

ELNORA BIBLE INSTITUTE

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STUDENT HANDBOOK & COURSE CATALOGUE

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COURSE CATALOG

SECTION 1: OVERVIEW OF EBI

Welcome to the Elnora Bible Institute family! We look forward to partnering with you during your time of spiritual growth and concentrated study at EBI.

On one occasion Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). The Elnora Bible Institute (EBI) is committed to following the path of love in every area of life as we study, worship, and live together as a campus family. We challenge those who attend to live an authentic Christian life that impacts the lives of others.

Whether you are called to pastoring, missions, church planting, homemaking, education, carpentry, business, farming, or any other career, God wants to use you to reach a lost and dying world with the transforming message of Jesus Christ. The EBI faculty and staff desire to help students build a solid Biblical foundation to the glory of God and the furtherance of His kingdom.

We strive to teach our students to remain faithful in a world that is often hostile to the truth. Students are immersed in Biblical truth and instructed in the importance of applying that truth to daily life.

EBI operates under the auspices of the Biblical Mennonite Alliance (BMA), an association of churches committed to the world-wide propagation of the inerrant Word of God in order to provide fellowship, instruction, accountability, prayer support, missions, and service opportunities to congregations of conservative Anabaptist theology and practice. A board of five BMA ministers oversee the work of the Institute.



EBI is truth-based. While the issues of relationship development are not neglected, these relationships are built on the platform of truth. Rather than dealing with issues on the basis of diplomacy and popularity, truth is the absolute standard out of which flows relational peace and comfort. The unchanging, written truth of God (the Scriptures) reveals the Living Word of God (the Lord Jesus Christ) who said, “I am the... [one and only] truth...” (John 14:6). The most important relationship of all is with and in Christ. Out of this vital relationship, all other proper relationships flow. At EBI, sin is not called by any other name, and the power of the risen Christ and His continuing ministry through the Holy Spirit are depended upon for long-term conflict resolutions. Students are not taught merely to get along, but rather to love and bless others through the enabling grace of God.

HISTORY

Biblical Mennonite Alliance Bible Institute (BMABI), now Elnora Bible Institute (EBI), began in 2000. The 2000-2003 terms were held in local churches located in South Carolina, Indiana, Virginia, and Ohio. For the first two years of its existence, BMABI offered one three-week term per year until 2002 when the Institute began offering a six-week term in place of the three-week term. In the winter of 2004, BMABI moved into the old public school building in Elnora, Indiana.

A dormitory was built during 2003, and the first term in Elnora was held in 2004. In 2005, the Institute began offering two terms. The Institute was renamed Elnora Bible Institute in the summer of 2008. In 2012, a three-week term was added. In the fall of 2013, a fifteen-week term was added to complete a full school year.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Our slogan, “Equipping Disciples to Show the Way,” is a thumbnail sketch of EBI’s purpose. The first word of the slogan, taken from Ephesians 4:12, states the primary purpose of our institution. We exist to provide tools and training for Christ-followers (disciples) so that they may point others to Jesus, who is the Way. “The Way” also reflects the path that Christ would have us follow.

The objectives of Elnora Bible Institute are fourfold:

1. To provide an opportunity for students to do systematic Bible study and to develop their faith in the inspiration and authority of the Word of God.
2. To lead students to an enthusiastic loyalty to Christ and involvement in evangelism and missions.
3. To encourage and equip individuals for humble service to God and to their fellow man in the context of their spiritual gifts and callings.
4. To help each student become an effective member of his or her local congregation and to aid in its ministry.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

EBI offers a series of seminars on various subjects ranging from pastoral training, Biblical counseling, and college preparation. These seminars give an opportunity for those outside the student body to receive training and instruction in order to better serve their local congregations. Visit www.elnorabi.org for current information on these seminars.

Biblical Counseling Seminar

The emphasis of this seminar, taught by Paul Emerson, is changing hearts and changing lives. Those who attend will be led to see the need for change in his or her own life and how that change can be accomplished by the Holy Spirit through the Scripture. In turn, the attendees will be taught how to assist others in those same kinds of changes.

Essentials for Pastoral Leadership Seminar

This one-week seminar, taught by Leon Martin and Clyde Byler, is for any leader who wants to learn methods of godly pastoring or be refreshed on the basic pastoring principles that he has already learned. Spouses are encouraged and welcomed to attend as well.

Expository Preaching Seminar

This one-week seminar, taught by Leon Martin and J. Mark Horst, was developed to equip leaders with methods of effective study and preaching. This seminar is a valuable opportunity for both seasoned and newly ordained pastors as well as Sunday school teachers.

College Student Enrichment

EBI's College Student Enrichment exists to assist Anabaptist college students in gaining a Biblical perspective. Students who are currently attending college and those who are preparing to attend college are encouraged to attend this seminar. We desire to see Anabaptist college students thrive to the glory of God and for the advancement of His Kingdom.



FACULTY

EBI instructors agree to abide by the policy and position statements adopted by the Biblical Mennonite Alliance and have been evaluated using the BMA Ministerial Questionnaire. The Biblical Mennonite Alliance subscribes to the 1963 Mennonite Confession of Faith as its minimum doctrinal statement and has adopted several other position statements.

Faculty includes:

Beery, Aaron | Elnora, IN
 Bucher, Keith | Elnora, IN
 Byler, Clyde | Mechanicsburg, OH
 Emerson, Paul | Elnora, IN
 Gehman, Nelson | Ephrata, PA
 Lapp, Crit | Elnora, IN
 Miller, Dan | Elnora, IN
 Neuschwander, Todd | Goshen, IN
 Roth, Allen | Brooklyn, NY
 Rutt, Wayne | Brooklyn, NY
 Swartzentruber, Lester | Plain City, OH
 Troyer, Marvin | Goshen, IN
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Roth, Carolyn | Brooklyn, NY
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 Yoder, Heidi | Elnora, IN

EBI Principal

Crit Lapp was born and raised in Lancaster, PA. He spent two years as a counselor at Bald Eagle Boys Camp, taught junior high for thirteen years, and served as the administrator at Weavertown School. In 2011, he was ordained as a pastor at Cornerstone Mennonite Church in Ephrata, PA. He and his wife, Shannon, have seven children and moved to Elnora in the summer of 2017. He has a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Lancaster Bible College.



Crit & Shannon Lapp

SECTION 2: CURRICULUM

EBI offers minors (30 credits) and majors (60 credits) for study at a post-high school level: Bible and Theology, Apologetics, Biblical Counseling, Missions, and Christian Ministries. Sixty credit hours are required to graduate from the Institute with a major. Students can earn credits toward graduation in areas such as Bible, theology, history, apologetics, counseling, Jewish studies, and music. A minor in the above fields of study may be obtained by completing thirty credit hours.

All first-time students will be required to attend a basic writing class. This evening class is designed to assist students in the development of technical and grammatical writing skills at a post-high school level.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Institute's study programs are designed for born-again Christians interested in a greater commitment to Christ and His service. To accomplish this objective these minimal standards for entrance are required:

1. Willingness to cooperate with the standards and requirements of EBI.
2. Satisfactory references and a minimum age of 18.
3. High school diploma, high school diploma equivalent, or readiness to study on a post-high school level.

The Institute admits students of any national or ethnic origin. All students shall have the same rights and privileges to all programs and activities of the Institute.

Admissions

Prospective students should visit www.elnorabi.org to view current class information and apply online. Applicants will need to provide a recent photo, one personal reference form, one parental reference form, a ministerial recommendation form, a high school transcript or letter stating their willingness to study at post-high school level, and an application fee.

Term Prerequisites

EBI desires that students have an enjoyable and fulfilling academic experience. To facilitate this, all new students will be sent a copy of Mark Dever's book, "What Does God Want of Us Anyway?" Students will be asked to answer questions from the book and submit their answers to the EBI secretary via email three weeks prior to their term.



Student applications can be found at
www.elnorabi.org

CREDIT HOURS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A normal academic load is 3-4 credit hours for a three-week term, 6-7 credit hours for a six-week term, and 16-17 credit hours for a fifteen-week term. Credit hours may be transferred to or from EBI, dependent on the criteria of the sending or receiving academic institution.

A major diploma will be granted upon the satisfactory completion of 60 credit hours required per the major desired. A minimum grade average of C- must be maintained in all courses required in any of the majors offered. An additional research paper of 8,000-10,000 words is required before graduation. The subject of this research paper shall be approved by the principal and one faculty member. Final credit will be granted after all assignments and requirements are met and all fees paid.

A minor diploma will be granted upon the satisfactory completion of 30 credit hours required for the minor desired. A minimum grade average of C- must be maintained in all courses required in any of the minors offered. An additional research paper of 4,000-5,000 words is required before the certificate is granted. The subject of this research paper shall be approved by the principal and one faculty member. Final credit will be granted after all assignments and requirements are met and all fees paid.

Grading Scale

Upon completion and payment of fees each term, grades are given as a percentage grade. The percentages correspond with the letter grades as follows:

99 - 100 A+	88 - 91 B	77 - 79 C-
96 - 98 A	86 - 87 B-	75 - 76 D+
94 - 95 A-	84 - 85 C+	72 - 74 D
92 - 93 B+	80 - 83 C	70 - 71 D-
		69 and below F





All students are required to hold an office on one of the committees of the student church. Pastors and deacons will be elected the first weekend of term. Once these men are chosen, the rest of the students will be elected to committees.

