

EVANGELICAL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

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The Evangelical Church
and
the Evangelical Methodist Church

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Classes Held At

Campus of One Mission Society
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PURPOSE

ESOM exists to provide practical training for pastoral ministry. It includes Biblical and Theological Studies, as well as a strong emphasis on the practical aspects of the relationships and ministry of those called to pastor a local church.

Courses are taught at a seminary level and completion of the thirty-hour program will lead to either a Master of Ministry degree OR a Certificate of Ministry.

The school is focused on those who may not be able to pursue a traditional in-house course of study and therefore offers one-week intensive courses, three times per year. It takes three years to complete the entire program.

Completion of the program fulfills many of the requirements leading to ordination in the sponsoring denominations.

The sponsoring denominations are thoroughly Wesley-Arminian in their understanding of Scripture and ESOM courses are taught in that theological framework.

RECOGNITION

ESOM does not intend to pursue regional or national accreditation. We do, however, anticipate obtaining recognition for transfer of credits to accredited seminaries. We are offering a course of study that is equivalent to seminary-level curriculum.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Degree Students

1. Bachelor's degree with 2.5 GPA or higher.
2. Actively serving in a local church at least six hours weekly.
3. Written letter of recommendation by pastor/church leader.
4. Endorsement by Denomination or sponsoring body.

Certificate Students

1. High School Diploma or G.E.D.
2. Actively serving in a local church at least six hours weekly.
3. Written letter of recommendation by pastor/church leader.
4. Endorsement by Denomination or sponsoring body.

COST

Full Time student package (annual)	\$1500
[Includes: 10 hrs tuition; lunches; 5 nights lodging per session]	
Tuition per 3 hr. course	\$400
Tuition for mentoring courses	\$550
Lunch Program (Mon-Th)	\$20
Campus Lodging (Sun-Th)	\$100
Audit Fee – if space is available (half of 3 hr tuition fee)	
Graduation Fee (to be determined)	

NOTE: Travel, morning and evening meals, and books are extra.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon-Thu

7:30-11:15 Class
11:30-12:15 Chapel
12:15-1:15 Lunch
1:30-5:15 Class
5:30-7 Dinner
7:30-9 Colloquium

Friday

7:30-11:15

CLASS DATES

Sep 15-19, 2014

Nov 10-14, 2014

Mar 16-20, 2015

Sep 21-25, 2015

Nov 9-13, 2015

Mar 7-11, 2016

Sep 19-23, 2016

Nov 14-18, 2016

Mar 13-17, 2017

CURRICULUM

(All courses are 3 semester hours, unless otherwise noted.)

BI 500 Old Testament with Inductive Study

This course combines a basic introduction to the canonical Old Testament with a study of hermeneutics. In the introduction emphasis, items of a critical nature such as authorship, dating, audience, and purpose are considered. However, primary focus is on a study of the contents of the canonical text, its cultural background, and its relationship with the New Testament. In the hermeneutics emphasis, the primary focus is on learning and practicing the inductive approach to scriptures.

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TH 501 Theology I (Man, Sin and Salvation)

The doctrine of Christian holiness is examined, emphasizing scriptural teachings concerning the doctrine, experience, and the life of the believer. Readings examine those teachings from an historical perspective, from the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition, and from current literature.

TH 502 Theology II (Trinity and Ecclesiology)

The Biblical doctrine of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) will be studied, as well as the doctrine of the church. Special emphasis will be given to how these doctrines affect our understanding of relationships and ministry.

HI 501 Church History Survey

This course surveys the history of Christianity from the age of the apostles to the end of the twentieth century, with primary emphasis on the teachings and life of the church. Each of the major periods in the history of the church is examined for ways in which they have influenced and shaped the church of the twentieth century. Special attention is given to the American church. One portion of the class will be given to specific denominational history.

