362	Messianic Apologetics: Messianic Prophecy Issues
BIST 6363	Messianic Apologetics: New Testament Issues
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ELECTIVE A

MNST 5301	Personal Evangelism
MNST 6350	Witnessing to the World Religions
MNST 6351	Witnessing to the Sects and Cults

ELECTIVE B

MNST 5310	Public Speaking
MNST 5311	Preparation and Delivery of Sermons

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Undergraduate Courses

Biblical Studies

Hebraic Studies

Ministry Studies

Graduate Courses

Biblical Studies

Hebraic Studies

Ministry Studies

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Biblical Studies (BIST)

1301 Bible Survey 1

Overview of the Tanakh (the Hebrew Scriptures) as it relates to Israelite history.

1302 Bible Survey 2

Overview of the Brit Chadashah (New Testament) as it relates to the life of Messiah and the early days of the Body of Messiah.

1305 Bible Doctrine

A thorough study of the essential teachings of the Bible.

1310 The Torah

An in-depth study of the five books of Moses to include an emphasis on Christian and Jewish perspectives. Emphasizes the concept of God's instructions.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1301

1320 Judges and Kings

An in-depth study of the books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1301

1330 Wisdom and the Historical Literature

An in-depth study of the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs (Solomon), Ruth, Esther, Ezra, and Nehemiah.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1301

2310 Prophets 1

An in-depth study of the books of the Prophets of Israel and Judah. This course covers the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1301

2311 Prophets 2

A companion course to BIST 2310, this course is an in-depth study of the books of the 12 Prophets Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1301

2320 The Gospels

An in-depth study of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Topics covered include authorship, the synoptic problem, the idea of Q as an alternate source, the Pesach time sequence problem, and others.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1302

2325 Life of Messiah

A supplement to the course on The Gospels, this study gives special emphasis to the person and work of the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1302

2330 Acts and the Early Community

A thorough study of the book of Acts with special emphasis given to the lives of the Apostles and to the building and practices of the early believing community.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1302

2340 Letters of Paul 1

An in-depth study of the books of Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1302

2341 Letters of Paul 2

An in-depth study of the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1302

2360 General Epistles and Revelation

An in-depth study of the books of Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Revelation.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 1302

2380 Biblical Geography

A complete study of the peoples and places of Israel and other places of Biblical importance such as Egypt, Persia, Babylon, and Rome.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of BIST 1301 and BIST 1302

3301 Second Temple Period

A study of the time period from the destruction of Solomon's Temple to the destruction of Herod's renovated Temple in 70CE. Includes a visit into various books of the Bible as well as the apocryphal books of 1 and 2 Maccabees.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of BIST 1301 and BIST 1302

3310 Biblical Prophecy

A study of the prophetic texts of the Bible. Includes prophecies that have had past fulfillment and prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of BIST 1305

3320 Messianic Christology

A detailed theological study of the person and work of the Messiah as found in both the Tanakh (the Hebrew Scriptures) and the Brit Chadasha (New Testament).

Prerequisites: Successful completion of BIST 1301, BIST 1302, and BIST 1305

3330 Israelology

A detailed study on Israel's place in God's economy in an effort to bring balance to biblical and theological study.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of BIST 1301, BIST 1302, and BIST 1305

3360 Bible Study Tools and Methods

A course covering the relevant tools available to enhance study of the scriptures and the proper usage of those tools.

3480 Basics of Biblical Greek

An introduction to Biblical Greek designed to bridge the gap between Bible study tools and a working knowledge of the language.

3481 Biblical Greek 1

This course is designed to help the student achieve a working knowledge of Koine Greek to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible. Covers the basics of Greek grammar.

