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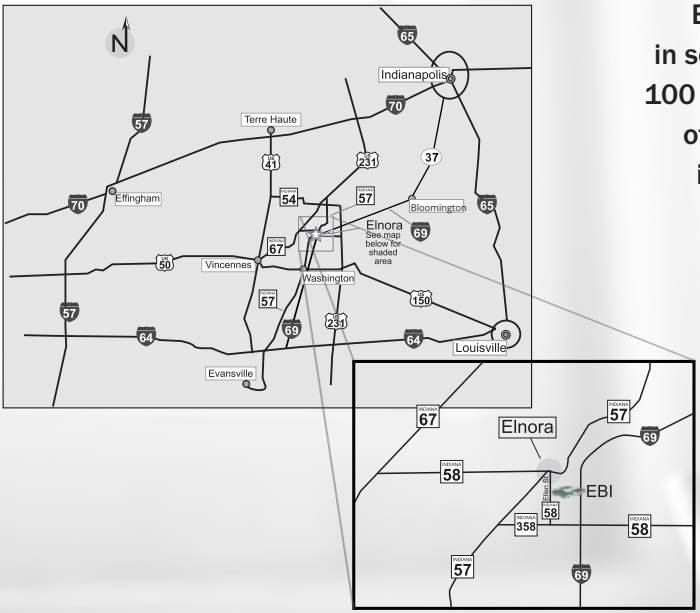
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A Ministry of the Biblical Mennonite Alliance



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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 Elnora Bible Institute (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). 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.

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
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Byler, Clyde | Mechanicsburg, OH
Horst, J. Mark | Harrisonville, PA
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Lapp, Crit | Elnora, IN
Miller, Dan | Elnora, IN
Neuschwander, Todd | Goshen, IN
Rosenberry, Brent | Brooklyn, NY
Roth, Allen | Brooklyn, NY
Yoder, Daniel | Elnora, IN

Women's Department:

Roth, Carolyn | Brooklyn, NY
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.

An evening writing class will be offered once per term. This evening class is designed to assist students in the development of technical and grammatical writing skills at a post-high school level. Students are encouraged to attend but it is not a requirement.

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 the following minimum entrance requirements must be met:

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 by email three weeks prior to their term.

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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, depending on the criteria of the sending or receiving academic institution.

A major diploma will be granted upon the satisfactory completion of the 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.

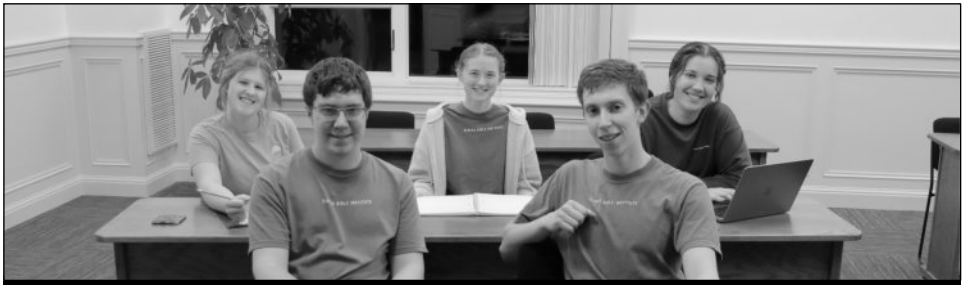
A minor diploma will be granted upon the satisfactory completion of 30 credit hours required for the minor desired. A minimum grade average of C- must be maintained in all courses required in any of the minors offered. An additional research paper of 4,000-5,000 words is required before the certificate 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





STUDENT CHURCH

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.
- **Grounds 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.
- **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 individual book of the Bible plays a vital role in supporting and elaborating on the Christocentric theme that permeates Scripture. This course investigates this theme while also addressing other critical components, including the essential nature of Genesis 1-11 as the groundwork for the rest of the Bible, the groupings of biblical books (such as historical, poetic, and prophetic), and features the memorization of the books of the Bible in both their canonical and chronological arrangements, as well as the development of comprehensive biblical knowledge.

