

# Academic Calendar

## Fall Semester 2003

Distance Education (Course Seminar/Registration)	August 18-20
Residence Halls Open	August 23
On-Campus Registration	August 25-26
Classes Begin	August 27
Classes meet & Offices <b>are</b> open	September 2
Fall Break	October 17-21
Last Day to Drop	October 29
Thanksgiving	November 27-30
Distance Education Semester Ends	December 1
Commencement	December 5
Final Exams	December 5,8,9
Residence Halls Close	December 10

## Spring Semester 2004

Distance Education (Course Seminar/Registration)	January 5-7
Residence Halls Open	January 10
On-Campus Registration	January 13
Classes Begin	January 14
Spring Break	March 12-21
Last Day to Drop	March 24
Distance Education Semester Ends	April 21
Final Exams	April 27-29
Commencement	April 30
Residence Halls Close	April 30

## Summer Semester 2004

Distance Education (Course Seminar/Registration)	May 10-12
On-Campus Registration	May 13
Session I Begins	May 14
Memorial Day - No Class	May 26
Session I Ends	June 9
Session II Begins	June 11
Last Day to Drop Distance Education Class	July 2
Independence Day - No Class	July 4
Session II Ends	July 6
Distance Education Semester Ends	July 16

## 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.

### We Believe

- ....the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16).
- ....there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19).
- ....in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (John 1:1).

- ....in the blessed hope -- the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming (Titus 2:13).
- ....the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ (John 14:6).
- ....regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (Titus 3:5).
- ....in water baptism by immersion (Matthew 28:19).
- ....the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (I Peter 2:24).
- ....the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.
- ....in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Galatians 5:16-25).
- ....in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation (Revelation 20:11-15).

## **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.

## **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 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 to provide masters degree programs.

## **Campus and Facilities**

Southwestern is located in the heart of the rich blacklands of North Texas in Waxahachie, the county seat of Ellis County (population circa 20,000). This unique city provides an excellent setting for a university outside of the big-city congestion, yet it affords the benefits of the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

The university occupies 70 acres providing ample area for its present facilities and future growth. It also occupies 19 acres located five miles north of the main campus on Highway 77.

### **Alton Garrison Education Center**

The Alton Garrison Education Center 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. 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 McCafferty Hall.

### **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 contains offices for the Student Deans, Financial Aid, Health, Computer Services, and the Southwestern Counseling Center. It also contains 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 labs for student instruction and research; 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 classrooms, faculty offices, and the Education Department.

## **Foster Music Center**

The 14,000 square foot Foster Music Center is a new complex on the SAGU campus containing classrooms, band hall, piano lab, music library, practice rooms and faculty offices. Sound-proof construction, internet, audio and visual services make this an outstanding learning environment.

## **James L. Barnes Student Center**

The Barnes Student Center serves as a central social gathering place for students. The facility is home for the administrative offices of Student Services, the Student Congress office, and Career Services. It also includes a game room, snack bar, lounge and study areas, and student mail boxes.

## **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 dining commons and food court 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, faculty offices, and the offices for Enrollment Services, Student Ministries and the University Chaplain. It also contains the Hugh P. Jeter World Prayer Center.

## **Sycamore Place**

Sycamore Place is located across the street from the Administration Building. It houses the Founders Bookstore and Internet Cafe.

## **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 Student Life Office 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

Teeter Hall: Coed (male and female wings separated)

Savell Hall: Male students

Regents Hall: Coed (male & female separate apartment buildings)

Regents Apartments: Married students' housing