3482 Biblical Greek 2

This course is designed to help the student achieve a working knowledge of Koine Greek to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible. Covers advanced Greek grammar and the basics of translation.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of BIST 3481

3483 Biblical Greek 3

A continuation of Koine Greek study to help prepare the student for intermediate levels of translation and interpretation.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of BIST 3482

3484 Biblical Greek 4

A continuation of Koine Greek study to help prepare the student for intermediate levels of translation and interpretation.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of BIST 3483

3490 Basics of Biblical Hebrew

An introduction to Biblical Hebrew designed to bridge the gap between Bible study tools and a working knowledge of the language.

3491 Biblical Hebrew 1

This course is designed to help the student understand the basics of Biblical Hebrew to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible. Covers the basics of Hebrew grammar.

3492 Biblical Hebrew 2

This course is designed to help the student understand the basics of Biblical Hebrew to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible. Covers advanced Hebrew grammar and the basics of translation.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of BIST 3491

3493 Biblical Hebrew 3

A continuation of Hebrew study to help prepare the student for intermediate levels of translation and interpretation.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of BIST 3492

3494 Biblical Hebrew 4

A continuation of Hebrew study to help prepare the student for intermediate levels of translation and interpretation.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of BIST 3493

4301 Logic and the Bible

A course covering the principles of formal and informal reasoning as they apply to Biblical interpretation.

4302 General Apologetics

This course is designed to equip the student to effectively answer objections to Biblical faith with a focus on answering the arguments of skeptics, critics, agnostics, and atheists.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 4301

4310 Problem Texts of the Bible

A relevant and faith-building study of the apparent contradictions and inconsistencies of the Bible. Shows how all but a very few are easily resolved, that there really are reasonable answers to the remaining few, and that the so-called contradictions really are not.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 4302

4320 Messianic Apologetics: Topics in General and Historical Issues

This course is designed to equip the student to effectively answer the arguments of Jewish anti-missionaries in the area of general and historical issues.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 4302

4321 Messianic Apologetics: Topics in Theological Issues

This course is designed to equip the student to effectively answer the arguments of Jewish anti-missionaries in the area of theology.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 4302

4322 Messianic Apologetics: Topics in Messianic Prophecy

This course is designed to equip the student to effectively answer the arguments of Jewish anti-missionaries in the area of Messianic prophecy.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 4302

4323 Messianic Apologetics: Topics in New Testament Issues

This course is designed to equip the student to effectively answer the arguments of Jewish anti-missionaries in the area of the New Testament.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 4302

4330 Messianic Polemics

A study of the more questionable teachings found in many areas of Messianism. Includes reasons and methods for redemptively confronting these teachings in the congregation in order to maintain Biblical fidelity to Yeshua (Jesus), the Gospel, and to sound doctrine.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in HEST 1301

Hebraic Studies (HEST)**1300 Congregational Living**

A course detailing the many aspects of congregational life and what it means to belong to a Messianic Congregation.

1301 Messianic Judaism

A course covering the history of the Messianic Movement culture and the dynamics of the Messianic Movement.

2320 History of the Church and Messianic Community

A study of the period between the close of the book of Acts to modern times. The student will learn about the history of believers from various perspectives.

2360 Hebraic Dance

A course covering the history, meaning, and purposes of various forms of Hebraic dance including Davidic dance. The student will learn how to worship the Lord in the dance.

3310 Feast Days and Holidays

A course covering the Holidays and Holy Days of both the Bible and the Jewish Faith. Includes the Levitical Feasts, Purim, Hanukkah, and others.

3320 Jewish Rituals and Symbols

A course covering the various symbols, customs, and books that aid in the expression of the Jewish Faith and their meanings.

4310 The Torah Service

A course that explores the history and practice of the Torah Service in the synagogue and, ultimately, in the Messianic Congregation.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 3301

4320 Torah Observance: History and Issues

A serious study of the concept of Torah Observance including its various meanings, relevance, and how it is best applied in the life of the Messianic New Covenant believer.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 3301

Ministry Studies (MNST)

1301 Personal Evangelism

A dynamic and impactful course on the Biblical and practical aspects of witnessing and sharing one's faith.