- **Pastors:** plan the Sunday morning services and Monday and Wednesday chapel services in collaboration with the EBI administration. Provide spiritual leadership for the student body and complete other tasks as requested by EBI administration.
- **Deacons:** assist the pastors in leading the student body and look out for needs among the students.
- **Sunday School Teachers:** teach the Sunday school classes each Sunday morning.
- **Ground Committee:** maintain the grounds surrounding EBI under the supervision and direction of the EBI maintenance staff.
- **Choristers:** assist in song leading during daily chapel services, nursing home, and on Sunday mornings.
- **Missions Committee:** organize and facilitate the EBI community nights with the purpose of building community interactions and relationships.
- **Publications Committee:** produce the yearbook and any other publications for the term.
- **Nurture Committee:** provide the student body with spiritual nourishment and encouragement. This may include things like planning birthday surprises and writing notes of encouragement.
- **Sound Committee:** help to run sound during chapels and Sunday morning services.
- **Banquet Committee:** organize the end of term banquet.
- **Activities Committee:** organize recreational activities in the evenings and on weekends. This committee is also responsible for planning the volleyball and basketball tournament weekend and other special activities.
- **Housekeeping Committee:** do weekly dorm room inspections in conjunction with the RAs and clean areas of the dorm and school.
- **Ushers Committee:** assist by greeting and seating people in chapel services and in Sunday morning services.
- **Library Committee:** assist the librarian by maintaining and organizing the books, weekly cleaning, and a thorough cleaning of part of the library.
- **Cooking Committee:** prepare the Sunday evening meals under the supervision of the head cook.

Depending on the term, the size and number of these committees may vary.

Church services will be held at the Institute with occasional visits to other area churches.

SECTION 3: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

01 BIBLE

101 Bible Survey

3 Hours

Each book of the Bible supports and amplifies the overall Christocentric theme of Scripture. This course explores that theme while looking at other elements such as, the importance of Genesis 1-11 as the foundation of all that comes afterwards, the groupings of Bible books (i.e. historical, poetical, prophetic, etc.) and includes the memorization of books of the Bible – both in Biblical and chronological order – and mastery of general Bible knowledge.

201 Genesis

3 Hours

Genesis, the book of beginnings, lays an important foundation for the rest of Scripture. It provides a dramatic account of the origins of mankind and his universe. It tells of the intrusion of sin into the world, the catastrophic effects of its curse on the race, and the beginning of God's plan to bless the nations through His seed. In this course, we will look at the literary structure of Genesis while considering these themes and others such as the beginning of the natural world, human culture, and the people of Israel.

301 Exodus

3 Hours

The Book of Exodus is about deliverance, revelation, and redemption. In this book, we witness God's faithfulness in beginning to fulfill His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by bringing out Jacob's descendants from the bondage of Egypt. In the giving of the law, God reveals His character and will for His people to Moses at Mt. Sinai. The pictures of redemption seen in the book of Exodus show God's power, holiness, and mercy and clearly point to the redemption available in Jesus Christ.

401 Leviticus

3 Hours

This study of Leviticus will take a look at the Mosaic Covenant and the sacrifices and feasts in ancient Israel. Consideration will be given to the three major parts of this covenant – moral, sacrificial, and juridical. We will see how these sacrifices and feasts are a basis for the Christian faith and how they impact our lives as believers.

1701 Psalms

3 Hours

The Psalms are rich with the inspired responses of human hearts to God's revelation of Himself. They provide instruction, inspiration, motivation and consolation for many areas of life and have been used by believers through many ages in public and private meditations. This course will consider the literary style of the Psalms as well as their content and how God speaks through them today.

1801 Proverbs and Ecclesiastes**3 Hours**

We live in an age when access to information is exploding, but does that mean we are wiser? Knowledge involves the accumulation of facts but wisdom is the ability to see people, events, and situations as God sees them. The book of Proverbs contains answers to life's complex problems. In Ecclesiastes we learn that meaning in life comes when we focus on the eternal God, not temporary pleasure, and that without God there is no logical or rational basis for morality.

2001 Isaiah**3 Hours**

The prophet Isaiah has been called “the prince of the prophets.” In this majestic Old Testament book, he emphasizes the character of God, the nature of sin, and God's plan to provide salvation through the coming of the Messiah. The timeless truths contained in this book merit thoughtful exploration.

2301 Daniel and Revelation**3 Hours**

“The book of Daniel has been called the Old Testament's counterpart to the New Testament's book of Revelation. It provides many of the core truths by which one may understand large portions of predictive prophecy found elsewhere in the Scriptures” (Wood). “The shadowy figures of Old Testament prophecy reappear in Revelation with more substantial form and more clearly defined lineament. Yet the apocalypse is no mere amplification of earlier prophecies; it is the final unveiling of God's prophetic program” (Tatford). The combining of these books will provide a telescopic view of prophecy's last word.

2401 Minor Prophets**3 Hours**

Called “The Twelve” in Hebrew Scriptures, these Old Testament books – often misunderstood and maligned – are some of the most passionate of God's cry for His children. Their message is of judgment, yet with hope of a better future. Special attention will be focused on their message for contemporary Christianity.

2501 Jonah-Habakkuk**1 Hour**

The books of Jonah, Micah, Nahum, and Habakkuk teach about the justice, grace, and mercy of God. By studying these books in their original contexts, lessons can be learned that apply to our lives today.

3001 Life of Christ**3 Hours**

As the most significant man in human history, the life of Jesus the Messiah takes on great significance for anyone, particularly for those who have already acknowledged Him as Lord. This course is designed to provide a survey of the Biblical narratives of the life of Christ with an emphasis on the geographical and historical context within which Jesus lived, taught, and served especially as given in the Gospel of Mark.

3101 Matthew**3 Hours**

The teachings of Jesus had a profound impact on the world to which he was speaking, and it is no different today. As we do a textual study through the book of Matthew, using the original text as well as commentaries and various translations, we will focus on these teachings. The aim is not simply to know what Jesus said, but to make personal, life-changing applications.

3201 Sermon on the Mount**2 Hours**

Jesus' longest recorded discourse, the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) is worthy of diligent study. Through a systematic examination of this passage, the authoritative words of Jesus can take root in your heart.

3501 Gospel of John**3 Hours**

This course will be a study of the book of John, discovering Biblical truths and the great themes of the book. We want to observe the activity of Jesus as recorded in John's Gospel. We also want to look at the unfolding plan of redemption through Christ, finding practical messages for the believer today.

3701 Book of Romans**3 Hours**

This course will only begin to probe the depths of this marvelous book. We will attempt to cover these themes: sin, the atonement, justification, union with Christ, God's plan for Israel, and Christian liberty. Some special attention will be given to the carnal human nature and the ongoing struggle with sin. This will include some practical and personal application and involvement.

3801 I & II Corinthians**3 Hours**

This first letter, written to the young church at Corinth, dealt with problems facing believers as they sought to live out their faith in an evil environment. Are their problems relevant to us today, and are the answers applicable as well? God's Word is timeless, which we will see as we explore this important New Testament book. In Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, Paul defends his apostolic authority and ministry against some who opposed him. He also speaks of church discipline, giving, repentance, and separation. This class will be an expository study of one of Paul's most passionate epistles.

3901 Galatians**2 Hours**

The churches of Galatia included Jewish background believers who struggled to understand the true nature of the Gospel. Galatians gives a solid defense for justification by faith alone in Jesus Christ. Christ has freed the believer from bondage to the Law (legalism) and bondage to sin (license). Those who are saved by faith are also called to live by faith (3:11).

4001 Ephesians**1 Hour**

Believers have a responsibility to walk according to their heavenly calling in Jesus (4:1). The Apostle Paul emphasizes the connection between sound doctrine and right practice in this book that is not written to correct error but to prevent error! This book shows us that we cannot ignore “theology” and only discuss things that are “practical.” Our practice flows out of our belief.

4101 Philippians**1 Hour**

Written from prison in Rome, the Apostle Paul conveys his love and gratitude for the believers at Philippi and exhorts them to live in unity, holiness, and joy. Christ is the model of servanthood and humility, and He is the one who transforms our lives. This epistle conveys a life filled with joy, peace, and hope in the midst of trial.

4201 Colossians**1 Hour**

The sufficiency of Christ is a major theme in the book of Colossians. He is sufficient in the believer's life for both salvation and sanctification. Christ is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. Colossians teaches us that Christianity is a way of life, a relationship, and a family – it is not merely a religion.

4301 I & II Thessalonians**1 Hour**

A unique feature of the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians is that the second coming of Jesus is mentioned in every chapter. That theme is continued in the second letter. These books provide practical instruction while also describing the confident hope that should be possessed by all Christians.

4401 I & II Timothy & Titus**3 Hours**

These books, referred to as the Pastoral Epistles, deal with how church should be done. The course will wrestle with the text of these epistles and make present day applications from an Anabaptist perspective. Local church organization and ministry will be discussed at length.

4601 Hebrews**3 Hours**

This class will focus on the superior life and ministry of Christ and His priesthood as we study how Christ fulfills redemptive prophecy. We will be looking at the five parenthetical warnings and issues of faith in this book.

4701 James**1 Hour**

We will refer to the practical book of James with its explanation of the connection between faith and works, together with its call for holy living.

4801 I & II Peter**3 Hours**

In I & II Peter we will notice Scriptures dealing with our great salvation, as well as our hope for the new heavens and new earth!

The Apostle John wrote his epistles to combat false teaching and to assure believers of their salvation. In this course, we will systematically study the text in order to equip us to discern the false doctrines of our day and personally examine our lives for the fruit of a true believer. The goal is to allow God's truth to sanctify our lives.

