



# **Elnora Bible Institute**

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Devoted to spiritual formation, discipleship,  
missions training, ministerial training,  
and congregational enrichment.

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**Overview**

The Elnora Bible Institute (EBI) operates under the auspices of the Biblical Mennonite Alliance (BMA), an association of churches committed to the worldwide 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 brethren who are members of the BMA oversees the work of the Institute.

EBI is not just a place for our youth to fellowship in safety while taking a few random Bible courses. It is a place where the youth of our constituencies are taught what they need to know in order to survive in the world of ideas ever present in this age. Absolute truth must be the standard and students must be immersed in truth and in logical biblical principles to determine rightful applications of that truth. EBI is committed to provide leadership not only in what the students may legitimately want but also in what they specifically need.

Many present-day institutions, including some Anabaptist institutions, are relationally-based. In contrast, EBI is truth-based. While the issues of relationship development are not neglected, these relationships are built on the platform of the truth. That is, 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." 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 is 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.

## **Review**

Biblical Mennonite Alliance Bible Institute began in 2000 and offered one three-week term for the first two years. In 2002 the Institute began having six-week terms. The 2000 - 2003 terms were held in local churches in SC, IN, VA, and OH. A public school building located in Elnora, IN was purchased in December of 2002. A dorm building was built during 2003, and the first term in Elnora was held in 2004. In 2005 the Institute began offering two terms. The institute formally adopted Elnora Bible Institute as its official name in the summer of 2008. Single students are housed in the dorm building, and married students are lodged in area homes as they become available.

## **Objectives**

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 men 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.

### **EBI Evening Classes**

Beginning during second term 2011, evening classes were conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. These classes are primarily for the local community, although regular EBI students are also permitted to attend. No day school credit is granted for these classes. Content is a simplified version of selected day school classes. With the success of this program, it has been determined that it will continue during each school term for the foreseeable future. For information on upcoming classes, please contact the EBI office.

### **Future Developments**

EBI is in a development phase. Possibilities exist of moving from two six-week terms to a full school year schedule as soon as 2013. Cultivating relationships within the local Daviess County community is being pursued. Expansion of campus facilities is envisioned. For those youth who feel called to a college education, a college preparatory program is being developed which will help them remain steadfast in the faith. Plans are in place for strengthening the Bible, Theology, and Apologetics departments in order to benefit missionary and collegiate candidates.

EBI has never been a college, is not now a college, and has no plans to become a college. The academic improvements mentioned above are intended to better prepare our Anabaptist people to present Christ effectively in this rapidly changing world.

## 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.

### **2012 Faculty includes:**

Clyde Byler, Plain City, OH  
Lester Swartzentruber, Plain City, OH  
Paul Emerson, Harrisonburg, VA  
Allen Roth, Brooklyn, NY  
Chester Lehman, Odon, IN  
Marvin Troyer, Goshen, IN

The EBI Principal is Paul M. Emerson of Harrisonburg, Virginia. Brother Paul has served in Pastoral Ministry for over forty years. A graduate of Philadelphia Biblical University with additional studies at Wheaton College, Covenant Theological Seminary, and American International College, he has many years of experience in Christian Education instruction and administration at all levels. An Anabaptist proselyte, he is a strong advocate of thoughtful conservative Anabaptism.

## Curriculum

EBI offers four majors for study at a Junior College level: Bible and Theology, History, Missions, and Christian Ministries. Sixty credit hours are required to graduate from the Institute. Students earn credits toward graduation in the following areas of study: Bible, Evangelism and Missions, Theology, Practical, History, Apologetics, Discipleship/Counseling, Jewish Studies, and Music. A general education certificate may be attained by completing thirty credit hours from the required areas of study plus completing a research paper.