1302 World Evangelism

The student will learn of the burden of the world and how, ultimately, the world is every believer's field unto harvest. Emphasizes ways to make an impact both at home and abroad. Covers strategies for becoming a missionary.

1305 Witnessing to Jewish People

A course that emphasizes cultivating a burden for Jewish people and ways to effectively witness to them.

1380 Public Speaking

A course designed to help the student speak comfortably in small and large group situations for ministry effectiveness.

1381 Preparation and Delivery of Sermons

Covers the theory and practice of sermonizing, teaching, and exhorting from the pulpit. Includes an overview of the parts of a sermon, how to prepare a message, and how to seek God's direction for a message.

2310 Children's Ministries

A course covering the facets of the most common and important aspects of children's ministries to include nursery ministry, children's programs through the congregation, and how to teach the Bible to children. Covers both the theory and practice of ministry to children.

2311 Youth Ministries

A thorough study of how to lead youth ministry with the objective of the salvation and spiritual growth of the young person given priority. Covers both the theory and practice of youth ministry.

2312 Men's Ministries

A course covering the various forms of ministry to men as it is best handled in a Messianic congregation. Covers both the theory and practice of men's ministry.

2313 Women's Ministries

A course covering the various forms of ministry to women as it is best handled in a Messianic congregation. Covers both the theory and practice of women's ministry.

2314 Seniors' Ministries

A course covering the various forms of ministry to seniors as it is best handled in a Messianic congregation. Covers both the theory and practice of seniors' ministry.

2320 Home Ministry (Chavurah Groups)

A course functioning as a clinic on how to do Home Ministry. Deals with its purpose, different ways to conduct Home Ministry, and what focuses Home Ministry should have.

2321 Media Ministry (Audio and Video)

A course teaching the student how to set up, operate, and manage successful sound and video systems for maximum congregational edification. Includes overviews of current technologies and highlights various resources available for the working of this ministry.

2322 Drama Ministry

A course focusing on drama for the purposes of ministry. The student will learn the importance of an excellent dramatic presentation done to "preach" a visual message. Emphasizes skits, soliloquies and monologues, duets, one-act plays, and major productions.

2323 Praise, Worship, and Music Ministry

A course on the musical, scriptural, and spiritual aspects and necessities of leading God's people in the worship of Him.

3310 Congregational Finances

An in-depth study on how to manage finances related to operating a ministry. The student will learn about non-profit status, incorporation, handling tithes and offerings, budgeting, business meetings, keeping books, tax issues, and other helpful topics relevant to congregational finances.

3320 Congregational Administration

A course covering important administrative issues related to the congregation. Topics include congregational structure, by-laws, ministries in the congregation, leadership, building issues, and others.

3325 Congregational Marketing

A course covering the various aspects of media as it relates to running a congregation. Includes the topics of print, the Internet, and public relations.

3330 Motivational Gifts

A thorough study of the Biblical doctrine of the gifting of the believer by God for the purpose of congregational service. The student will learn both their God-given gifts as well as the gifts of others with whom they serve. The student will learn how to use those gifts for the edification of the Body, service in the community, and the effective spreading of the Gospel.

3340 Pastoring: Leading God's Congregation

A must for anyone who serves or will serve as a Congregational Leader, Pastor, or Messianic Rabbi, this course focuses on the practical aspects of shepherding to include the importance of study, prayer, and visitation. This course also includes an overview on counseling members, setting a godly example, patience, accountability, and fellowship with other ministers.

3350 The Shammashim (Deaconate)

A study of the New Covenant concept of the position of Deacon with emphasis given to qualifications and types and purposes of service in and to the congregation.

