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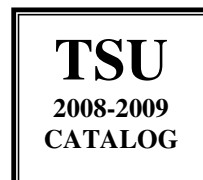
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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

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# **TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

**COLLEGE OF ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY**

**COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING**

**COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL REPRESENTATIONAL RESEARCH**

**COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**COLLEGE OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES**

➤ **GENERAL INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET B***

## ***TSU CAMPUS...***

Trinity Southwest University is located near the foothills of the beautiful Sandia Mountains in Albuquerque, New Mexico, surrounded by the rich and diverse cultural heritage of the American southwest. The TSU campus occupies several locations in Albuquerque, providing classrooms, an administrative center for on-campus and distance education, faculty offices, the TSU Research Library, the TSU Archaeology Research Center (ARC), and The Museum of Archaeology & Biblical History, a unique, world-class learning center designed to demonstrate the historical authenticity of the biblical text.

## ***EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY...***

TSU embraces a nontraditional educational philosophy that places the focus of educational processes on the effective personal learning modes of the individual student, rather than on the predictably homogenized instructional programs made for, and driven by, the traditional needs of institutions. Indeed, it is the need of the adult student, not the need of the institution that drives the nontraditional approach to education. At TSU, each student, together with an advisor or dean and with the approval of the Academic Committee, determines, to a significant degree, the kinds of learning experiences that best fit his/her individual needs, talents, and preferences. We believe such self-directed study, with appropriate guidance and assistance, stimulates higher levels of motivation and achievement in adult learners, who know what they want to accomplish in their individual pursuit of higher education.

## ***MISSION STATEMENT...***

The mission of Trinity Southwest University is to provide quality higher education for adult learners, teaching them, through a variety of biblically-based academic disciplines, to uphold the divine authority of the Bible as God's only inspired representation of reality to humankind, and equipping them to apply its eternal truths to all phases of life.

## ***DOCTRINAL POSITION...***

TSU is a transdenominational institution in the evangelical mainstream of the historic Christian Faith. However, we view "creedal formulations" and "statements of faith" beyond the Bible itself as "grids" that relegate the Word of God to "patient" status, rather than its proper role as "agent" in our lives. Therefore, we humbly submit our minds to the Bible by embracing Scripture (comprised of the ancient Hebrew Tanakh and the New Testament) as the only written, divinely inspired representation of reality given by God to humankind, speaking with absolute and authority in all matters upon which it touches.

## ***HISTORY...***

Throughout the 1980s a small school in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known as Southwest Biblical Seminary, served as a center of Bible-based education for local students, and operated as an extension center of a well-known seminary recognized for its pioneering work in the area of theological distance education. In 1989, the school moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where it continued to service students through distance programs. In 1990, under the direction of Dr. Steven Collins and Dr. Thomas Collins, it became officially associated with an internationally-known Bible college and seminary, serving as its primary extension campus in the USA. It was soon widely recognized as Trinity Southwest, and continued to develop its own educational programs alongside its function as an extension campus. During the 1990s, Trinity Southwest became known as a regional center of Christian scholarship, drawing top scholars from across the nation and world for on-campus lectures and symposia. The TSU International Symposium on Archaeology & the Bible, held periodically, has become a unique and important event for biblical archaeology enthusiasts worldwide. In 2001, with its multi-college/institute structure, Trinity Southwest became an independent institution of Christian higher education: Trinity Southwest University. Today, TSU makes its degree programs available to students, both local and around the globe, through multiple delivery systems—from surface and air delivery, to the ever-advancing Internet technologies.

## ***TSU MAY BE THE PATHWAY TO YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS...***

TSU is not for everyone. But TSU may be the perfect place for you—if you are a motivated, creative learner; if you need to work your education into, and not around, your life and ministry; if you want to pursue a quality, biblically-based education at the speed of life.





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**COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**COLLEGE OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES**

## ➤ **GENERAL & ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION & SERVICES: FACT SHEET #1**

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION...**

Trinity Southwest University is governed by an Academic Committee that also serves as its Board of Regents. The Academic Committee (AC) of the University is responsible for establishing and enforcing the general policies and procedures by which the school operates. The five-member Academic Committee is comprised of the Executive Dean, the Dean of Academics & Curricula, the Dean of Students, the Dean of Faculty and Instruction, and the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment. TSU is a ministry division of Christian Educational Ministries, Inc., incorporated in the State of New Mexico as a non-profit, tax-exempt, federally-approved 501(c)(3) religious and educational organization.