02 PRACTICAL

202 Stewardship and Biblical Disciplines

3 Hours

One of the purposes of this class is to establish a Biblical understanding of Christian stewardship and find practical ways to apply it. Emphasis will be on ownership, varying views of finances and possessions, tithing and giving beyond the tithe, debt, family budgeting, brotherhood, etc. This course will also examine the role that traditional Christian disciplines play in the transformation of heart and renewal of mind.

302 Marriage and Family

3 Hours

This course is a study of principles relating to marriage and family. There will be practical help to prepare young people for courtship, marriage, and parenting from a Christian perspective. Our goal is pointing to principles that make for strong marriages that will impact our churches, our communities and the world.



402 Peace and the Simple Life

3 Hours

In this course we will examine the Biblical basis for peace and nonresistance. We will examine the historical evidence for this position and discuss how to apply this principle in times of war and peace. We will also discuss the Biblical basis for a simple life and how to live this out in our culture. We want to live above the violence and greed of human society, and God has made a way!

502 Christian Peacemaking

2 Hours

As a part of the peace church movement, we are committed to a Biblical approach to handling conflict. Specific principles of conflict resolution will be addressed in this course, together with practical ways of bringing the love of Christ to bear on interpersonal tensions.

602 Spiritual Preparation for Higher Education**3 Hours**

While we do not necessarily recommend college education, some may find it necessary. This course is offered to assist the pre-college student in maintaining Biblical Anabaptist moorings in the college environment.

702 Living in Community**2 Hours**

Is it required that a Christian live in community with other believers? How does living in community impact our choices? What is the rightful place of the local church in the believer's life? This course explains what the Bible says about these life-sustaining issues.

802 Personal Disciplines for a Fruitful Life**1 Hour**

According to the teachings of Jesus, He came into the world to bring us a new kind of life. This life is to be an abundant life, i.e., one that expresses life that is eternal in both its quantity and quality. In this course, we will explore how this is to be accomplished. We will look at the change Christ seeks to bring in our journey with Him as He interacts with us through the events of our lives, and also what role the traditional Christian disciplines play in this transformation of heart and renewal of the mind.

03 THEOLOGY

103 Faith Foundations**1 Hour**

Can we trust the Bible? What is the Bible all about? What is the Gospel? These are some of the questions that will be answered in this course, which will introduce you to the major themes of Scripture.

303 Knowing God**3 Hours**

This course provides an introduction to the discipline of systematic theology and emphasizes the importance of the Bible as the basis of theological thinking. The doctrine of the Trinity and the attributes of God deserve to be thoughtfully studied. Consideration will also be given to the spiritual realm of angels and demons.

403 Man and His Destiny**3 Hours**

The focus of this course is on developing a biblical view of humankind. Humans have been created in the image of God and yet are marred by sin. The saving work of Jesus gives believers great hope for both this life and the future. Topics of study include the biblical teachings about humanity, sin, salvation, the church, and the eternal states.

503 Biblical Ethics**3 Hours**

An introduction to developing Biblical standards about subjects that Scripture may only indirectly address such as weddings, gambling, biomedical issues, ecology, political involvement, capital punishment, war, cremation, suicide, euthanasia, abortion, funerals, etc.

204 Music Fundamentals**3 Hours**

This course covers the basic rudiments of music. Students who have little or no background in music should feel right at home because the class starts at the very beginning and builds a platform for reading and understanding music notation. Students will learn how to use solfège, read rhythms, understand key and time signatures, write simple melodies, learn new songs, and follow all kinds of musical markings. Students should leave the class with tools that will help them read music for the rest of their lives.

**304 Music Theory I****3 Hours**

Building on the concepts covered in Music Fundamentals, this course digs into how music is put together. Whereas Fundamentals builds the basic structure, Music Theory I begins to add the interior detail like a designer who takes the frame of a house and turns it into an appealing place to live. The subjects covered in this course include scales, intervals, chords, melody writing, harmonization, and basic part writing. Students must take a placement test to make sure they are ready and eligible to take the course.

404 Music Theory II**3 Hours**

Building on the concepts covered in Music Theory I, this course digs even deeper into chords, harmonization, and part writing. It also includes a study of counterpoint, seventh chords, secondary dominants, and modulation. With the material presented in this course, students should be able to open a hymnal to any song and understand everything about how the piece is constructed rhythmically, melodically, and harmonically. If Music Theory I takes the inside of a basic structure and makes it appealing, this course adds interior decorations and furniture and makes it absolutely beautiful.

Prerequisite: 304 Music Theory I

504 Choir**1 Hour**

Singing in a choir is one of the joys of life that combines truth, beauty, artistry, fun, and community in one package. In choir, students will enjoy preparing and presenting a quality program of sacred a cappella music from a variety of styles, composers, and historical time periods. Because of the limited rehearsal time and extensive repertoire, students are required

to learn many of the pitches and rhythms outside of class time using sound files that are provided for that purpose. If tour is offered in a given term, all choir members are required to sing on tour. The number of participants in choir is limited.

604 Understanding and Enjoying Hymns

2 Hours

A handful of hymns have lasted for centuries; all of the others have ended up in the trash heap of history. Why are the few lasting hymns so special that generations have embraced them and continued to sing them? What makes them enduring? In this class, students will discover the treasure trove of hymns that are available to the body of Christ today and what makes those hymns special. From the early church to the Middle Ages to the twenty-first century, enduring hymns have shaped and enriched the body of Christ. Take this course to sing and to enjoy the finest hymns in our hymnals.

704 How to Lead Singing

1 Hour

Congregational singing should be a time of joyful and active participation, and songleaders can help make that happen. This course prepares students to lead congregational singing with confidence and care. Students will learn how to use a pitch pipe, how and when to conduct, how to choose appropriate songs, how to lead confidently and sensitively, and how to foster musical appreciation, skill, and participation in a congregation. Students should come to the class with a basic working knowledge of letter names, solfège, and key and time signatures.

804 Class Voice

3 Hours

Class Voice gives students the opportunity to improve their singing in the context of a safe, fun, learning environment. The course covers the basic elements of singing and encourages students to use their voices well for the glory of God by improving breathing, resonance, diction, and expression. Students will learn from each other as well as from the instructor by giving and receiving constructive feedback. Everyone who takes this class must also take choir during the same term.



05 EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

205 Seeing the Big Picture

3 Hours

The purpose of this course is to discover God's heart for the nations of our world and our part in His plan. We will take a brief look at missionary milestones of the past, methods of today, and movement into the future. This course is especially designed to prepare those who are contemplating involvement in a missions assignment but is also useful to assist those who are trying to discern God's plans for their future.

305 Finding My Place in the Big Picture

3 Hours

This course is designed to prepare students who have a definite calling to missions. We will review changes that have occurred in missions in the recent past as well as the preparation (personal, spiritual and ministry readiness) needed for an effective cross-cultural ministry. We will gain an understanding of culture and language learning, learn how to feel at home in the host culture and acquire skills for evaluating culture and making Biblically appropriate adaptations. We will take a look at the challenges missionary families face in missions, and the skills necessary for facing crises and for re-entering the sending culture after a missions assignment.

405 The Acts of the Apostles

3 Hours

"You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." The book of Acts records the history the New Testament church from its beginning at Pentecost to its spread through the preaching of the apostles. This course will explore the historical background, key characters and the beginning of the church. The challenges, methods, and success of early church missions will be examined.

505 Discipleship Ministry Preparation

2 Hours

This course is designed to assist the student to more adequately prepare for service in ministry teams in established church work as well as pioneer outreach in the homeland or overseas. Course subjects include an overview of Biblical counseling, analysis of present relationships (relating to authority, etc.), conflict resolution, marriage and family in ministry, building a human resources support base, and team dynamics in ministry.



605 Personal Evangelism**2 Hours**

This course will focus on salvation: how salvation is made possible, how one becomes saved, how to know that one is saved, and how to lead others into a salvation experience. We will discover various tools available for effective evangelism and discipleship and will find practical ways to put them to use.

805 Practicum**5 Hours**

A six-month period during which the student lives among an unreached or under-reached people group that includes a one-month home stay with a family of the target group. During the practicum, the student will research and write a paper of 2,500 words that describes the religion, major aspects of culture, significant similarities and differences with Christianity, the primary challenges one will encounter in evangelism and discipleship, the degree of penetration by missions in general and Anabaptists in particular, as well as a description of an effective strategy for establishing a church planting mission.

06 HISTORY**206 Anabaptism; Past, Present, Future****3 Hours**

What is an Anabaptist? How did the Anabaptist story begin? How has Anabaptism developed since its birth? In this course you will learn about the formation of Anabaptism and give consideration to what it means to follow Christ as an Anabaptist today.

306 The Anabaptist Story**3 Hours**

The Anabaptist movement emerged through a group of young people who desired to establish a church according to the New Testament pattern. This course provides historical context for the birth of Anabaptism, traces the progression of Anabaptist history, and prompts reflection on what it means to follow Jesus today.

506 God's Unfolding Story**3 Hours**

God is actively involved in this world. Many individuals and movements have influenced the history of Christianity. In this course, attention will be given to how God has been at work in and through the church since the time of the New Testament.

07 APOLOGETICS**107 Doubt and Defense****3 Hours**

The goal of this course is to equip believers for productive interaction with those who reject Christianity. Followers of Jesus must be prepared to make the case for their faith and respond to the objections that are commonly raised by skeptics. Some of the topics included in this course are the arguments for the existence of God, the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus, and a critique of moral relativism.

307 Aberrant Christian Movements**2 Hours**

Aberrant Christian movements deviate from major biblical doctrines. This course includes an evaluation of movements such as Open Theism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, and Freemasonry.

407 World Religions and Movements**2 Hours**

The people around us are strongly influenced by many different ideas. In this course, consideration will be given to the history and basic beliefs of the major non-Christian religions and movements, including Judaism, Islam, Zoroastrianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Neo-pagan religions.