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

## CLASSES OFFERED

*All classes are 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted*

### Department - BIBLE

#### **101 Bible Survey**

**3 Hours**

The contents of this course will include memorization of books of the Bible both in biblical order and chronological order; the groupings of Bible books (i.e. historical, poetical, prophetic, etc.), the overall Christocentric theme of the Scriptures and how each book supports and amplifies that theme; the importance of Genesis 1-11 as the foundation of all that comes thereafter; together with mastery of general Bible knowledge.

#### **201 Genesis**

**3 Hours**

In this course we will be looking at the literary structure of Genesis. Consideration will be given to the importance of the foundation that it provides for the rest of Scripture.

#### **301 Leviticus**

**3 Hours**

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

#### **401 Psalms**

**3 Hours**

In the study of the Psalms we will give consideration to the literary style as well as their content and God=s Word to us today.

#### **501 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 judgment, yet hopeful of a better future. Special attention will be focused on their message for contemporary Christianity.

#### **601 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.

**701 Matthew****3 Hours**

In this course we do a textual study using helps in exploring the original text as well as commentaries and various translations. A major focus will be on the teachings of Jesus. Practical applications will be a high priority in class discussions.

**801 Sermon on the Mount****3 Hours**

As the longest discourse of the Lord Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount has taken on a great deal of significance. In this course we will do an introductory study of the Kingdom of Heaven as discussed especially in the book of Matthew, and discuss how the Sermon on the Mount relates to this Kingdom. We will begin the study with an overview of the main themes before doing a verse-by-verse study. Our resources will include a wide range of commentary done by writers from the scope of Christian history including contemporary scholars.

**901 Gospel of John****3 Hours**

This course will be a study in 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, and find practical messages for the believer today.

**1001 Book of Acts****3 Hours**

This is a study of the New Testament church as seen in the book of Acts. We 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. How can we today have the passion the early church had for the Kingdom of Christ?

**1101 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 human nature of carnality and the Roman way of dealing with the ongoing struggle with sin (Rom. 6-8). This will include some practical and personal application and involvement.

**1201 I Corinthians****3 Hours**

This first letter, written to a young church at Corinth, dealt with problems facing believers as they sought to live out their faith in an evil environment. Are their problems relevant to us today, and are the answers applicable as well? God's word is timeless, which we will see as we explore this important New Testament book!

### **1301 II Corinthians**

**3 Hours**

In this epistle, Paul defends his apostolic authority and ministry because of some who opposed him. He also speaks of church discipline, giving, repentance, and separation. Emphasis in this class will be on the expository study of this most passionate of Paul's epistles.

### **1401 Pastoral Epistles**

**3 Hours**

The Pastoral Epistles (I, II Timothy and Titus) deal with how church should be done. The course will wrestle with the text of these epistles and make present day applications in an Anabaptist perspective. Local church organization and ministry will be discussed at length

### **1501 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 history. We will be looking at the five parenthetical warnings and issues of faith in this book.

### **1601 I & II Peter, James**

**3 Hours**

An introduction to James and I & II Peter. We will refer to the practical book of James and its emphasis on suffering. In I Peter and II Peter we will notice scriptures dealing with our great salvation, as well as our hope for the new heavens and new earth!

## Department - **PRACTICAL**

### **102 Spiritual Disciplines**

**3 Hours**

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 mind. The course will involve a theological overview of salvation, a historical survey of spiritual giants and their writings, and practical experience in the disciplines.

### **202 Christian Stewardship and Finances**

**3 Hours**

In this class we want to see and establish a Biblical understanding of Christian stewardship and find ways of applying them in a practical way. Emphasis will be on ownership, varying views of finances and possessions, tithing and giving beyond the tithe, debt, family budgeting, brotherhood and mutual aid, saving, retirement, estate planning, etc.

### **302 Marriage and Family**

**3 Hours**

This course is a study of principles relating to marriage and family. There will be practical help to prepare young people for courtship, marriage, and parenting from a Christian perspective.