201 Genesis **3 Hours**

Genesis, known as the book of beginnings, plays a significant role in laying the foundation for the entire Scripture. It offers a vivid narrative detailing the origins of both mankind and the universe. The text addresses the emergence of sin in the world, the devastating consequences of its curse on humanity, and the initiation of God's plan to bless the nations through His chosen lineage. Throughout this course, we will examine the literary framework of Genesis while exploring these themes, along with others such as the inception of the natural world, the development of human culture, and the history of 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 delve into the Mosaic Covenant, highlighting the sacrifices and feasts practiced in ancient Israel. We will analyze the three essential aspects of this covenant: moral, sacrificial, and juridical. In addition, we will discuss how these sacrifices and feasts underpin the Christian faith and influence the lives of contemporary 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 **3 Hours**

The Book of Daniel recounts the life of Daniel, a Jewish exile in Babylon. This course explores the dreams, prophecies, and miraculous occurrences presented in the text, highlighting the importance of remaining faithful to God during times of persecution. Key themes include divine authority, the hope for restoration, and the victory of good over evil.

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 significantly influenced the society of His time, and this influence remains relevant today. In our textual analysis of the book of Matthew, we will examine the original text alongside commentaries and different translations, concentrating on these teachings. Our goal extends beyond merely understanding Jesus' words; we seek to apply them in ways that can transform our lives.

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**

The initial letter addressed to the early church in Corinth tackled the challenges believers encountered while striving to practice their faith in a corrupt society. Are these issues still pertinent to us today, and can the solutions provided be applied in our context? The timeless nature of God's Word will become evident as we delve into this significant New Testament text. In his follow-up letter to the Corinthians, Paul defends his role as an apostle

and his ministry against critics. He also discusses topics such as church discipline, generosity, repentance, and the need for separation.

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**

The Pastoral Epistles address the principles of church governance and practice. In this course, we will thoroughly examine these texts and explore their relevance today through an Anabaptist lens. There will be comprehensive discussions on the organization and ministry of local churches.

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!

4901 I, II, & III John **2 Hours**

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.

5101 Revelation **3 Hours**

The book of Revelation, written by the apostle John, reveals prophetic visions of the end times, addressing seven churches and urging perseverance amid trials. This course will discuss the book's vivid imagery that depict divine judgment and the ultimate victory of Christ over evil, culminating in the promise of a new heaven and new earth for believers.

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 explores the foundational principles associated with marriage and family life. It aims to provide practical guidance for young individuals as they navigate courtship, marriage, and parenting through a Christian lens. Our objective is to highlight the principles that foster resilient marriages, ultimately benefiting our churches, communities, and the broader world.

402 Anabaptist Life and Thought **3 Hours**

Anabaptism is not so much a particular denomination as it is a way of interpreting and applying Scripture. It is a worldview, based on loving Christ and taking Him and His Word seriously. This course explores early Anabaptist theology, and examines its development during the Reformation in Europe. We will look at what Anabaptists believe, starting with non-resistance and simplicity. How did the early Anabaptists think and live? And how should we think and live today?

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

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 essential for a Christian to engage in community with fellow believers? In what ways does communal living influence our decisions? What role should the local church play in the life of a believer? This course provides insights based on biblical teachings regarding these vital topics.

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**

Is the Bible a trustworthy source? What are its central themes? What does the Gospel entail? This course will delve into these critical questions, introducing you to the major themes that permeate the text of Scripture.

203 Scripture's Grand Narrative **3 Hours**

This course provides a thorough grounding in how to read and understand the Bible as a rich, unified whole with a central, compelling message. It involves learning how the whole Bible fits together, carefully observing how the Bible itself uses earlier portions of Scripture, gaining skills for more effective Bible study, tracing the development of key themes from Genesis to Revelation, and rejoicing in how all of this drives us to Jesus and the gospel.

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.

04 MUSIC

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.

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.

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 Preparing to Find 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 of 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.

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. Some of the topics addressed include singleness, ministry, and an evaluation of feminism.

308 Feminine by Design **3 Hours**

This course examines the biblical purpose and design of femininity through the study of twelve women in Scripture. The examples of women in Scripture will be used to highlight the diversity and beauty of God's design for femininity and its expression in the life of the believer. Emphasis is placed on developing a vibrant walk with God through His Word and prayer, and on understanding one's identity in Christ as the foundation for femininity.

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 woman 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 One Story, Two Faiths **2 Hours**

This course explores the continuity of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Covenant. Students will gain a deeper appreciation for the Jewishness of the Bible and examine how early Christianity emerged from its Jewish roots. The class will also examine the historical roots of anti-Judaism in Christianity and its impact on Jewish-Christian relations, encouraging a response marked by truth and love.

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 **3 Hours**

This course offers a gospel-rich introduction to biblical counseling, grounded in the conviction that change flows from a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Students will explore how God speaks through Scripture into life's deepest struggles—sin, suffering, and desire—offering hope through the redemptive story of the gospel. Emphasizing the character of God, the sufficiency of His Word, and the transforming work of the Spirit, the course equips students to counsel others with truth, grace, and compassion. With the aim of knowing God more deeply and growing in Christlikeness, students will be equipped with practical tools to understand people and apply biblical wisdom in everyday life. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to apply what they learn to their own lives, preparing them to offer faithful, personal care to others.



