



School of Christian Studies **ADVANCED** **QUICK FACT SHEET**

*This sheet is designed to give you a quick overview of the School of Christian Studies **ADVANCED** and get you up to speed about our programs and our classes.*

Why was the School of Christian Studies **ADVANCED created?**

Many graduates of the School of Christian Studies so hunger to keep learning that they take courses over and over again. In the spirit of this, the deans and advisory team of the School of Christian Studies initiated the first series of Advanced Level Courses in the Spring of 2005.

What is the School of Christian Studies **ADVANCED?**

The School of Christian Studies **ADVANCED** is an extension of the School of Christian Studies and was created to give students the opportunity to study where they feel the greatest need and interest.

Who may participate?

The School of Christian Studies **ADVANCED** is open to all persons. Anyone may take course(s) for their own general improvement. It is not necessary to be a teacher, youth worker or pastor to benefit from a course of study. Although not required, we suggest you enroll in the **ADVANCED** Level of Study after you have completed a School of Christian Studies' ministry program.

What are the programs of study in the School of Christian Studies?

The Advanced Level of Study two-year program is the only "For Credit" program currently offered.

How long does it take to complete a program of study?

Required courses for this program will be taught over a two-year period with at least four classes to be completed each year. Upon completion of eight courses, a diploma will be issued.

What types of courses are taught?

Advanced Level Courses will be developed in the following four areas: theological, Biblical, historical and practical. One class from each area will be taught during the year.

How many classes are offered each year?

At least four classes will take place each year. In addition to the four classes on the schedule each year, we may offer Advanced Level credit for attendance at West Virginia Baptist Convention "Super Events" or other events as decided upon by the School of Christian Studies' Advisory Board.

When/where are the classes held?

Two classes will be held in the spring months and two in the fall. Classes will be in a one-day format and will be held at our Parchment Valley Conference Center in Ripley, West Virginia. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. and class will begin at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is included and will be at 12:00 p.m., with one 15 minute break before lunch and one after. Class will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

Do I have to enroll in the two-year Advanced Level Program to take classes?

No. You may take classes for credit, towards a diploma, for the full cost or you may audit classes for a reduced rate. When auditing a class, it is not necessary to purchase a textbook or complete assignments.

Do I have to complete an application for admission to begin taking classes?

No. You may begin taking classes without completing an application for admission. It is suggested that you complete an application after you have taken several classes and it is required before graduation.

How much do classes cost?

"FOR CREDIT" - Each class will be \$32.00/single or \$42.00/couple, plus the cost of the textbook and the book rate shipping fee. The couple fee includes: husband and wife, boyfriend and girlfriend, father and son, father and daughter, mother and son, mother and daughter, etc.

"AUDIT" - Each class will be \$25.00/single and \$35.00/couple, plus the cost of the textbook and the book rate shipping fee, if desired.

Exact fees for the class will be published in a mailing sent out one month prior to class.

When can I begin taking classes?

At any time, as long as it is at the beginning of a class. You may not join after the class has started. It is not necessary to wait until the start of a new year to begin.

How do I find out about upcoming classes?

The best way to be informed is to contact Donna at the West Virginia Baptist Convention office and request to be put on the School of Christian Studies' mailing list. This will insure you receive all upcoming class registration mailings and any notices about the school.

Registration mailings are sent out one month before the class date. It is important to register as soon as possible as an assignment may be required at the start of class. Class information will also be available at www.wvbc.org.

How do I register/pay for class?

We now have two ways to register/pay for class! The first is to complete the registration you receive in the mail and return it in the enclosed envelope with your fee. The second is to register online. Please see the "Online Registration" link on the School of Christian Studies' homepage for more information.