### **402 Peace and the Simple Life**

**3 Hours**

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

### **502 Christian Education**

**3 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.

### **602 Christian Expression**

**3 Hours**

The Great Commission involves communication skills. 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, practice speaking with confidence in public, and learn to effectively direct a Sunday School class. The church will find abundant blessing in men who can move boldly in leadership positions and in women who can challenge other women and children.

### **702 Effective Leadership**

**3 Hours**

This course, geared particularly for church leaders and potential leaders, will include the dynamics of servant leadership and working with people. Issues of motivation and accountability will be considered in the light of the Biblical teachings.

### **802 Creative Writing**

**3 Hours**

“The pen is mightier than the sword!” Improving our ability to write in an interesting and compelling manner has never been more important than it is today. This course is designed for those who want to improve their writing skills. Opportunities to write, edit, and revise will be given, in different genres and for different purposes.

## Department - **THEOLOGY**

### **103 Basic Bible Doctrines**

**3 Hours**

This course will summarize the doctrines and themes of the Bible with particular emphasis on the definition and nature of the Gospel. The student will be acquainted with the theological concepts of the Scriptures. The Bible will be the principal textbook.

### **203 Biblical Ethics**

**3 Hours**

An introduction of how to develop 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.

### **303 Introduction to Prophecy**

**3 Hours**

This course will draw much of its Biblical investigation from the Old Testament prophetic books and Revelation. Various methods of interpretation and differing eschatological views will be discussed. Themes that will be covered include the rapture, tribulation, second coming, millennial reign, and end of time. Practical applications for our times will be given high priority as well as engendering excitement for the return of the Lord!

### **403 Methods of Biblical Interpretation**

**3 Hours**

Our goal in this course is to help us develop sound principles needed for correct interpretation, exposition, and application of God's Word. We will also consider the history of interpretation, various literary forms, and the grammatical - historical method.

### **503 Theology I**

**3 Hours**

In this course you will be introduced to the discipline of systematic theology; the study of the doctrines of Scripture arranged in consistency and unity (system). Since this course is an introduction, we will spend significant time exploring the sources for knowing God and truth, including the role and limits of nature, language, reason, and the authority of Scripture as verbal, revealed truth. In addition, we will survey the doctrine of God in Trinity and the doctrine

of Christ, giving some attention to the Church's historical struggle against heresy in these areas.

### **603 Theology II**

This course will build upon and expand the subject material of Theology I as well as cover the remainder of the principal subjects of systematic theology.

## Department - **MUSIC**

### **104 Music Fundamentals I**

**3 Hours**

This course will cover the basic rudiments of music. It is designed for students who have little or no background in reading and understanding music. It will include a study of pitch, rhythm, solfeggio, key and time signatures, notation, and sight-singing skills.

### **204 Music Fundamentals II**

**3 Hours**

This course will cover the rudiments of music starting with a review of the basic musical concepts covered in Fundamentals I and continuing on through a study of intervals, chords, harmonization, and basic part writing. Students will learn what makes music sound good and why it is appealing. Students will discover how sounds can be arranged to create beauty and order.

### **304 Class Voice**

**3 Hours**

This course explores the basic elements of vocal pedagogy and gives students the opportunity to sing for and learn from each other in a variety of contexts. The primary pedagogical concepts covered will be breathing, resonance, phonation, and diction.

### **Choir**

**2 Hours**

This course will consist of preparation for a quality program of choral music in several churches. There will be homework and practice time required outside of class. Choir members are required to stay for the tour following the six-week term. Limited number of participants. ***For program dress, see Entrance Requirements.***

### **Ensemble**

**1 Hour**

This course will consist of preparing a smaller number of songs to be presented at closing program and various local venues. Class requirements will include personal study time, preparation of assigned portions of music, and sectional rehearsals outside of the scheduled class times.