### **ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION...**

The Academic operation of the University is overseen by the following administrators:

Dr. Steven Collins, Executive Dean (member, AC)  
Prof. Tanjia Kraft, Dean of Admissions & Enrollment (member AC)  
Dr. Richard Encinias, Dean of Students (member, AC)  
Dr. William McCulloch, Dean of Academics & Curricula (member, AC)  
Dr. Matthew Valerio-Hirschfeld, Dean of Faculty & Instruction (member AC)  
Prof. Terry Moore, Director of Academic Research Services  
Dr. Anne Davis, Dean of Educational Advancement

### **COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION...**

The TSU Colleges are headed by the following Deans:

Dr. Matthew Valerio-Hirschfeld, Dean, College of Biblical & Theological Studies  
Dr. Steven Collins, Dean, College of Archaeology & Biblical History  
Dr. Richard Encinias, Dean, College of Biblical Counseling  
Dr. Latayne C. Scott, Dean, College of Biblical Representational Research  
Dr. Peter Briggs, Dean, College of Biblical Theology & Leadership Development  
Dr. Matthew Valerio-Hirschfeld, Dean, College of University Studies

### **STRUCTURE OF THE COLLEGES...**

Each of the Colleges of Trinity Southwest University is founded on a focused area of study. The Dean of each College is responsible to develop, implement and direct the educational programs offered by that College. Every College has a faculty consisting of members holding qualifying credentials, each of whom falls into one of the following instructional categories: Professor, Associate Professor, Research Professor, or Visiting Professor (the category is determined by the number of courses for which a faculty member is responsible, and/or the range of teaching and/or research responsibilities).

### **BOOKSTORE SERVICES...**

The TSU Press sells publications by TSU faculty and students. TSU also partners with publishers and book distributors to offer required and recommended materials for your coursework. TSU course syllabi identify what materials are only available from the TSU Press. (We realize that there are many ways to obtain books and materials that are much more cost-effective than a campus bookstore would be! So, use those sources!)





# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## ➤ FREQUENT QUESTIONS: *FACT SHEET #2*

### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO COMPLETE MY DEGREE PROGRAM?**

There are several factors that determine the time you'll invest in completing your degree program. **First**, the number of courses—thus, the number of semester credit hours (SCH)—in your program will vary depending on things like transfer and portfolio (equivalent) credit. [Example: If, after transfer and equivalent credit are applied, you need 24 SCH (8 courses) to complete a masters program, then it may be possible for you to complete that work in as little as 6 months. However, your active registration period for such a program will be at least two years, giving you plenty of time to work at a much slower pace, if that's what you want to do. So, the speed of your program is up to you!]

A **second** factor in the time it takes to complete a degree program is the integration of your studies into your life. The modular nature of TSU courses (see below) allows you, in significant ways, to “do what you study, and study what you do.” This can save you huge amounts of time. [Here's a homely little analogy that captures the concept: Think of your life as a bucket of stones—a very full bucket of stones. The stones represent the responsibilities and activities of your life. And there doesn't seem to be any room in the bucket for another stone, especially one as bulky as a degree program. But what TSU has done is to take a sledgehammer (creativity!) and smash that stone into small pieces, even into sand, if necessary. So, whereas the whole stone was too big to fit into the bucket, now it can be poured over, into and around the other stones with ease!] The nontraditional, self-paced, modular flexibility of a TSU degree program doesn't have to disrupt your life the way a traditional degree program would. Be creative!

A **third** factor is the fact of life's unforeseen difficulties. If you were in a traditional school, and a life-crisis arose mid-semester causing you to have to suspend your schoolwork, you'd have to arrange to take “incompletes” in those courses. Then you'd have to complete that coursework within a specified timeframe, or convert them to “withdrew passing,” or receive failing grades (with no tuition refund!). At TSU, the time to complete your active registration is at least two years, not a mere semester. If you need some time off, you can take it. It is your decision. If you need an extension beyond the two (or five) years, you can get it by paying a modest fee. We'll work with you every step of the way in order to help you complete your degree!