507 Cultivating a Christian Mind**2 Hours**

This course provides an introduction to philosophy, which is a discipline that seeks to answer fundamental life questions. Because following Jesus obligates believers to think well, the intellectual development of Christians must not be neglected. Ideas have consequences, and the purpose of this course is to sharpen your thinking and equip you to engage more confidently in the world of ideas.

607 Contemporary Church Challenges**2 Hours**

Against the tide of post-modernism, the Church stands on the Rock of Truth. How can the Biblical Anabaptist bring God's wisdom to bear on discussions of the Church's mission, church membership, boundaries, authentic community, doctrine and creeds, technology, marriage, education, economic prosperity, and multiculturalism? This study calls young men and women to understand the times and to pursue actively a life of faithful discipleship.

707 Creation vs. Evolution**2 Hours**

Our view of the creation account found in the book of Genesis is foundational to our understanding of the rest of Scripture. In this course, the perils of combining the secular views of origins with the Biblical record will be discussed.

08 WOMEN'S STUDIES**208 Thoughtful Womanhood****2 Hours**

In this course, the books of Ruth and Esther will be studied. Relevant points of application will be made for women today, alongside consideration of the attributes of a thoughtful Christian woman.

308 Women of Faith**3 Hours**

Faith grows as we see God working in real-life situations. We will examine the meaning of faith in Scripture and through selected biographical studies will explore the practical working out of faith in lives of women from Bible times, throughout the Reformation, and up to the present-day, discovering principles for living a life of faith that brings glory to our Lord.



408 Biblical Womanhood

3 Hours

Explaining the concepts described in Titus 2, this course will emphasize God's purpose for women. The unique calling of a women is to be a "keeper at home" while making a significant contribution to the culture. When women fulfill their roles, they make an immeasurable impact in their homes, churches, and communities but more importantly, reflect the love of Jesus.

09 JEWISH STUDIES

109 Introduction to Jewish Studies

2 Hours

The purpose of Jewish studies is to give the student an understanding and appreciation for basic Judaism. The intent is also to help the student understand both ritual and rite of ancient Judaism. The course will be an investigation into the Hebrew roots from which came the Messiah and Christianity. An attempt will be made to see that many things found in Judaism are types and shadows of the greater things to follow in the Christian faith.

209 Feasts of Israel

3 Hours

We will be studying some of the feasts which God gave to ancient Israel. He instructed them to observe these feasts as a guide to worship. We will be observing how they were given to Israel initially and how they serve as a type for the church today.

10 COUNSELING

110 Introduction to Biblical Counseling

2 Hours

The emphasis of this course will be on changing hearts and changing lives. The student will be led to see the need for change in his or her own life and how that change can be accomplished by the Holy Spirit through the Scripture. In turn, the student will be taught how to assist others in those same kinds of changes.

210 Biblical Counseling**3 Hours**

An apologetic will be made for Biblical counseling as compared to other counseling models. The student will be taught advanced principles of discipleship and helping others to change toward the image of Christ.

310 Counseling Apprenticeship**9 Hours**

This apprenticeship will involve students observing thirty-hours of counseling sessions and an open-book examination process. Apprentices will meet each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to discuss relevant counseling issues. Students will further apply their instruction by fulfilling thirty-hours of actual counseling, supervised by an certified biblical counselor.

11 MEN'S STUDIES**211 The Masculine Mandate****3 Hours**

“The church can lose precious things...and this seems to be happening today. One ideal we may be losing is that of strong, Biblical and confident Christian manhood” (Philips). This course will emphasize what it means to be a godly man, a loving husband, a good father, a faithful friend, a family head, and a servant leader. Issues of motivation and accountability will also be considered in light of Biblical teachings.

311 Expository Preaching**2 Hours**

This course is offered as a refresher for pastors and a foundation for all men who handle or anticipate handling the Word of God in public. The God-given duty of exposing His inerrant Word to the understanding of the audience will be emphasized along with organization and delivery. “So why expository preaching? Because when you stand before a group of children, students, adults, men and women, you will be able to tell them, ‘This is what God says’” (Easley).



12 EDUCATION

112 Christian Expression

3 Hours

Although the Holy Spirit can harness faltering tongues, we do have an obligation to fan into flame the gifts we are given. In this class we will improve our use of written language and practice speaking with confidence in public. Emphasis will be laid on composition including logical arrangement of thought, sequential presentation, and persuasive communication.

212 Essentials for Christian Education

2 Hours

An examination of tools, methods, and approaches to make teaching a Sunday School class, Bible school class, Christian school or home school meaningful and exciting for both teacher and student. This is a practical course, meant to prepare the student for the wonderful world of teaching. This course will challenge students to see creativity as part of being made in God's image, a gift that should be put to work for a dynamic ministry. Throughout the course, students will work on developing a Biblical philosophy of ministry to help them differentiate between pure entertainment and presentations that honor God and teach Biblical truths.

13 BIBLICAL LANGUAGES & INTERPRETATION

213 Bible Study Methods

2 Hours

Many Christians lack confidence in studying the Bible for themselves. This course unfolds a practical and proven process for correctly understanding and applying God's Word.

313 Rudiments of Greek

3 Hours

This course provides an introduction to New Testament Greek. With a knowledge of the essential elements of this language, you can become equipped to study the Bible more carefully.

413 Rudiments of Hebrew

3 Hours

Having a basic knowledge of the essential elements of Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament, can sharpen your Bible study skills. This course may be offered upon request.

513 Bible Lands and Culture

2 Hours

The events of the Bible happened in a time and place that is foreign to many Bible students. An understanding of the lands and culture of the Bible can enhance your understanding of the story of Scripture.

SECTION 4: MAJORS AND MINORS

Though EBI officially is an un-accredited institution, we believe that a year or two of focused study on God's Word will better prepare you to serve, minister, and love those in your local church and community. The purpose of our minors and majors are to provide you with an intensive biblical, theological, and apologetic foundation for effective long-term missions involvement, discipleship, and further education. The initial phase is a one-year study leading to a minor in your chosen field. A major may be obtained by completing a second year of study. Comprehensive written and oral examinations must be satisfactorily completed prior to the awarding of a diploma.

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

This program is designed to equip the student with a practical working knowledge of Anabaptist theology enabling him/her to serve the church. Anabaptist theology is rich in bringing Biblical faith and practice into focus for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Minor	
Department	Credits
Bible (3 OT/6 NT)	9
Theology	5
Apologetics	3
Missions	2
Biblical Languages & Interpretation	2
Electives	9
Total Credit Hours	30

Major	
Department	Credits
Bible (9 OT/9 NT)	18
Theology	8
Apologetics	6
Missions	6
Biblical Languages & Interpretation	5
Electives	17
Total Credit Hours	60

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

The Christian Ministries major is a course of study to assist a student in serving the church in various ministries with a sound working knowledge of Scripture.

Minor	
Department	Credits
Bible (3 OT/6 NT)	9
Theology	2
Missions	4
Music	3
Apologetics	2
Practical	3
Electives	7
Total Credit Hours	30

Major	
Department	Credits
Bible (6 OT/9 NT)	15
Theology	5
Missions	6
Music	5
Apologetics	5
Practical	9
Electives	15
Total Credit Hours	60

MISSIONS

For those anticipating long-term missionary service, the following major and minor were created to equip missionaries preparing for the mission field.

Minor	
Department	Credits
Bible	6
Missions	6
Counseling	5
Theology	3
Apologetics	3
Interpretation	2
Electives	5
Total Credit Hours	30

Major	
Department	Credits
Bible	12
Missions	13
Theology	6
Apologetics	6
Counseling	5
Interpretation	2
Electives	16
Total Credit Hours	60

APOLOGETICS

For those planning to attend college, the following major and minor are offered to equip future college students to remain strong in their faith during their college years.

Minor	
Department	Credits
Bible	9
Apologetics	6
Theology	3
History	3
Practical	3
Interpretation	2
Electives	4
Total Credit Hours	30

Major	
Department	Credits
Bible	15
Apologetics	13
Theology	6
History	6
Practical	5
Interpretation	3
Electives	12
Total Credit Hours	60

COUNSELING

Visit www.elnorabi.org for more information about our biblical counseling program.