## Department - EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

### **105 Personal Evangelism**

**3 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.

### **205 Missiology I**

**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 Missiology II**

**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 effectual 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 History of Missions**

**3 Hours**

Students will review the history of Christian missions from Pentecost till the present. The course will include a look at historic and current views of Anabaptist missions, capture the big picture of what God has been doing around the world, learn from the strengths and weaknesses of movements and missionaries who have preceded us, and will be challenged to participate in the advance of the missionary movement worldwide.

### **505 Church Planting**

**3 Hours**

Students will be given an overview of the Biblical basis for church planting, the character traits necessary in a church planter, the practical challenges faced in church planting, an introduction to a variety of models and methods being employed in church planting, and an overview of the process necessary for planting a church.

**605 Practicum****5 Hours**

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

**Department - HISTORY****106 Anabaptist History and Theology****3 Hours**

This course will give the student a substantial introduction to 16th century events and issues that shaped Anabaptism, along with practical applications for the 21st century.

**206 Mennonites in America****3 Hours**

This course will trace the story of the Anabaptists in the New World, from the Colonial Period to the present. How have Mennonites dealt with being citizens of two kingdoms? We will also examine the culture's influence on the Mennonite Church today, and what it means to walk faithfully in an increasingly secular society.

**306 Biblical Culture and Geography****3 Hours**

Understanding the culture and history of the "land of the Bible" can enhance our appreciation for and understanding of the teachings and stories of the Old and New Testament. We will more carefully examine the Jewish culture, including the Greek and Roman influences, into which our Messiah was born.

**406 Survey of Church History****3 Hours**

Beginning at Pentecost and continuing to the present, this course will give an overview of the church in action. Focusing on key individuals and movements as well as how the church has handled doctrinal issues, the student will be led into a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Christian heritage.

**Department – APOLOGETICS****107 Faith Foundations****3 Hours**

This class will prepare students for productive interaction with those who reject Christianity, focusing on analysis of common objections to Christianity. We will examine issues such as inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture, relationship

between faith and reason, human suffering, clues for the existence of God, the uniqueness of Christ, and contemporary challenges to Biblical faith.

### **207 Biblical Worldview**

**3 Hours**

Everyone has an orientation of heart and mind which can be expressed as a worldview. Special attention will be given to the revelation of God through the Holy Scripture, evidence for its truthfulness, and its impact on Christian worldview. Other topics will survey theology about the Creator, creation (evidences for created order, nature of man, image-bearing), redemption (restoration), and consummation (the kingdom).

### **307 Aberrant Christian Movements**

**3 Hours**

This class will study movements with Christian associations, but which perpetuate themselves by mind control or manipulative leadership and which deviate from major Biblical doctrines. The lectures will emphasize a Biblical response to these groups, which may include Christian Science, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Christian Identity Movement, Church of Scientology, Freemasonry, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Branch Davidians.

### **407 World Religions and Movements**

**3 Hours**

Non-Christian world movements such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Atheism, Humanism, the New Age Movement, and Postmodernism follow a god distinct from the God revealed in the Holy Scriptures. This course will summarize historical roots, outline beliefs, and underscore Biblical evaluation.

### **507 Toward a Christian Mind**

**3 Hours**

Following Christ obligates us to think well. Students will examine the rationale for intellectual development, reasoned belief, and persuasive presuppositional apologetics, as well as principles of logic.

### **607 Contemporary Church Challenges**

**3 Hours**

What are the issues facing the Christian church today? Where does the Biblical Anabaptist stand on membership, boundaries, Prosperity Gospel, effects of advanced communication, worship, and the Emergent Church? These and other current church challenges will be dealt with in this course.

## Department – **WOMEN'S CONCERNS**

### **108 Titus 2 Woman**

**3 Hours**

Social traditions regarding the proper place of women are not necessarily trustworthy. This course will deal with the Biblical place of women in the church and in society. Fulfillment within the Lord's design and purpose is not only possible but can actually be accomplished by following the Biblical model.