210 Applied Biblical Counseling **3 Hours**

This course provides an advanced exploration of biblical counseling practice rooted in a Christian worldview. Students will apply biblical methodology to real-life struggles and will grow in their ability to critically evaluate and compare modern counseling models and theories in light of a biblical framework. Special attention is given to cultivating discernment, theological clarity, and collaborative engagement as students work together to construct a biblically faithful response to a chosen topic or issue in counseling. Prerequisite: Introduction to Biblical Counseling

310 Biblical Counseling Apprenticeship **9 Hours**

This apprenticeship program offers an intensive learning experience. Throughout the course, you will have the opportunity to observe thirty hours of counseling sessions, engage

in assigned reading, complete an open-book examination, and develop practical counseling skills. To enhance your understanding, apprentices will meet biweekly to discuss relevant counseling topics. Additionally, as part of the apprenticeship, you are encouraged to audit one Bible class per term.

11 MEN'S STUDIES

211 Honorable Manhood **2 Hours**

This course aims to help young men develop a biblically grounded understanding of manhood, shaped by the character of Christ and lived through the power of the Spirit. We compare modern views of manhood with the humble manhood reflected in Scripture. Divided into three sections, the course covers the identity, character, and relationships of honorable manhood. Each section builds on the others, equipping young men to embody honorable manhood in every area of life.

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 unaccredited 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 is 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 or 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

Call (812) 692-7801 for more information about our biblical counseling program.

Department	Credits
Bible	12
Theology	6
Counseling	6
Apologetics	5
Practical	2
Language	5
Counseling Apprenticeship	9
Total Credit Hours	**45**

SECTION 5: 2027-2028 CALENDAR

First Term (15 Weeks): August 31 - December 17, 2027

Student Arrival	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Mon., Aug. 30
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.	Tues., Aug. 31
Orientation and Registration	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Tues., Aug. 31
Choir Tour		Thurs., Nov. 18-Tues., Nov. 23
Thanksgiving Recess		Wed., Nov. 24-Sun., Nov. 28
Classes Resume		Mon., Nov. 29
Community Program	6:30 p.m.	Sun., Dec. 5
Classes End		Fri., Dec. 17

Second Term (3 Weeks): January 3-21, 2028

Student Arrival	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Sun., Jan. 2
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.	Mon., Jan. 3
Orientation and Registration	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Mon., Jan. 3
Classes End		Fri., Jan. 21
Community Program	7:00 p.m.	Fri., Jan. 21

2027 BMA Minister's Enrichment: January 28-31, 2028

Third Term (6 Weeks): February 1 - March 11, 2028

Student Arrival	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Mon., Jan. 31
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.	Tues., Feb. 1
Orientation and Registration	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Tues., Feb. 1
Community Program	6:30 p.m.	Sun., Mar. 5
Classes End		Fri., Mar. 10
Choir Tour		March 11-13

Fourth Term (6 Weeks): March 15 - April 25, 2028

Student Arrival	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Tues., Mar. 14
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.	Wed., Mar. 15
Orientation and Registration	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Wed., Mar. 15
Community Program	6:30 p.m.	Sun., April 23
Classes End		Tues., April 25
Choir Tour		April 26-May 4

2027 BMA Convention: July 23-25, 2028

SECTION 6: DAILY COURSE SCHEDULES

First Term (15 Weeks): August 31 - December 17, 2027*

8:00 - 8:50	**1st Period**
	101 Bible Survey (3) (M, W, F) K. Bucher
	707 Creation vs. Evolution (2) (T, Th) K. Bucher
	313 Rudiments of Greek (3) (M, W, F) D. Yoder
	513 Bible Lands and Culture (2) (T, Th) D. Yoder
9:00 - 9:50	**2nd Period**
	107 Doubt and Defense (3) (M, W, F) D. Yoder
	213 Bible Study Methods (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 (3) (M, W, F) A. Beery
	211 Honorable Manhood (2) (T, Th) A. Beery
1:30 - 2:20	**5th Period**
	3001 Life of Christ (3) (M, W, F) C. Lapp
	4901 I, II & III John (2) (T, Th) C. Lapp
2:30 - 3:50	**6th Period**
	504 Choir (1) (M, W, F) D. Miller
4:00 - 4:50	**7th Period**
	804 Class Voice (2) (M, W, F) D. Miller
	212 Essentials for Christian Education (2) (T, Th) C. Lapp
	208 Thoughtful Womanhood (2) (T, Th) H. Yoder
5:00	**Supper**
6:30 - 7:00	Quiet Time
7:00 - 8:00	Study Hour

