

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2001

Distance Education (Course Seminar/Registration)	August 13-15
Residence Halls Open	August 18
On-Campus Registration	August 21-22
Classes Begin	August 23
Fall Break	October 22-23
Last Day to Drop	October 26
Thanksgiving	November 22-24
Distance Education Semester Ends	November 29
Commencement	December 7
Final Exams	December 11-13
Residence Halls Close	December 14

Spring Semester 2002

Distance Education (Course Seminar/Registration)	January 7-9
Residence Halls Open	January 7
On-Campus Registration	January 10
Classes Begin	January 11
Last Day to Drop	March 22
Distance Education Semester Ends	April 24
Final Exams	April 29 - May 1
Commencement	May 3
Residence Halls Close	May 4

Summer Semester 2002

Distance Education (Course Seminar/Registration)	May 13-15
On-Campus Registration	May 16
Session I Begins	May 17
Session I Ends	June 12
Session II Begins	June 17
Session II Ends	July 12
Distance Education Semester Ends	July 19

History

Three Bible schools were brought together to form Southwestern Bible Institute. The first, known as Southwestern Bible School, was established at Enid, Oklahoma, in 1927 under the leadership of the Reverend P. C. Nelson. The second, Shield of Faith Bible School, was founded in Amarillo, Texas, in 1931 under the direction of the Reverend Guy Shields. It included not only a Bible school, but also a grade school and high school. The third, which was operated as Southern Bible College in connection with the Richey Evangelistic Temple, began at Goose Creek, Texas, in 1931. It was started by Reverend J. T. Little in Trinity Tabernacle and later moved to Houston in 1933.

The Bible school division of Shield of Faith was moved to Fort Worth in 1935. The high school division was transferred the following year. In 1940, a merger resulted in Southern Bible College moving to Fort Worth. The combined school, operating as South Central Bible Institute, came under the ownership and direction of the Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God.

The school in Enid merged with South Central in 1941, at which time the name was changed to Southwestern Bible Institute. In 1943, the institute was moved to its present facilities in Waxahachie, Texas.

During the 1944-45 term, a junior college curriculum was added to the school's program. The Junior College Division soon accounted for about half of the enrollment in the college.

Southwestern Bible Institute became a regional school in 1954. At that time seven districts of the Assemblies of God--Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas and West Texas--owned and operated the school. In 1969, the Rocky Mountain District, composed of Colorado and Utah, was admitted to the Region. The Mississippi District was then added to the Region in 1979. In 1980, the Rocky Mountain District voted to withdraw from the Southwestern Region and to remain neutral.

The proposal to change the name of Southwestern was ratified by all seven Districts, and the name became Southwestern Assemblies of God College. In 1963, the upper two years of the college were renamed Southwestern College of the Bible. In 1968, the separation of the divisions of the college was made more complete, and the Junior College was designated Southwestern Junior College of the Assemblies of God. In 1984 the School of Distance Education was established. In 1987 the Junior College and Bible College divisions were reunited. In December 1994, the Board of Regents unanimously approved the name change to Southwestern Assemblies of God University. In this same meeting the Board authorized the development of the School of Graduate Studies providing masters degree programs.

Statement of Purpose

Southwestern Assemblies of God University is a Bible-based institution for theological and professional studies. It is rooted in the great commission of

Jesus to "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" and to "make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." (Mark 16:15a; Matthew 28:19, 20), which is the primary emphasis of Southwestern's parent body, the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

The purpose of Southwestern Assemblies of God University is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students spiritually, academically, professionally, and cross culturally so as to successfully fill evangelistic, missionary and church ministry roles and to provide quality educational and professional Christian service wherever needed throughout the world.

Objectives

Upon graduation students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate spiritual maturity with a priority of using their preparation at Southwestern as a foundation for further spiritual development and experiences.
2. Demonstrate competence in the area of academia. Therefore, all of Southwestern's resources, both physically and financially, are designated toward providing the students with educational studies on the undergraduate and graduate levels that will appropriately qualify them for their selected vocations.
3. Matriculate into Christian service both at home and abroad in ministerial, professional and vocational roles.
4. Adjust to a global society: politically, culturally, and spiritually through courses, seminars, and campus events which focus on societal awareness, cross-cultural understanding and contemporary world issues.

Doctrinal Statement

Southwestern embraces and supports the doctrinal teaching of the General Council of the Assemblies of God as set forth in Article V, Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Constitution.