4301 Witnessing to the World Religions

A course designed to equip the believer to witness to people of other major faiths. The student will develop a good working knowledge of the tenets of the major world religions in order to cultivate intelligent conversational opportunities in witnessing. This course will also build the student's faith in the truth of the Bible and the claims of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

Prerequisite: Successful completion of MNST 1301

4302 Witnessing to the Sects and Cults

A course designed to equip the believer to witness to people involved in cultic and sectarian groups. The student will develop a good working knowledge of the theology of the major sects and cults in order to cultivate intelligent conversational opportunities in witnessing. This course will also build the students' faith in the truth of the Bible and the claims of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

Prerequisite: Successful completion of MNST 1301

4350 Discipleship

A course emphasizing the importance of moving beyond the salvation experience to growth in Messiah. Covers accountability, mentoring, and learning to teach the disciple as Yeshua (Jesus) taught his disciples. In addition, this course covers the importance of learning to be a disciple.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of MNST 1301

4390 Ministry Internship / Practicum 1

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, the Ministry Internship / Practicum affords the student an opportunity for course credit through practical involvement in ministries. A maximum of 6 hours can apply toward a Bachelor's Degree.

Prerequisite: Approval of the SWIMS Administration

4391 Ministry Internship / Practicum 2

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, the Ministry Internship / Practicum affords the student an opportunity for course credit through practical involvement in ministries. A maximum of 6 hours can apply toward a Bachelor's Degree.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of MNST 4390 and approval of the SWIMS Administration

General Studies (GNST)

1301 Research Writing with Turabian

A course designed to train the student in the Turabian style of research writing.

2310 Personal Finances and Budgeting

A course designed to emphasize the Biblical concepts of budgeting, saving, investing and stewardship.

4380 Special Studies

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, this course affords the student an opportunity for specialized study in subjects not covered through normal course offerings. Students may submit their request and plan of study in writing to the Academic Dean for review. When topics vary, Special Studies may be repeated for credit up to a maximum of 6 hours toward a Diploma, an Associate's Degree, or a Bachelor's Degree.

Prerequisite: Approval of the SWIMS Administration

4191 Undergraduate Seminar 1

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, the Undergraduate Seminar affords the student an opportunity for course credit through attendance of seminars. A maximum of 3 hours can apply toward a Diploma, an Associate's Degree, or a Bachelor's Degree.

Prerequisite: Approval of the SWIMS Administration

4192 Undergraduate Seminar 2

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, the Undergraduate Seminar affords the student an opportunity for course credit through attendance of seminars. A maximum of 3 hours can apply toward a Diploma, an Associate's Degree, or a Bachelor's Degree.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in GNST 4191 and approval of the SWIMS Administration

4193 Undergraduate Seminar 3

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, the Undergraduate Seminar affords the student an opportunity for course credit through attendance of seminars. A maximum of 3 hours can apply toward a Diploma, an Associate's Degree, or a Bachelor's Degree.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in GNST 4192 and approval of the SWIMS Administration

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Biblical Studies (BIST)

5305 Theology 1

An intellectual expedition into the deeper teachings of the Bible to include studies in Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, Trinitology, and other topics.

5306 Theology 2

A continuation of the study of Theology to include studies in Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, and other topics.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in BIST 5305

5310 The Torah

An in-depth study of the five books of Moses to include an emphasis on Christian and Jewish perspectives. Emphasizes the concept of God's instructions.

5320 Judges and Kings

An in-depth study of the books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles.

5321 Wisdom and the Historical Literature

An in-depth study of the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs (Solomon), Ruth, Esther, Ezra, and Nehemiah.

5322 Prophets 1

An in-depth study of the books of the Prophets of Israel and Judah. This course covers the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

5323 Prophets 2

An in-depth study of the books of the 12 Prophets Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

5350 The Gospels

An in-depth study of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Topics covered include authorship, the synoptic problem, the idea of Q as an alternate source, the Pesach time sequence problem, and others.

5351 Life of Messiah

A supplement to the course on The Gospels, this study gives special emphasis to the person and work of the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

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A thorough study of the book of Acts with special emphasis given to the lives of the Apostles and to the building and practices of the early believing community.