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Second Term (3 Weeks): January 3-21, 2028*

8:00 - 8:50	**1st Period**
	3201 Sermon on the Mount (2) D. Yoder
9:00 - 9:50	**2nd Period**
	3201 Sermon on the Mount (continued)
10:00 - 10:30	**Chapel**
10:30	**Brunch**
12:00 - 12:50	**3rd Period**
	802 Personal Disciplines for a Fruitful Life (1) A. Roth
	2501 Jonah-Habakkuk (1) D. Yoder
	103 Faith Foundations (1) T. Neuschwander
1:00 - 1:50	**4th Period**
	605 Personal Evangelism (2) A. Roth
	109 One Story, Two Faiths (2) B. Rosenberry
	607 Contemporary Church Challenges (2) T. Neuschwander
2:00 - 2:50	**5th Period**
	605 Personal Evangelism (continued)
	109 One Story, Two Faiths (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 1 - March 10, 2028*

8:00 - 9:20	**1st Period**
	107 Doubt and Defense (3) D. Yoder
	301 Exodus (3) K. Bucher
	3801 I & II Corinthians (3) C. Byler
9:30 - 10:00	**Chapel**
10:00	**Brunch**
11:10 - 12:30	**2nd Period**
	205 Seeing the Big Picture (3) A. Roth
	206 Anabaptism: Past, Present, Future (3) C. Byler
	303 Knowing God (3) D. Yoder
12:40 - 2:00	**3rd Period**
	204 Music Fundamentals (3) D. Miller
	211 Honorable Manhood (3) A. Beery
	308 Feminine by Design (3) TBD
2:10 - 3:30	**4th Period**
	804 Class Voice (3) D. Miller
	4801 I & II Peter (3) C. Lapp
	305 Preparing to Find 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 15 - April 25, 2028*

8:00 - 9:20	**1st Period**
	403 Man and His Destiny (3) D. Yoder
	201 Genesis (3) K. Bucher
	3901 Galatians (3) P. Lamicela
9:30 - 10:00	**Chapel**
10:00	**Brunch**
11:10 - 12:30	**2nd Period**
	506 God's Unfolding Story (3) D. Yoder
	302 Marriage and Family (3) J. M. Horst
12:40 - 2:00	**3rd Period**
	210 Applied Biblical Counseling (3) A. Beery
	804 Class Voice (3) D. Miller
	203 Scripture's Grand Narrative (3) P. Lamicela
2:10 - 3:30	**4th Period**
	5101 Revelation (3) J. M. Horst
	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^	$105 per credit hour	$105 per credit hour	$105 per credit hour	$105 per credit hour
Room & Board*	$1,550	$415	$830	$830
Room Deposit (Refundable)	$25	$25	$25	$25
IT Fee	$20	$10	$20	$20
Activities Fee	$50	$15	$30	$30
Choir Fee**	$225	$25	$150	$300
Application Fee (Non-refundable): $200 per academic year (September - May)				

* See chart below for Married Student/Family Room & Board Rates
^ Choir enrollment carries one credit hour, which is charged at the regular tuition rate.
** 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 guide 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 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 hearts 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. Each unexcused absence will result in a two-point reduction in the student's final grade. Two tardies constitute an unexcused absence. Permission may be granted 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. 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 RAs. 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 all assignments up to date 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).



SECTION 10: LOVING GOD THROUGH OUR SERVICE

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (I John 3:16-18).

We are convinced that a heartfelt love for God and others is reflected in the act of serving those who require assistance, both physically and spiritually. By enrolling at EBI, students are committing themselves to be actively involved in the outreach programs of the Institute. We believe it is crucial for our students to have the chance to minister to others, both on campus and beyond. Potential ministry activities may involve personal evangelism, visitation, supporting senior citizens, leading prayer groups for students, and participating in various organized ministry efforts.

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 weeknight for quiet time. During this time, students must be present on campus or in the adjacent fairgrounds, 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 held 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. To help achieve this goal, we ask students to refrain from patronizing businesses on Sundays, including restaurants, service stations, and stores. 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 the internet, 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. To help students focus on their pursuit of God, we ask that students refrain from beginning new dating relationships during their EBI term. Students who were dating before attending EBI may be permitted to continue their relationship under the guidelines outlined below. They 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 intervene in relationships characterized by immaturity, excessive time spent together, or physical contact, as well as relationships that negatively affect student life or involve other circumstances that warrant 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 required to sign out whenever leaving campus. Any travel beyond a fifty-mile radius of EBI—including trips home—requires written approval from the principal at least one week in advance. Permission for weekend recreational travel will be limited to one 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, paintball equipment (including ammo), and nerf guns. These items, along with similar weapons and equipment, 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. EBI also asks that dorm pictures are not posted on social media.