## Department – JEWISH STUDIES

### **109 Introduction to Jewish Studies**

**3 Hours**

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

## Department - DISCIPLESHIP/COUNSELING

### **110 Introduction to Biblical Counseling**

**3 Hours**

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

### **210 Biblical Counseling**

**3 Hours**

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

### **310 Biblical Counseling Observations**

**3 Hours**

In this course students will be sitting in on actual counseling sessions as well as viewing counseling sessions by video. Evaluations and criticisms will be included in discussion sessions.

### **410 Biblical Counseling Examinations**

**3 Hours**

This course will guide the student through the open book examination process required to obtain EBI counseling certification.

### **510 Practicum**

**3 Hours**

This practicum will involve actual counseling by the student, supervised by an EBI certified counselor. Fifty hours of actual counseling shall be required.

**First Term**      **Daily Schedule**      *January 2 - February 10, 2012*

7:00	Breakfast
7:30 – 8:50	<b>107 Faith Foundations</b> – C. Lehman <b>1501 Hebrews</b> – L. Swartzentruber
9:00 – 9:30	Chapel
9:40 – 11:00	<b>602 Christian Expression</b> – J. Eicher <b>203 Biblical Ethics</b> – P. Emerson
11:10 – 12:25	<b>Choir</b> – TBA
12:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:50	<b>106 Anabaptist History and Theology</b> – J. Eicher <b>207 Biblical Worldview</b> – C. Lehman <b>111 The Masculine Mandate</b> – P. Emerson
3:00 – 4:20	<b>104 Music Fundamentals I</b> – TBA <b>101 Bible Survey</b> – L. Swartzentruber <b>108 Titus 2 Woman</b> – J. Lehman
5:15	Supper

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**Second Term**      **Daily Schedule**      *February 20 – March 30, 2012*

7:00	Breakfast
7:30 – 8:50	<b>701 Matthew</b> – L. Swartzentruber <b>205 Missiology I</b> – A. Roth
9:00 – 9:30	Chapel
9:40 – 11:00	<b>105 Personal Evangelism</b> – C. Byler <b>202 Christian Stewardship and Finances</b> – M. Troyer <b>108 Titus 2 Woman</b> – C. Roth/ M. Troyer
11:10 – 12:25	<b>Choir</b> – TBA
12:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:50	<b>302 Marriage and Family</b> – M. Troyer <b>201 Genesis</b> – L. Swartzentruber
3:00 – 4:20	<b>402 Peace and the Simple Life</b> – C. Byler <b>304 Class Voice</b> – TBA <b>110 Introduction to Biblical Counseling</b> – P. Emerson
5:15	Supper

## **Projected Course Offerings for 2013**

Term One: 102 Spiritual Disciplines, 104 Music Fundamentals I, 110 Introduction to Biblical Counseling, 901 Gospel of John, 801 Sermon on the Mount, 207 Biblical Worldview, 106 Anabaptist History and Theology, 108 Titus 2 Woman.

Term Two: 101 Bible Survey, 103 Basic Doctrines, 202 Christian Stewardship and Finance, 204 Music Fundamentals II, 109 Introduction to Jewish Studies, 305 Missiology II, 1601 James I and II Peter, 602 Christian Expression

### **Entrance Requirements**

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

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

Applications for acceptance must be received by the admissions officer at least 30 days prior to the beginning of each prospective term. In order to process an application, the admissions department must have on file a completed application form, recent photo, two personal reference forms (non-family), a ministerial recommendation form and the non-refundable application fee.

If applications exceed the space available in the dorms, the applications will be prioritized based upon the point scale printed on the following page.