Department	Credits
Bible	12
Theology	6
Counseling	5
Apologetic	5
Practical	2
Language	5
Counseling Apprenticeship	9
Total Credit Hours	44

SECTION 5: 2023-2024 CALENDAR

First Term (15 Weeks): September 5 - December 22, 2023

Student Arrival	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Mon., Sept. 4
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.	Tues., Sept. 5
Orientation and Registration	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Tues., Sept. 5
Choir Tour		Thurs., Nov. 16- Tues., Nov. 21
Community Program	7:00 p.m.	Tues., Nov. 21
Thanksgiving Recess		Wed., Nov. 22- Sun., Nov. 26
Classes Resume		Mon., Nov. 27
Classes End		Fri., Dec. 22

Second Term (3 Weeks): January 8-26, 2024

Student Arrival	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Sun., Jan. 7
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.	Mon., Jan. 8
Orientation and Registration	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Mon., Jan. 8
Classes End		Fri., Jan. 26
Community Program	7:00 p.m.	Fri., Jan. 26

2024 BMA Minister's Enrichment: February 1-4, 2024

Third Term (6 Weeks): February 6 - March 16, 2024

Student Arrival	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Mon., Feb. 5
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.	Tues., Feb. 6
Orientation and Registration	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Tues., Feb. 6
Classes End		Fri., Mar. 15
Community Program	7:00 p.m.	Fri., Mar. 15
Choir Tour		March 16 - 18

Fourth Term (6 Weeks): March 21 - May 1, 2024

Student Arrival	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Tues., Mar. 19
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.	Wed., Mar. 20
Orientation and Registration	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Wed., Mar. 20
Classes End		Tues., April 30
Community Program	7:00 p.m.	Tues., April 30
Choir Tour		May 1-9

2024 BMA Convention: July 26-28, 2024

SECTION 6: DAILY COURSE SCHEDULES

First Term (15 Weeks): September 5 - December 22, 2023*

8:00 - 8:50	1st Period 3001 Life of Christ (3) (M, W, F) C. Lapp 212 Essentials for Christian Education (2) (T, Th) C. Lapp 313 Rudiments of Greek (3) (M, W, F) D. Yoder 213 Bible Study Methods (2) (T, Th) D. Yoder
9:00 - 9:50	2nd Period 101 Bible Survey (3) (M, W, F) K. Bucher 707 Creation vs. Evolution (2) (T, Th) K. Bucher 107 Doubt and Defense (3) (M, W, F) D. Yoder 513 Bible Lands and Culture (2) (T, Th) D. Yoder
10:00 - 10:30	Chapel
10:30	Brunch
11:30 - 12:20	3rd Period 2001 Isaiah (3) (M, W, F) D. Yoder 307 Aberrant Christian Movements (2) (T, Th) D. Yoder
12:30 - 1:20	4th Period 110 Introduction to Biblical Counseling (2) (6 weeks) P. Emerson 210 Biblical Counseling (3) (9 weeks) P. Emerson
1:30 - 2:20	5th Period 211 Masculine Mandate (2) (T, Th) A. Beery 208 Thoughtful Womanhood (2) (T, Th) H. Yoder 204 Music Fundamentals (3) (M, W, F) D. Miller
2:30 - 3:20	6th Period 804 Class Voice (2) (M, W, F) D. Miller 4901 I, II, and III John (2) (T, Th) C. Lapp
3:30 - 4:50	7th Period 504 Choir (1) (M, W, F) D. Miller
5:00	Supper
6:30 - 7:00	Quiet Time
7:00 - 8:00	Study Hour

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Second Term (3 Weeks): January 8-26, 2024*

8:00 - 8:50	1st Period 3201 Sermon on the Mount (2) D. Yoder 109 Introduction to Jewish Studies (2) TBA
9:00 - 9:50	2nd Period 3201 Sermon on the Mount (continued) 109 Introduction to Jewish Studies (continued)
10:00 - 10:30 10:30	Chapel Brunch
12:00 - 12:50	3rd Period 802 Personal Disciplines for the Fruitful Life (1) A. Roth 2501 Jonah-Hubakkuk (1) D. Yoder 103 Faith Foundations (1) T. Neuschwander
1:00 - 1:50	4th Period 605 Personal Evangelism (2) A. Roth 607 Contemporary Church Challenges (2) T. Neuschwander
2:00 - 2:50	5th Period 605 Personal Evangelism (continued) 607 Contemporary Church Challenges (continued)
3:00 - 3:50	6th Period 4701 James (1) K. Bucher 4101 Philippians (1) C. Lapp
4:00 - 4:50	7th Period 504 Choir (Audit) D. Miller
5:00	Supper

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Third Term (6 Weeks): February 6 - March 15, 2024*

8:00 - 9:20	1st Period 1701 Psalms (3) L. Swartzentruber 3801 I and II Corinthians (3) C. Byler 107 Doubt and Defense (3) D. Yoder
9:30 - 10:00	Chapel
10:00	Brunch
11:10 - 12:30	2nd Period 205 Seeing the Big Picture (3) A. Roth 201 Genesis (3) K. Bucher 303 Knowing God (3) D. Yoder
12:40 - 2:00	3rd Period 206 Anabaptism: Past, Present, Future (3) C. Byler 204 Music Fundamentals (3) D. Miller 2301 Daniel and Revelation (3) L. Swartzentruber 308 Women of Faith (3) C. Roth
2:10 - 3:30	4th Period 602 Spiritual Prep for Higher Education (3) P. Emerson 804 Class Voice (3) D. Miller 4801 I and II Peter (3) C. Lapp 305 Finding My Place in the Big Picture (3) A. Roth
3:40 - 4:55	5th Period 504 Choir (1) D. Miller
5:00	Supper

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Fourth Term (6 Weeks): March 21 - May 1, 2024*

8:00 - 9:20	1st Period 506 God's Unfolding Story (3) D. Yoder 301 Exodus (3) K. Bucher 4601 Hebrews (3) L. Swartzentruber
9:30 - 10:00	Chapel
10:00	Brunch
11:10 - 12:30	2nd Period 3701 Romans (3) TBD 403 Man and His Destiny (3) D. Yoder 202 Biblical Stewardship & Finances (3) M. Troyer
12:40 - 2:00	3rd Period 408 Biblical Womanhood (3) Margaret Troyer 804 Class Voice (3) D. Miller 209 Feasts of Israel (3) L. Swartzentruber
2:10 - 3:30	4th Period 302 Marriage and Family (3) M. Troyer 3501 Gospel of John (3) C. Lapp 204 Music Fundamentals (3) D. Miller
3:40 - 4:55	5th Period 504 Choir (1) D. Miller
5:00	Supper
6:30 - 7:00	Quiet Time
7:00 - 8:00	Study Hour

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SECTION 7: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Cost Information Chart	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Term Length	15 weeks	3 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks
Tuition^	\$95 per credit hour	\$95 per credit hour	\$95 per credit hour	\$95 per credit hour
Room & Board*	\$1,275	\$345	\$685	\$685
Room Deposit (Refundable)	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
IT Fee	\$20	\$10	\$20	\$20
Activities Fee	\$40	\$10	\$25	\$25
Choir Fee**	\$175	\$25	\$150	\$250
Application Fee (Non-refundable): \$200 per academic year (September - May)				

* See chart below for Married Student/Family Room & Board Rates

^ Charge for Choir is figured as one credit hour and charged as a part of tuition

** Cost for travel, music, and other expenses for Choir.

The application fee is a non-refundable standalone fee and is paid once per academic year, regardless of how many terms the student is attending. If a student is placed on the waiting list, EBI will refund the application fee if the student is unable to attend.

Students may also choose to audit a class (auditing includes sitting in on the class without turning in assignments). The student will get the benefit of the teaching without getting credit for the class. The audited class must be taken in addition to other classes taken for credit. Cost for auditing a class is half the tuition credit hour charge.

These costs do not include textbooks or off-campus meals. Students will be notified which textbooks are required for their classes and are responsible for buying their own books. If a student opts to have the EBI secretary order books for them, arrangements need to be made at least two weeks prior to the start of term. Please notify the secretary by email at info@elnorabi.org or phone at (812) 692-7801 to request this option.

Students may apply for assistance from the Scholarship Fund. Assistance will be granted as funds are available. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.

EBI is not responsible for any medical or dental costs resulting from injuries, accidents, illnesses, or other problems while students are attending the Institute, whether pre-existing or otherwise.

Married Student/Family Rates

Room & Board - Married Student	Room & Board rate x 1.5
Room & Board - Children (age 3 and under free)	Room & Board rate x 0.25 per child
Application Fee - Married Student/Family	\$200

STUDENT HANDBOOK

SECTION 8: VALUES FOR LIVING

As a Bible Institute, we are committed to using the Scriptures as our final authority in every area of life. The Bible presents absolutes that are rooted in God's character; they are timeless and apply in all cultures and under all circumstances. These Biblical absolutes help direct our thinking and behavior. The Bible calls us to be transformed in Christ, loving all people and treasuring mercy, justice, and humility. The Bible also directs us to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to speak to one another with kindness and respect. In addition to absolutes, the Bible is full of principles which guide our decision-making and behavior.

At EBI, we are intentional about fostering a campus culture that is characterized by our love for Christ and others. This love expresses itself through the principles of holy living, purity in relationships, respect for peers and authority, and good stewardship of resources.

Holy Living

One of the marks of a believer is the transforming work of the Holy Spirit that leads leading us from sinfulness to holiness. Before God created the world, it was His desire that we would become holy (Ephesians 1:4). To be holy means that we are no longer enslaved to all that is sinful, impure, and morally imperfect. Rather, in Christ, we are free to honor God with our lives as we are filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As we surrender to the Lordship of Christ, we fulfill God's instruction, "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Peter 1:16).

Purity in Relationships

In every relationship, Christians should strive to maintain high standards for purity. The principle of purity governs not only our behavior, but also our thoughts and motives. At EBI, students are encouraged to examine their heart and the motives that affect their speech and behavior toward others. Ephesians 5:3 reminds us, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints."

Respect for Peers and Authority

Part of being a Christian is living in peace and harmony with those around you. I Peter 2:17 says, "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." Elnora Bible Institute is a gathering place for people from many different backgrounds and perspectives. When you join the EBI campus community, we ask that you make it your ambition to respect all individuals, including those who are different from you. We also ask that you comply with the prescribed EBI community standards, even if they go beyond your personal preferences or convictions.

Stewardship

The principle of stewardship recognizes that everything we have is a gift from God, given to us for our enjoyment. In addition, God instructs us to use our resources to bless those around us by being generous and willing to share with those who are less fortunate (I Tim 6:17-19). In order for EBI to be a continued blessing to future students, we want to care for the facilities and other resources that God has given us. Please respect and care for the resources of the Institute and the belongings of your fellow students.