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An in-depth study of the books of Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians.

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An in-depth study of the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

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A relevant and faith-building study of the apparent contradictions and inconsistencies of the Bible. Shows how all but a very few are easily resolved, that there really are reasonable answers to the remaining few, and that the so-called contradictions really are not.

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6361 Messianic Apologetics: Topics in Theological Issues

This course is designed to equip the student to effectively answer the arguments of Jewish anti-missionaries in the area of theology.

6362 Messianic Apologetics: Topics in Messianic Prophecy

This course is designed to equip the student to effectively answer the arguments of Jewish anti-missionaries in the area of Messianic prophecy.

6363 Messianic Apologetics: Topics in New Testament Issues

This course is designed to equip the student to effectively answer the arguments of Jewish anti-missionaries in the area of the New Testament.

6370 Messianic Polemics

A study of the more questionable teachings found in many areas of Messianism. Includes reasons and methods for redemptively confronting these teachings in the congregation in order to maintain Biblical fidelity to Yeshua (Jesus), the Gospel, and to sound doctrine.

Hebraic Studies (HEST)

5300 Congregational Living

A course detailing the many aspects of congregational life and what it means to belong to a Messianic Congregation.

5301 Messianic Judaism

A course covering the history of the Messianic Movement culture and the dynamics of the Messianic Movement.

5320 History of the Church and Messianic Community

A study of the period between the close of the book of Acts to modern times. The student will learn about the history of believers from various perspectives.

5360 Hebraic Dance

A course covering the history, meaning, and purposes of various forms of Hebraic dance including Davidic dance. The student will learn how to worship the Lord in the dance.

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A course covering the Holidays and Holy Days of both the Bible and the Jewish Faith. Includes the Levitical Feasts, Purim, Hanukkah, and others.

6315 Jewish Rituals and Symbols

A course covering the various symbols, customs, and books that aid in the expression of the Jewish Faith and their meanings.

6320 The Torah Service

A course that explores the history and practice of the Torah Service in the synagogue and, ultimately, in the Messianic Congregation.

6325 Torah Observance: History and Issues

A serious study of the concept of Torah Observance including its various meanings, relevance, and how it is best applied in the life of the Messianic New Covenant believer.

Ministry Studies (MNST)

5301 Personal Evangelism

A dynamic and impactful course on the Biblical and practical aspects of witnessing and sharing one's faith.

5302 World Evangelism

The student will learn of the burden of the world and how, ultimately, the world is every believer's field unto harvest. Emphasizes ways to make an impact both at home and abroad. Covers strategies for becoming a missionary.

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Covers the theory and practice of sermonizing, teaching, and exhorting from the pulpit. Includes an overview of the parts of a sermon, how to prepare a message, and how to seek God's direction for a message.

5330 Children's Ministries

A course covering the facets of the most common and important aspects of children's ministries to include nursery ministry, children's programs through the congregation, and how to teach the Bible to children. Covers both the theory and practice of ministry to children.

5331 Youth Ministries

A thorough study of how to lead youth ministry with the objective of the salvation and spiritual growth of the young person given priority. Covers both the theory and practice of youth ministry.

5332 Men's Ministries

A course covering the various forms of ministry to men as it is best handled in a Messianic congregation. Covers both the theory and practice of men's ministry.

5333 Women's Ministries

A course covering the various forms of ministry to women as it is best handled in a Messianic congregation. Covers both the theory and practice of women's ministry.

5334 Seniors' Ministries

A course covering the various forms of ministry to seniors as it is best handled in a Messianic congregation. Covers both the theory and practice of seniors' ministry.

5340 Home Ministry (Chavurah Groups)

A course functioning as a clinic on how to do Home Ministry. Deals with its purpose, different ways to conduct Home Ministry, and what focuses Home Ministry should have.