## **EBI Application Prioritization Point Scale**

(119 possible points)

### **Order applications are received- 40 possible**

- July-40
- August-35
- September-30
- October-25
- November-20
- December-15
- January-10

### **Previous EBI students- 15 possible**

- 1 term- 5
- 2 terms- 10
- 3+ terms- 15

### **Number of terms applied for- 10 possible**

- 1 term- 5
- 2 terms- 10

### **Age of applicant- 9 possible**

- 18- 1
- 19- 2
- 20- 3
- 21- 4
- 22- 5
- 23- 6
- 24- 7
- 24- 8
- 25+- 9

### **Conduct/attitude in previous EBI terms- 10 possible**

- 1- Very poor- Not allowed to return
- 2- Poor- May return with some restrictions
- 3-10- May return

### **Missions involvement limiting available time to attend EBI - 10 possible**

### **Minister/Ordained - 10 possible**

### **Those planning to pursue a diploma - 10 possible**

### **Those planning to pursue a certificate - 5 possible**

## **Choir**

Choir tour is a privilege. Grades of C- or higher are required, as well as acceptable conduct during the term. In the event that applications exceed the number of available positions, eligibility will be determined based upon the following point scale.

### **EBI Choir Tour Prioritization Point Scale**

(100 possible points)

#### **Order in which applications are received- 40 possible**

-July-40	-October-25
-August-35	-November-20
-September-30	-December-15

#### **Previous EBI students- 15 possible**

1 term- 5  
2 terms- 10  
3+ terms- 15

#### **Number of terms applied for- 5 possible**

2 terms- 5

#### **Age of applicant- 9 possible**

18- 1	23- 6
19- 2	24- 7
20- 3	24- 8
21- 4	25+- 9
22- 5	

#### **Singing ability and experience- 31 possible**

##### **Previous musical training- 5 possible**

##### **Previous choral experience- 11 possible**

\*Church or youth choir- 3  
\*Bible Institute choir or chorus  
1 year- 5  
2+ years-8

##### **Conduct during audition- 5 possible**

##### **Audition- 10 possible**

\*Ability to sing back what is heard- 5 possible  
\*Ability to harmonize- 5 possible

Choir program dress will be as follows:

- **Men:** long-sleeved white shirt (white or clear buttons), black dress pants (no denim or outside pockets please), black shoes and socks, plain black belt
- **Ladies:** simple, black dresses (please no lace or shiny fabric) We ask that necklines not be loose or low, that sleeves cover approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the upper arm, and that skirts be 2-5 inches from the floor. (**Remember:** 5-10 pounds are usually gained at Bible School; dresses will need to fit loosely for Choir Tour). Black dress shoes (preferably flats for comfort), black or brown nylons.

### **Credit Hours, Graduation, and Certificate Requirements**

Six credit hours per term is a normal academic load. Credit hours may be transferred to or from EBI dependent on the criteria of the sending or receiving academic institution.

In order to give continuity and reflection of purpose to their study, students are encouraged to choose and follow a program of study even if they do not plan to pursue a certificate or diploma. However, this is not required.

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

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

96 - 100 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-
88 - 91 B	77 - 79 C-	70 - No Credit

## Majors

60 Credit Hours - Diploma

### Missions

This program is designed to equip the student with a Biblical basis for missions as envisioned from an Anabaptist perspective. The student will be encouraged to implement the teaching received in practical experience, fulfilling the Great Commission. The BMA missions program, DestiNations International, has a Missions Training Center where the student may receive added training for specific areas of service.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>
Bible (6 OT / 9 NT)	15	Theology	6
Missions	9	Practical	9
Electives	15	History	6
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>60</b>		

### Bible and Theology

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>
Bible (9 OT / 9 NT)	18	Missions	6
Electives	12	Practical	6
Theology	9	History	9
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>60</b>		

### 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.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>
Bible (6 OT / 9 NT)	15	Theology	6
Electives	15	History	6
Missions	6	Music	3
Practical	9		
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>60</b>		

### History

The history of the church provides us with a broad perspective from past events, enabling us to understand how current views in the church were formatted. This major will give a deep appreciation for our Biblical Anabaptist heritage.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>
Bible (6 OT / 9 NT)	15	History	12
Electives	12	Theology	6
Practical	9	Missions	6
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>60</b>		