SECTION 9: LOVING GOD WITH OUR MINDS

At Elnora Bible Institute we want to help students gain an Anabaptist Christian worldview. Developing and renewing the mind is part of the command to love God with one's entire being, and at EBI you will be academically and intellectually stretched. We hope to deepen your understanding of the Bible. In class, you will be challenged to evaluate truth claims through the lens of the Bible. You will also be encouraged to think critically, reason analytically, write proficiently, and speak effectively so that you can honor God with your mind and leave here more equipped for the Christian life in today's world.

Class Attendance

Class attendance is a very important component of successfully completing your course objectives. Students are expected to attend each class period, and each faculty member will maintain an attendance record. Unexcused absences will result in a 2-point reduction of the final grade for each day absent. Two tardies constitute an unexcused absence. Permission may be given by the principal to miss a given class for qualified reasons. Excusable absences are limited to weddings, funerals, and emergencies related to an immediate family member, but permission to be excused must be obtained prior to the absence. If excused absence is due to sickness, the student must notify their resident advisors (RA) prior to their absence. The student will likely be asked to refrain from evening activities. Also, auditors are required to attend all class periods unless excused by their instructor.

Late Assignment Policy

Assignments handed in late will receive a 5-point reduction in the assignment grade for every class day past the due date.

Memory Work

Class assignments may include memory work which must be recited to the secretary, the instructor, or another appointed person. The Institute has chosen to use the KJV, NKJV, or ESV translations for all Bible memory work. The following scale will be used when grading the recited memory work:

- 1 to 10 verses: 1 point deducted for each prompt and each missed word
- Over 10 verses: ½ point deducted for each prompt and each missed word

Failing Grade Policy

Students must have a passing grade on their mid-term exams to participate in weekend tournament activities. Students who receive a failing grade in one or more courses will be placed on academic probation. Students on academic probation returning for a later term may be assigned a staff member for academic accountability and will be ineligible to join choir. Choir privileges will be restored after successfully completing a term with passing grades.

Academic Integrity

Academic honesty is a mark of Christian character and a value embraced by Elnora Bible Institute. Dishonesty or the attempt to deceive is not acceptable.

Types of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- Cheating on exams or quizzes
- Plagiarism
- Falsifying reading reports, class attendance and the completion of class assignments.

The consequences for dishonesty range from receiving no credit for the assignment to failing the course, or even dismissal from EBI.

Choir Tour Requirements

Choir tour is a privilege. Grades of C- or higher in all classes are required (Acceptable conduct during the term is also required). Students are also required to have passing grades in all their classes to be eligible to sing in the end of term community program.



SECTION 10: LOVING GOD THROUGH OUR SERVICE

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (I John 3:16-18).

We believe that loving God and others is evidenced by serving people who are in both physical and spiritual need. When a person commits to being a student at EBI, they are also committing to being actively involved in the outreach of the Institute. We believe that it is important that our students have opportunity to minister to other people, both on campus and off campus. Opportunities for ministry may include personal evangelism, visitation, ministering to seniors, leading student prayer groups, and participating in other organized ministries.

SECTION 11: LIVING IN COMMUNITY

We are committed to being a place where students can step out of their normal routines for a time of spiritual and intellectual growth. We have crafted our community standards to help achieve that objective. This section is designed to help you know what to expect while on campus and in daily life at Elnora Bible Institute. A primary rule is that we love and respect one another. Everything we do and say should be characterized by our love for Christ and others. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law” (Rom. 13:8).

Community Standards

EBI has developed the following community standards to create a nurturing campus environment. Our goal is to provide a positive and safe place that fosters a dynamic faith in Jesus, encourages spiritual growth, and builds godly character. We believe that our lives should reflect Christ and ask that our students keep this goal in mind both on and off campus.

Community standards are in effect from the time students arrive on campus until they leave campus at the end of their enrollment period.

All members of the campus community share in the responsibility of maintaining a Christ-centered campus environment. We ask students to encourage each other to live within these guidelines.

Private Worship

You are encouraged to spend regular time in private worship, Bible reading, and prayer. Dorm living often creates a challenge for students to find time to be alone with Jesus. We encourage you to organize a schedule with your roommates to provide personal private time in your dorm room. You may also find other solitary locations around campus. To assist in this process, EBI has designated 6:30-7:00 p.m. each week night for quiet time. During this time, students must be present on or near campus, alone, and quiet with no electronics in use.

Chapel

Chapel services are an important part of our campus life. Chapels conducted by faculty, guest speakers, and student leaders will be observed daily, Monday through Friday. As an EBI student, you will be expected to attend all chapel services. An excused absence may be obtained in the case of sickness. Cell phones are not to be used in chapel services and assemblies. Students will be expected to use printed copies of the Scriptures for all services.

Sunday Observance

As a community, we want to observe Sunday as a day set apart and different from other days. Unless otherwise dismissed or excused, you will be expected to attend both Sunday morning and evening services provided for the student body. On occasion, the student body will join area churches to participate in their worship services.

We want to develop an atmosphere on campus that lends itself to the Sabbath concept. In order to help achieve this goal we ask students to refrain from patronizing business establishments on Sunday such as restaurants, service stations, stores, etc. We also ask that class dress be worn to all services unless exceptions are announced. Except for walking, the gym and athletic fields are not to be used during the day on Sunday.



Classroom Etiquette

The classroom setting proves to be one of the key components of a positive Bible school experience. EBI recognizes that the use of cell phones and misuse of computers (such as browsing, surfing, messaging) while in class hinders students in understanding study material. This type of distraction is not appropriate in the class setting and will not be tolerated.

Relationships

In small communities of this type, the way in which we interact with each other tends to affect the broader community. The nature of any relationship should not interfere with an individual's spiritual, intellectual, and social development. Students are expected to be thoughtful and courteous and maintain Christian standards of conduct and respect.

We encourage participation and interaction in group activities. In order to focus on our pursuit of God, we ask students not to date or to develop couple relationships until after their EBI term is completed. Students who have been dating prior to coming to the Bible Institute must submit a signed consent form from both fathers. Students who present consent forms will be allowed one date every two weeks. Permission to begin a relationship will not be granted during terms.

To help us develop a wholesome Christian community, listed below are guidelines that apply to all opposite-gender relationships. Students must abstain from:

- Spending time alone with someone of the opposite gender.
- Exclusivity, such as sitting together in class and chapel, cafeteria, lounge and/or spending excessive time together.
- All displays of physical affection.
- “The appearance of evil” and the temptations associated with spending time in private.

We reserve the right to help students manage their relationship if it is marked by immaturity, excessive time, and physical contact; if it negatively impacts student life; or if there are other factors that merit intervention.

Personal Speech

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Eph. 4:29). We always want to demonstrate speech that honors Christ and that exceeds the standards of the world around us.

Student Sign Out and Leaving Campus

For accountability and emergency purposes, students are asked to sign out when leaving campus for any occasion. For this purpose, a designated folder is located near the main entrance of the school building. Students may leave campus as needed by following the sign-out procedure. However, when traveling beyond a fifty-mile radius of EBI (including going home), students must have written approval from the principal one week in advance. Approval will not be given for more than one weekend recreational event per term.

Students will be asked to limit leaving campus to three times a week. Individuals going off campus to a local destination, as well as those representing the school in other communities, are expected to abide by the guidelines of the Bible Institute.

Tobacco, Drugs, Alcohol, Gambling

Elnora Bible Institute prohibits the use of tobacco products by its students and the non-medicinal use of drugs and alcohol. The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol are also prohibited, as well as any type of poker or gambling in any form. These prohibitions apply to behavior both on and off campus.

Weapons

For the safety and security of our students and campus, we prohibit guns, ammunition, explosives (including fireworks), knives, martial arts weapons, paint ball equipment (including ammo), and any other weapon. These items are not to be brought onto campus or stored in student vehicles. Multi-use tools, like the Leatherman, and small kitchen knives are permitted.

Damage

Christian honesty and integrity make it an individual's responsibility to report and pay for any damage that they may have caused either accidentally or otherwise. Damage may be reported through the RAs.

SECTION 12: ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA

We understand that Christians hold many different views on the topic of media and entertainment. During your time at EBI, you are asked to look beyond your own personal views of media use, for the sake of campus unity. To develop an atmosphere of harmony and a campus environment conducive to spiritual growth and maturity, the following guidelines have been established concerning media and entertainment.

Cell Phones

Students are permitted to bring their personal cell phones to EBI. To encourage good interaction and relationships between students, EBI asks students to refrain from spending large amounts of time on their phones and will be asked to keep their cellphones in a charger box from dorm time each evening until the next morning. When necessary, students may retrieve their cellphones for study or an important phone call.

Personal Computers

We invite you to bring your computer along with you to campus as an aid for your studies. Several computers are also available for student use in the library. While computers are a profound blessing, they can also become a distraction to building relationships and the completion of academic requirements. In addition, computers can also be a serious source of temptation. In an effort to aid the development of Biblical values, EBI provides an accountable, filtered internet service. The following guidelines have also been established to help maintain these values:

- Illegal downloads must to be deleted before coming to campus.
- Accessories used only for gaming purposes are not to be brought to campus.
- Storage, downloading, or use of pornography is not permitted.
- Surfing or messaging is not appropriate in the class setting and will not be tolerated.
- Computer use is not intended for the general viewing of videos, DVDs, sports, playing games, etc. Allowance may be made for viewing personal home-generated video and news clips.

Music

As a Bible Institute, the primary goal is the disciplined training of young Christians as disciples of Jesus who will be equipped to serve Christ by serving the church. As such, we seek to develop an appreciation for quality church music, both in hymnody and choral music.