PM 500 Preaching/Homiletics

This class is an introduction to biblical preaching. Students learn the basic elements of sermons, as well the types of sermons and how they are constructed in concert with the hermeneutical principle of inductive exegesis in order to produce expository preaching. Some practicum experiences in delivery and in class evaluation of sermons are included.

PM 501 Pastoral Life and Ministry I

This course gives primary emphasis to the pastor's spiritual life, family relationships, and relational/communication skills. It may include specialized seminars by qualified specialists in one of these areas.

PM 502 Pastoral Life and Ministry II

The primary focus of this course is that of leadership, administration, and finances. The course may include a focus on current trends affecting any of these areas of pastoral administration.

PM 503 Evangelism and Discipleship

Christ's great commission to His church is to "make disciples." This course will focus on the pastor's responsibility to be a person who brings people to faith in Christ and disciples them in that faith to become active servants in the kingdom. Attention will also be given to mobilizing a congregation to be active in making disciples.

PM 505 Mentoring: The Spiritual Life of the Pastor

The student will develop a mentoring relationship with an approved pastor/mentor. The mentoring relationship will focus on the importance and means for developing a lifelong process of an abundant life in Christ which flows out of intimacy with Him. (1 hour)

PM 506 Mentoring: The Relational Pastor

The focus of the mentoring relationship will be on the pastor and the pastoral family, care giving, and dealing with conflict within the church. (1 hour)

PM 507 Mentoring: The Pastor as Administrator

In this course the mentoring relationship will focus on the practical aspects of giving administrative leadership to the church. Attention will be given to planning, casting vision, budgeting, communications, and other structures necessary for a church to function effectively. (1 hour)

"COMMUNITY"

With an extended program, community building is difficult. Consequently, enrollment in the degree program means the student will stay on campus. Chapel, colloquia times, and lunches serve as community building events and participation is required. Students often spend time together at the evening meal as well. These provide times of community and build ministry relationships that last a lifetime.

MENTORING

Mentoring is a key component of leadership development. Each student must have a mentor each year of the program. The mentoring portion of the program is granted up to three hours of credit toward graduation.

Mentors must meet the following qualifications:

1. Have a sincere desire and interest in mentoring.

2. Be an active practitioner (pastor, missionary), recommended by the student, approved by the responsible person (Superintendent, Mission Director), and reported to the administration of the School of Ministry.
3. Agree to meet with the student ten times per year and to follow the mentoring guidelines which have been established.
4. Be willing to mentor no more than two students per year.

LIBRARY AND RESEARCH

ESOM does not house a library. Students will use online resources, local libraries, and libraries of theological schools to do the necessary research for their studies.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Bruce Moyer, Dean
Rev. Jim Coulston, Registrar

FACULTY

Brian Donley, DMin
Brian Eckhardt, MDiv
Leroy Lindsey, Jr., PhD
Bruce Moyer, PhD
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Brad Penn, PhD
William Ury, PhD
Mark Weinert, PhD
Edward Williamson, DMin

[Note: Others are being confirmed.]

GOVERNANCE

A Board of Trustees serves as the governing board. There are nine members which include the Dean and four members each appointed by The Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Methodist Church.

The Board elects the Dean, determines general policies and handbooks, reviews the curriculum, and approves the faculty.

Evangelical School of Ministry
APPLICATION

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Degree Program _____ Certificate Program _____

If Degree Program, indicate institution from which the Bachelor's degree was received. (Official transcript must be requested and sent to ESOM):

Emergency notification: _____

Church membership: _____

Endorsing Pastor: _____

Ask pastor to write a letter of endorsement and send it to ESOM.

Church where a minimum of six hours weekly will be served, if different from church membership:

By signing this application, the student affirms that the student handbook has been read and will be followed. If accepted the student agrees to pay the appropriate tuition/fees as determined by ESOM.

Student signature

Mail completed application with \$25 application fee to:

ESOM, PO Box 17070, Indianapolis, IN 46217

The application fee is non refundable and non transferable.

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