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 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 cappella.
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, the Institute recognizes the occasional need for breaks and mild forms of entertainment. Students whose academic work is up to date, as determined by their respective RAs, may occasionally participate in these activities on Friday evenings and Saturdays. However, while at EBI, students are required to abstain from attending or viewing professional, college, and high school sports games. This requirement is without prejudice for or against professional sports. This policy is intended to help maintain the primary focus of EBI.

SECTION 13: APPEARANCE AND DRESS STANDARDS

As a Christian institution, Elnora Bible Institute is committed to promoting the principles of modesty, propriety, and decorum in its dress standards. Since the students attending EBI 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 is acceptable across our constituency. We also affirm the authority of parents and home congregations. Students are expected to abide by the standards of their home or church when those standards exceed that of this institution.

General Dress Standard

General dress should be clean, neat, and appropriate, avoiding style extremes. 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).

Men: All shirts must have sleeves, reaching to at least halfway between the armpit and the elbow. Pants, including athletic gym pants, should be comfortably loose-fitting. When leaning forward or stretching, the back and stomach should remain covered and underwear

should never be exposed. Sweat pants and shorts are only permitted in the dorm.

Men should keep their hair neatly combed and avoid fashion extreme. 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 the cold as symbolic of his submission to the divine order of headship.

Ladies: Dresses and skirts are to be modestly full and of sufficient length to extend well below the knees when sitting. Skirts should not have slits. All dresses and shirts must have sleeves, reaching to at least halfway between the armpit and the elbow. Necklines should be within one inch of the base of the neck. Clothing should not be sheer or form-revealing. When leaning forward or stretching, the chest, back, and stomach should remain covered, and underwear should never be exposed. Culottes may only be worn in the dorm. Modest skorts may be worn for athletic activities as long as they meet the length standard of the dress code.

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. 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)

To promote a formal and studious atmosphere during class hours and at all services, class attire should be respectable, clean, neat, and appropriate, avoiding extreme styles. Any printed monograms, emblems, or sports logos are prohibited in class dress. For men, button-down dress shirts, polo shirts, and slacks are acceptable during class hours (all button-down shirts must be tucked in). Women may wear skirts, dresses, shirts, and sweaters during this time. Footwear is required during class hours and at all public events; flip-flops, slides, and similar types of shoes do not meet class dress standards. Denim clothing, T-shirts, and pullover hoodies should be reserved for after-class activities. To foster a sense of unity among

the various groups who attend the institute, neckties and bowties are not permitted.

Choir Program Dress Standard

Men: long-sleeved black shirt (black 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) and solid, black or white head coverings are to be worn.

Choir Tour Dress Standard

Men: button-down dress shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, hoodies without logos, 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. IIn the dorms, you will forge new friendships, develop self-discipline and respect for your 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 tfor cleaning and maintaining his or her own room. The RAs or housekeeping committee will inspect each dorm room weekly. Rooms will be inspected for general cleanliness and neatness, including made beds, debris-free floors, clean sinks, showers, and toilets, and trash containers that are 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 remain 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 space permits, students may invite visitors to stay overnight on Friday and Saturday nights. Exceptions for weekday stays may be granted upon request. 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. All visitors are expected to register through 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. Students may not receive visitors during these weekends and are expected to remain on campus.

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 campfires 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 out of 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 lost-and-found box 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 in the work of the kingdom. During a student's time at EBI, discipline may be necessary to help guide that student in his or her Christian walk. Disciplinary action may take a variety of forms depending on the nature of the offense, and may include counseling, verbal warnings, written warnings, fines, restitution, campus restriction, disciplinary probation, suspension, denial of readmission, 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.

EBI has been so much more than just an academic experience to me. Through its strong emphasis on God and His Word, it created an environment that continually pushed me to grow spiritually and challenged me to consider what it truly means to live each day for God. Through the genuine questions, the never-ending conversations, and the deep friendships, the community a huge impact on me. The example of the teachers and even the students helped me grow in ways I didn't realize I needed. EBI has strengthened my understanding of Scripture and deepened my dependence on God, giving me a clearer vision of what it means to live faithfully for His glory.



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