## **Minors**

30 Credit Hours - Certificate

### Missions

<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Credit Hrs</u>
Bible (3 OT / 6 NT)	9	Theology	3
Practical	3	Missions	6
History	3	Electives	6
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>30</b>		

### **Bible and Theology**

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Credit Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Credit Hrs</u></b>
Bible (3 OT / 6 NT)	9	Missions	3
Electives	3	Practical	3
Theology	6	History	6
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>30</b>		

### **Christian Ministries**

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Credit Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Credit Hrs</u></b>
Bible (3 OT / 6 NT)	9	Practical	4.5
Electives	6	History	3
Missions	3	Music	1.5
Theology	3		
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>30</b>		

### **History**

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Credit Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Credit Hrs</u></b>
Bible (3 OT / 6 NT)	9	History	6
Electives	6	Theology	3
Practical	3	Missions	3
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>30</b>		

### **EBC Counseling Certification**

-15 Credit Hours

Introduction to Counseling	3
Biblical Counseling	3
Biblical Counseling Observations	3
Biblical Counseling Examinations	3
Practicum	3

**Total Hours: 15**

## Activities

**Chapels** are held Monday – Friday and consist of addresses, prayer groups, student-led chapels, and singing.

**Dorm Meetings** are held Tuesday evenings and give opportunity for sharing, prayer, and interaction on various subjects.

**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 one of the following committees:

--**Trustees:** help with small repair jobs under the supervision and direction of the EBI maintenance staff.

--**Choristers:** assist in song leading during daily chapel services and on Sunday mornings.

--**Board of Missions:** plans at least one city outreach and evangelism trip per term

--**Board of Publications:** works alongside the staff editor to produce the yearbook and any other publications for the term.

--**Nurture Committee:** provides the student body with spiritual nourishment and encouragement. This may include things like planning birthday surprises, writing notes of encouragement, or organizing a trip to the Creation Museum.

--**Ministries Committee:** helps lead the student body in community outreach such as jail ministry, nursing home visitation and other outreach opportunities.

--**Sunday Evening and Special Programs Committee:** plans Sunday evening activities and is in charge of the end of term banquet.

--**Activities Committee:** organizes recreational activities in the evenings and on weekends and is responsible for planning the volleyball and basketball tournament weekend.

--**Housekeeping Committee:** does weekly dorm room inspections and oversees the cleaning of areas of the school.

--**Ushers:** assist in greeting and seating people in chapel services and in Sunday morning services.

--**Liaison Committee:** informs area congregations of events EBI has planned, such as the closing program; works with Elnora town leadership to arrange student service projects within the community.

--**Library Committee:** assists the librarian in maintaining and organizing the books and helps conduct a thorough housecleaning of part of the library each term.

\*Depending on the size of the term, the size and variety of these committees may vary.

**Church Services** will be held at the Institute, Elnora Churches, and the local area BMA and Mennonite congregations.

### **Services Available**

**Library** The Institute library has a growing supply of books available for student use. 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.

**Computers** Several computers are available for student use in the computer lab.

**Laundry** A laundry room is available for student use on the honor system. Costs are \$.25 per washer load or dryer load. Men and ladies are assigned three days a week when they may do their laundry. Students are asked to use only high efficiency (HE) laundry soap in the washing machines.

**Supplies** Some supplies such as pencils, pens, paper, report covers, envelopes, stamps, and other miscellaneous items are available for purchase.

### **Cost Information**

Application Fee (Non-refundable)	\$200	per term
Tuition	\$300	per term
Room and Board	\$400	per term
Room Deposit (refundable)	\$25	per term
IT Fee	\$10	per term
Activities Fee	\$10	per term
Choir	\$80	1 <sup>st</sup> term
	\$100	2 <sup>nd</sup> term

These costs do not include the price of textbooks or meals off-campus. All payments must be in U.S. funds.

Students with financial needs may apply for assistance from the Scholarship Fund. Assistance will be granted as funds are available.

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.