Christian Standards

Southwestern, being an Assemblies of God university, embraces standards of living and conduct that are the same as those generally accepted by Pentecostal churches in America. These are characterized by clean conduct and conversation, modest apparel in dress, high standards of moral life, strong commitment to excellence in educational and professional development, and a deep consecration and devotion in spiritual life.

High Christian standards should be related to all facets of university life. Though they must certainly be reflected in the spiritual development of the student, they do not end there. Christian citizenship is a Biblical obligation. Christian ethics extend into the intellectual development of an individual.

Christian morality also regulates the Christian in social relationships. The Christian will assume responsibilities in the educational community with cheerfulness and friendliness. Relationships between sexes at Southwestern must reflect moral purity as well as a distaste for promiscuity. High standards are imposed in the area of physical development. This results in habits and diets that contribute to good health and physical well-being.

The same high standards of Christian ethics and conduct apply to faculty, staff, and students. General student conduct regulations are explained in the Student Handbook. The Student Conduct Committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the high Christian standards of the Student Community. The committee may require a student who does not embrace the aims and ideals of the University to withdraw, if the general welfare of the University demands it.

Campus and Facilities

Southwestern is located in the heart of the rich blacklands of North Texas in Waxahachie, the county seat of Ellis County. This unique city of about 20,000 provides an excellent setting for a university. It is outside of the big-city congestion, yet it affords the benefits of a large industrial center, being situated in the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

The university occupies 70 acres in the city of Waxahachie. The campus provides ample area for its present facilities and any future growth. The university also occupies a 19 acre North Campus located five miles north of the main campus.

Alton Garrison Education Center

The Alton Garrison Education Center located on the University's North Campus is a 62,400 square foot facility that provides student housing for approximately 180 students. Not only is it home for the Thomas Harrison School of Graduate Studies, it also houses the School of Distance Education, and the University's Advancement Offices. Multiple classrooms are included in this complex.

Also located in this facility is the Thomas Harrison Research Center. This research center contains several thousand volumes which are available for graduate study research.

Blake L. Farmer Administration Building

The Administration Building is a four-story structure of early twentieth-century architecture. It houses administrative and faculty offices, classrooms, conference rooms, and the SAGU Media Center.

Claxton Athletic Center

The physical education program utilizes the Claxton Athletic Center as well as other facilities on the campus. Tennis courts and outdoor volleyball accommodations are also available.

Davis Building

This facility is open during regular working hours. It houses the Student Services Center including the offices of Financial Aid, Health, Student Life, Career Services, Computer Services, Business Services, and the Southwestern Counseling Center. It also serves as a residence hall for men.

Nelson Library

The P.C. Nelson Library houses a collection of approximately 80,000 volumes. The library is a member of OCLC as well as other consortia. The facility is divided into various sections: computer center (equipped with Pentium computers for student research and usage); audio-visual study area; reserve shelves; leisure reading and current periodical area; periodical room; circulation area; bibliographic section; micrographic area; indexes and bound periodical area; archive section; classrooms and offices.

Also located in the library is the university's Achievement Center, offering tutorial and instructional assistance to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Ellis Learning Resource Center

The Pearl Ellis Learning Resource Center is a two-story structure that includes multiple classrooms and faculty offices.

Regency Center

The Regency houses the campus bookstore, post office, lounge areas, Regents conference room, classrooms, and offices for Student Congress and Faculty.

Sheaffer Full Life Center

The Sheaffer Full Life Center is a 111,000 square foot facility which serves as a center for everyday student activities and special events. It houses a chapel with a 2,500 seat capacity, a 1,000 seat cafeteria serving students and guests daily during the academic year, an athletic center with two regulation basketball courts, racketball courts, weights and training rooms, locker rooms, and spectator seating for sporting events. Additionally, the Full Life Center houses classrooms, and the offices for Student Ministries and the University Chaplain.

University Housing

Southwestern is considered a residential university. Single students age 22 and under (not living with family members) are expected to live in a university-owned residence hall. Students age 23 or older must receive approval from the Vice President for Student Services in order to live on campus. Affordable facilities are available on campus for married students and graduate students on a first-come basis (Contact the Business Office for information).

Collins Hall: female students

Davis Hall: male students

Guynes Hall: coed (male and female wings separated)

Kendrick Hall: female students

North Campus: coed (male and female wings separated)

Savell Hall: coed (male and female wings separated)

Regents Apartments: Married Housing