1. Worship music used for the Bible Institute's formal times of assembly should support the tradition of quality hymnody and psalm singing. Therefore, formal times of worship will be exclusively a capella.
2. The choral music program of the school will focus on sacred a cappella choral music.
3. Musical instruments brought to the school are to be limited to acoustical instruments that are primarily melodic and harmonic, excluding instruments that are primarily percussion or amplified electronically. Exceptions to this must be pre-approved by the principal.
4. Personal music brought to the school should meet the following criteria:
 - It should support the overall goals and objectives of the Bible Institute.
 - The qualities of beauty, goodness and truth should be clearly present in such a way as to encourage thoughtful spiritual development.
 - It should only be used in ways that honor and respect the larger student body.

While not labeling all other music as bad or wrong, we are calling for an intentionally focused use of music to support and nurture the spiritual maturity of students at the Bible Institute.

Listening to personal music chosen under these guidelines should be limited to headphones or ear-bud-style listening devices.

Movies

Engaging our culture through the media creates a challenge for the Christian community. Hollywood is having a tremendous impact on the shaping of our culture by advocating a secular worldview that often runs contrary to Christian faith. To help maintain a positive and nurturing campus environment with limited media influence, all students must refrain from attending the cinema or watching movies on personal devices. This policy also frees up additional time for study, spiritual growth, and interactive group activities.

Video Games

EBI is a place to build deep relationships with God and other people. Spending disproportionate amounts of time gaming seriously hinders building relationships and the learning process. Playing video games, war games, and other games that violate our position on nonresistance are forbidden. Game boxes and other similar gaming devices are not permitted.

Television

To limit the negative influence of media in our spiritual lives, EBI does not provide or allow television viewing. This includes the viewing of professional sports such as the NFL Super Bowl.



Outside Entertainment

While the main purposes of attendance at EBI are spiritual growth, academic learning, and social fellowship (in that order), the Institute recognizes the occasional need for breaks and mild forms of entertainment. Students whose academic work is current as evaluated by their respective RAs may attend such occasionally on Friday evenings and Saturdays. However, while at EBI, students are required to abstain from viewing professional, college, **and high school sports** either by video (including TV and all visual technology) or by presence at actual games. This requirement is without prejudice for or against professional sports. It is merely an attempt to maintain the purposed focus of EBI.

SECTION 13: APPEARANCE AND DRESS STANDARDS

As a Christian institution, EBI is committed to promoting the principles of modesty, propriety, and decorum in its dress standards. Since the students attending Elnora Bible Institute come from diverse congregations with varying practices and understanding of what is appropriate, the following guidelines have been established to ensure a campus environment that are acceptable and comfortable across our student constituency. We also affirm the authority of parents and home congregations. Students are expected to abide by the standards of their home or church where they exceed that of this institution.

General Dress Standard

Clothes should not be tight-fitting and should be free of holes or tears. Text on clothing should be in harmony with Biblical values, avoiding patriotic and secular themes. Footwear is to be worn when inside all buildings—dorms excluded. Students are to refrain from wearing jewelry or similar items (including wristbands) for the sake of appearance.

Men: hair should be combed neatly and avoid fashion extremes. The hair should be above the collar, and the entire ear should be visible. Hats are not to be worn inside or when unnecessary for protection from cold, etc.

When leaning forward or stretching, the back and stomach should remain covered and underwear should never be exposed. Pants, including athletic gym pants, should be comfortably loose-fitting. Sweat pants are only permitted in the dorm.

Ladies: dresses and skirts are to be modestly full and of sufficient length to extend well below the knees when sitting. Clothing should not be sheer or form-revealing (dresses and skirts should fall loosely from the waist). Necklines must be within one inch of the base of the neck. Skirts should not have slits. When leaning forward or stretching, the chest, back, and stomach should remain covered, and underwear should never be exposed. Sleeves must reach to at least halfway between the armpit and the elbow.

Ladies should wear all their hair neatly up and avoid fashion extremes. Head bands and other decorations are to be avoided. We affirm the Biblical teaching of naturally long hair for woman and the veiled head as symbolic of her submission to the divine order of headship. Coverings/veils are to be worn consistently and must reach at least from the crown of the head to the hairline at the neck with the bun covered. Hairstyles and veils should be simple and tasteful and meet the approval of the home congregations and the Bible Institute. The BMA standard of naturally long hair for women should be maintained. While attending EBI, students are to refrain from using makeup e.g. eye shadow, eyeliner pencil, fingernail/toenail polish, etc.



Class Dress Standard (during class hours, M-F)

We want to promote a formal and studious atmosphere during class hours and at all services. The following guidelines provide some general expectations while still allowing room for personal style preferences. Class dress should be respectable, clean, neat, and appropriate and avoid style extremes. All printed monograms, emblems, and sports logos are not acceptable for class dress. Shoes are to be worn during class hours, for all public occasions, and always in the main building. Denim clothing should be reserved for after class hours.

Men: only button-down dress shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, and slacks are permissible during class hours. Jeans, denim clothing (of any color), T-shirts, flip-flops, pullover hoodies, and hats are not acceptable. All button-down shirts must be tucked in. To promote an atmosphere of unity among the various groups that attend the institute, neckties and bowties are not to be worn.

Ladies: skirts, dresses, shirts, and sweaters are permissible during class hours. Denim clothing (of any color), T-shirts, flip-flops, pullover hoodies, and hats are not acceptable.

Casual Dress Standard (after class hours)

Casual dress should be clean, neat, and appropriate, avoiding style extremes. All tee-shirts must have sleeves. Culottes (for the ladies) and shorts (for the men) may only be worn in the dorm. For men, pants should be comfortably loose-fitting, including athletic gym pants. For ladies, long dresses or skirts may be worn for recreation. Modest skirts may be worn for athletic activities as long as they meet the length standard of the dress code.

Choir Program Dress Standard

Men: long-sleeved white shirt (white or clear buttons), black dress pants (no denim or outside pockets), black shoes and socks, and plain black belt.

Ladies: simple, black dresses (no lace or shiny fabric). We ask that necklines not be loose or low (must be within one inch of the base of the neck), that sleeves be elbow length, and that skirts be 2-5 inches from the floor. Dresses need to fit loosely for choir tour. Flat, black dress shoes (no high heels) are to be worn.

Choir Tour Dress Standard

Men: button-down dress shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, EBI T-shirts, and denim are permissible during travel. Non-EBI T-shirts, slides, flip-flops, and hats are not allowed.

Ladies: skirts, dresses, shirts, sweaters, EBI T-Shirts, and denim are permissible during travel. Non-EBI T-shirts, slides, flip-flops, and hats are not allowed.

Violations of the above dress codes will be handled as follows:

First offense will result in a warning.

Second offense will result in a \$20 fine.

Additional offenses may result in suspension.

SECTION 14: RESIDENT LIFE

Dorm life has proven to be a crucial part of a student's overall experience. In the dorms you will forge new friendships, learn self discipline and deference for peers, mature in your faith, and experience what only a dorm setting can offer. EBI fosters a dorm environment that promotes optimum growth for each student. It is your responsibility to respect people's space, time, and belongings. It is our hope that you will take this opportunity to develop mature habits that promote healthy relationships, mental discipline, and spiritual growth.

Dorm Meetings

Dorm meetings will be planned by the Resident Advisors (RA) and held Wednesday evenings, giving opportunity for sharing, prayer, and interaction on various subjects. All students must attend these meetings unless prior approval has been given by the RA.



Dorm Rooms

Rooms normally house four students. Each room is equipped with two sets of single bunk beds, two chests of drawers, two closets, two sinks and a shower and toilet room.

Decorations, posters, and pictures should be consistent with Christian values. Decorations may be hung using straight pins. Avoid the use of tape, sticky tack, and nails as they could damage the walls. Each student is responsible to clean and maintain his or her own room. The RAs or housekeeping committee will inspect each dorm room weekly. The rooms will be checked for general appearance of neatness: beds made, floor free of debris, sink/shower/toilet areas clean, and trash not overflowing.

Each student pays a deposit fee when enrolling at EBI. A portion of this fee will be deducted for any damage incurred during the term. Remaining funds will be returned at the end of each term upon a satisfactory room inspection.

Laundry

Laundry rooms are available for student use on the honor system. Costs are \$0.50 per washer load or dryer load. Please use only high efficiency (HE) laundry soap in the washing machines.

Supplies

Some supplies such as pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, envelopes, stamps, and other miscellaneous items are available for purchase.

Facility Care

EBI values cleanliness and asks you to partner with us in keeping our campus looking clean. Please clean up after yourself and discard all trash in a trash container. As a student, you will participate in kitchen privileges (KP) after some meals and assist in occasional cleaning duties.

Study Hour: Monday - Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

To assist the students in practicing good study habits, a study hour is scheduled from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Students must be on campus and quiet during this time.

Dorm Time: Sunday - Thursday 9:30 p.m.; Friday 10:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 p.m.

All students are to be in their respective dorms at dorm time. Leaving the dorm after dorm time is considered a serious violation of school policy. If you need to leave the dorm for any legitimate reason after these hours, you must clear it with your RA prior to leaving.

Room Time: Sunday - Thursday 10:00 p.m.; Friday 11:30 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 p.m.

During room time, students should be in their rooms, and noise should be kept to a minimum. Conversations should not be audible in the hallways.

Lights out: Sunday - Thursday 10:30 p.m.; Friday 12:00 a.m.; Saturday 11:30 p.m.

All lights are to be turned off, including small personal lights. The room should be quiet except necessary whispers. Electronics are not to be used after lights out and will be subject to confiscation if detected.

Late Arrivals

Students encountering unforeseen delays that may cause them to be late in arriving back on campus should contact their dorm RAs as soon as possible. Consideration will be given to the time of notice and the circumstances related to the lateness.