5341 Media Ministry (Audio and Video)

A course teaching the student how to set up, operate, and manage successful sound and video systems for maximum congregational edification. Includes overviews of current technologies and highlights various resources available for the working of this ministry.

5342 Drama Ministry

A course focusing on drama for the purposes of ministry. The student will learn the importance of an excellent dramatic presentation done to "preach" a visual message. Emphasizes skits, soliloquies and monologues, duets, one-act plays, and major productions.

5343 Praise, Worship, and Music Ministry

A course on the musical, scriptural, and spiritual aspects and necessities of leading God's people in the worship of Him.

6310 Congregational Finances

An in-depth study on how to manage finances related to operating a ministry. The student will learn about non-profit status, incorporation, handling tithes and offerings, budgeting, business meetings, keeping books, tax issues, and other helpful topics relevant to congregational finances.

6320 Congregational Administration

A course covering important administrative issues related to the congregation. Topics include congregational structure, by-laws, ministries in the congregation, leadership, building issues, and others.

6325 Congregational Marketing

A course covering the various aspects of media as it relates to running a congregation. Includes the topics of print, the Internet, and public relations.

6330 Motivational Gifts

A thorough study of the Biblical doctrine of the gifting of the believer by God for the purpose of congregational service. The student will learn both their God-given gifts as well as the gifts of others with whom they serve. The student will learn how to use those gifts for the edification of the Body, service in the community, and the effective spreading of the Gospel.

6340 Pastoring: Leading God's Congregation

A must for anyone who serves or will serve as a Congregational Leader, Pastor, or Messianic Rabbi, this course focuses on the practical aspects of shepherding to include the importance of study, prayer, and visitation. This course also includes an overview on counseling members, setting a godly example, patience, accountability, and fellowship with other ministers.

6345 The Shammashim (Deaconate)

A study of the New Covenant concept of the position of Deacon with emphasis given to qualifications and types and purposes of service in and to the congregation.

6350 Witnessing to the World Religions

A course designed to equip the believer to witness to people of other major faiths. The student will develop a good working knowledge of the tenets of the major world religions in order to cultivate intelligent conversational opportunities in witnessing. This course will also build the student's faith in the truth of the Bible and the claims of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

6351 Witnessing to the Sects and Cults

A course designed to equip the believer to witness to people involved in cultic and sectarian groups. The student will develop a good working knowledge of the theology of the major sects and cults in order to cultivate intelligent conversational opportunities in witnessing. This course will also build the students' faith in the truth of the Bible and the claims of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

6380 Discipleship

A course emphasizing the importance of moving beyond the salvation experience to growth in Messiah. Covers accountability, mentoring, and learning to teach the disciple as Yeshua (Jesus) taught his disciples. In addition, this course covers the importance of learning to be a disciple.

General Studies (GNST)

5310 Personal Finances and Budgeting

A course designed to emphasize the Biblical concepts of budgeting, saving, investing and stewardship.

5380 Special Studies

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, this course affords the student an opportunity for specialized study in subjects not covered through normal course offerings. Students may submit their request and plan of study in writing to the Academic Dean for review. When topics vary, Special Studies may be repeated for credit up to a maximum of 6 hours toward a Master's Degree.

Prerequisite: Approval of the SWIMS Administration

5191 Graduate Seminar 1

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, the Graduate Seminar affords the student an opportunity for course credit through attendance of seminars. A maximum of 3 hours can apply toward a Graduate Degree.

Prerequisite: Approval of the SWIMS Administration

5192 Graduate Seminar 2

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, the Graduate Seminar affords the student an opportunity for course credit through attendance of seminars. A maximum of 3 hours can apply toward a Graduate Degree.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in GNST 5191 and approval of the SWIMS Administration

5193 Graduate Seminar 3

Subject to approval by the SWIMS Administration, the Graduate Seminar affords the student an opportunity for course credit through attendance of seminars. A maximum of 3 hours can apply toward a Graduate Degree.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in GNST 5191 and approval of the SWIMS Administration