Overnight Guests

If room permits, you are welcome to invite visitors to stay overnight. Students are responsible for helping their guests understand appropriate behavioral expectations on our campus. Guests are expected to abide by EBI's standards of conduct during their stay. Guests involved in inappropriate behavior may be asked to leave campus immediately. In addition, all visitors are expected to register via the EBI website one week before they arrive.

In the event that visitors elect to find off-campus lodging, students must remain on campus.

Closed Weekends

The last weekend before the end of each term is designated as a "closed" weekend. Guests of students will be expected not to visit, and students will be expected to stay on campus on these weekends.

Fire Prevention

Candles, fireworks (including sparklers), incense, flammable liquids, or anything that smolders or burns with an open flame are not to be used at any time in the dorms or elsewhere on campus (except for camp fires in the campfire ring). You should identify where fire extinguishers are located and know how to use them. Instructions are found on each unit.

In the event of a fire, congregate on the outside ballfield. Never enter a burning building to retrieve personal belongings. Tampering with, destroying, or disabling fire safety equipment is considered a serious offense and will result in a \$100 fine in addition to damage costs and other possible disciplinary action.

Wheeled Vehicles

For the safety of others, bicycles, scooters, roller skates, rollerblades, etc. are not to be used inside any building.

Windows

Climbing in or out of a window is not permitted, and objects should not be thrown from windows. For modesty, students should maintain adequate distance from dorm windows, and care should be taken to avoid looking into the rooms of the opposite gender. To avoid embarrassment to yourself and others, please close the blind in your room after dusk.

Library

The Institute library has a growing supply of books available for student use. Our library's primary goal is to support EBI classes. Reference works, circulating books, magazines, journals, and electronic resources are available.

The library also provides opportunities for devotional and leisure reading. Since the library is a place for study, a quiet and orderly atmosphere should be maintained.

Books are not to be removed from the campus. If a student checks out a book, he or she is responsible for that book and may be asked to pay for the book if it is lost or not returned to the library at the end of a term.

Mail Service

EBI provides basic mail service for students. Student mailboxes are located in the south hallway near the library. Personal outgoing mail may be placed in the marked box in the school office. Mail is collected and received on a daily basis.

Recreation

Getting exercise while you are at EBI will help bring an important balance to your life. During the evening, those who enjoy recreation may participate in optional intramural sports. The school provides a gym that may be used for basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, etc. The gym is to be kept quiet during class hours, quiet time, and study hour to help promote a studious atmosphere. In addition, no organized sports are permitted on Sunday.

Students are permitted to bring board and card games to be played while at EBI. Students are, however, asked to refrain from playing these games during class hours, quiet time, and study hour. Poker and other gambling-like games are not permitted.

Health Care

Elnora Bible Institute will not assume responsibility for medical expenses incurred while enrolled at EBI. All medical expenses are the responsibility of the student, including medications, health supplies, doctor's office visits, hospital fees, dental work, etc.

Food

Food should not be taken from the dining room and kitchen area. Individuals not employed by EBI are not to be in the kitchen or food storage areas unless authorized by the head cook.

Students are permitted to sign-out for meals at EBI. The cooks provide a sign-out sheet on the bulletin board in the cafeteria. Students are asked to sign-out at least 24 hours before they intend to skip a meal.

Vehicles

You are welcome to bring your vehicle to campus. Elnora Bible Institute does not carry liability insurance on student vehicles and will not be liable for accidents or injuries of students, including those incurred while participating in school activities. Please use discretion and consider all relevant risks when allowing others to use your vehicle. EBI expects drivers to abide by the applicable driving laws and to drive in a manner that is consistent with a good Christian testimony.

Lost & Found

The box of lost and found items is located in the school office. Please check this box regularly as unclaimed items will eventually be discarded or given away.

SECTION 15: DISCIPLINE AND RESTORATION

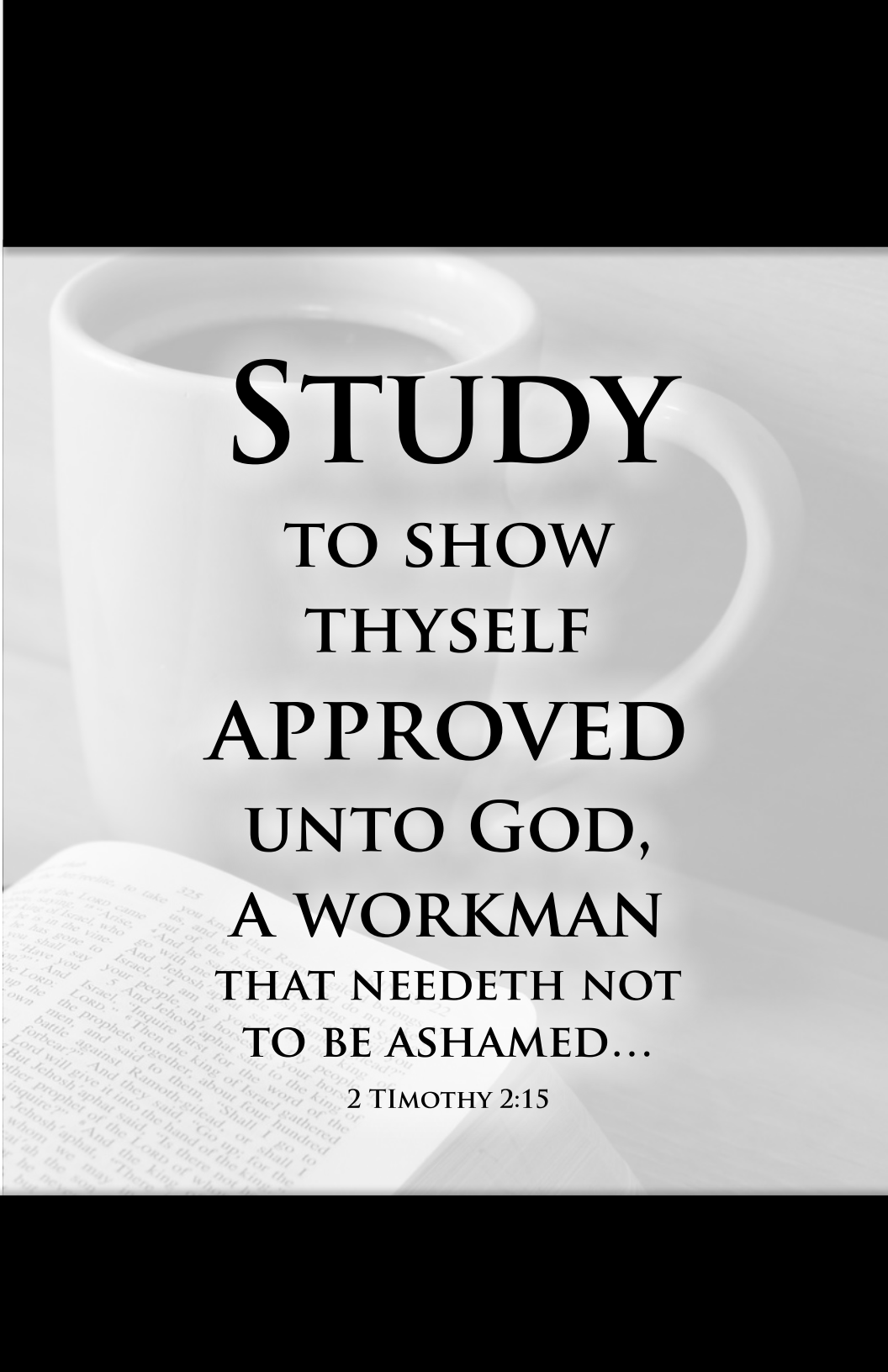
One of our desires as an institution is to maintain a safe and nurturing campus environment which will aid us in accomplishing the stated goals of Elnora Bible Institute. We also seek to empower students to develop self-discipline that will complement their call into the work of the kingdom. During a student's time at EBI, it may be necessary to use discipline to help guide an individual in his Christian walk. Disciplinary action may take on a variety of forms depending on the nature of the offense, and may include counseling, verbal warnings, written warnings, campus work duty, fines, restitution, campus restriction, disciplinary probation, suspension, non-return, and dismissal from Elnora Bible Institute. In the event of a student's dismissal from EBI, the principal will be in consultation with the faculty and the student's pastor or the board chairman.

Our goal is for all discipline to lead to the restoration of the student. We will seek to be redemptive by providing pastoral care to students who are struggling so that they may find the freedom offered by Christ.

Concluding Comments

Membership in any group, Christian or secular, necessitates guidelines to help provide order and direction. Even though we are individuals, we cannot live together peacefully if "everyone does what is right in his own eyes." Thank you for committing yourself to being a part of this focused community. We pray that you will find Elnora Bible Institute to be a place of accelerated spiritual growth as you pursue Christ.

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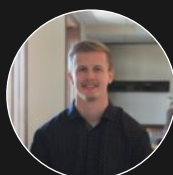
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God has used EBI to impress the Gospel on my heart. Classes, mentorship, and dorm meetings all pointed to my need for Christ's righteousness instead of my filthy rags and equipped me to fight sin in my life with God's Word. Through EBI, I realized both my desperate need for salvation and the importance of sharing the Gospel with others, whether in my church, my community, or around the world.

- Katelyn Stoltzfus



For me, coming from a place of uncertainty and searching, EBI has been an impactful period in my spiritual growth. Taking time to intentionally study the Word and increase my understanding of who God is and what He has done has given me a renewed sense of hope. My time here has changed my focus from personal achievement to understanding and pursuing the will of God.

- Alex Yoder

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