### **HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE A COURSE?**

The average TSU course is 3 semester credit hours (SCH). The average time-investment for one SCH (in both traditional and nontraditional contexts) is about 50 clock hours. Thus, a 3 SCH course takes about 150 clock hours to complete. At TSU, each 3 SCH course consists of five learning modules (two foundational modules, followed by three modules selected from a wide range of options). On average, it takes about 150 clock hours to complete all five modules. You'll realize the tremendous flexibility of TSU courses when you begin to select your assignment modules from a long list of options—you can even create modules yourself! (Example: If you already preach or teach a Bible study on a regular basis, you might want to select a preaching or teaching module. In this way, you'll integrate what you're learning in your TSU course by preaching or teaching on it. And you'll get credit for it in the process!) TSU is big on the *practical application* of everything you're learning. So, by selecting course modules that merge with what you're *already* doing, clock hours of life double as clock hours toward your degree. TSU not only allows you to pursue your degree goals at the speed of life, but *your life itself becomes an exciting classroom!*

### **HOW WILL I GET PERSONAL ASSISTANCE WHEN I NEED IT?**

You will have an Academic Advisor who is only an E-mail or a phone call away. You will also have the same kind of access to the professors who evaluate your coursework. TSU also offers a full slate of on-campus lectures, seminars, and symposia where you can interact with faculty members and other students. We also offer vacation seminars and study tours where you can enjoy lots of personal attention and instruction. And all these things can be done for credit as course modules!

### **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

You can refer to the Tuition & Fees Fact Sheet for this information. But you can rest assured that no matter what TSU degree program you choose, it will probably cost less than the price of a reasonably good used car. It will probably cost less than recarpeting an average-sized home. It will probably cost less than commuting to work 10 miles (each way) for 3 years. It will probably cost less than eating a fast-food breakfast every weekday for 3 years. Studying at a traditional private school can typically cost from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per year. By comparison, TSU is very affordable.

### **WHAT ABOUT ACCREDITATION?**

Trinity Southwest University strives to maintain excellent academic standards and procedures as generally established within the larger international academic community. TSU operates as an exempt religious institution, as provided by the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education. TSU reports to the Commission annually for the retention of that status, as required by law. TSU is approved by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) as a provider of continuing education in the areas of Biblical Studies, Theology and Apologetics, and by the New Mexico Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

At this time, TSU has chosen to remain non-aligned with respect to accreditation accrediting agencies. One must understand that throughout the history of our country - up to and including the present - accreditation by self-appointed or governmentally-appointed agencies has always been optional for educational institutions. Whereas the concept of accreditation is intended to be a safeguard for quality education, the fact remains that accrediting requirements are most often compatible with traditional education, and rarely acknowledge the flexible, non-traditional nature of TSU. Furthermore, it is clear that accreditation does not guarantee the quality of education related to the learning process as a whole. There are excellent accredited and non-accredited schools, and there are accredited schools of poor quality. The recognition of these facts has led most colleges, Universities and seminaries to accept credits and degrees from non-accredited institutions on a case-by-case basis (sometimes up to a certain percentage of their admissions as allowed by their accrediting associations). We are always ready to assist our students who wish to pursue transfer of their TSU credits and/or degrees to other institutions.

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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## ➤ DEGREE PROGRAMS & ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW: *FACT SHEET #3*

Trinity Southwest University offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs through six colleges, each representing a separate, biblically-based discipline. TSU degree programs include: the Bachelors, Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). The six colleges and their degree programs are:

- ◆ **COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES** offering the **M.A., M.Div., D.Min.** and **Ph.D.**
- ◆ **COLLEGE OF ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY** offering the **M.A.** and **Ph.D.**
- ◆ **COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING** offering the **M.A., M.Div.** and **D.Min.**
- ◆ **COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL REPRESENTATIONAL RESEARCH** offering the **M.A., M.Div., D.Min.** and **Ph.D.**
- ◆ **COLLEGE OF BIBL. THEOLOGY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** offering the **M.A., M.Div., D.Min.** and **Ph.D.**
- ◆ **COLLEGE OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES** offering the **B.A., B.R.S., B.A.I.S., B.I.S.**

### **GENERAL PREREQUISITES FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS** (see applicable Degree Programs Fact Sheet for details)

- ◆ **Bachelor of Arts:** a high school diploma; at least 60 semester credit hours (SCH) of college work (or equivalent) that includes 35 SCH of General Studies (or equivalent)
- ◆ **Bachelor of Religious Studies:** a high school diploma; at least 60 SCH of college work (or equivalent)
- ◆ **Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies:** a high school diploma; at least 60 SCH of college work (or equivalent)
- ◆ **Master of Arts:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent) that includes 35 SCH of General Studies (or equivalent)
- ◆ **Master of Divinity:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent)
- ◆ **Doctor of Ministry:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent); language prerequisites may apply
- ◆ **Doctor of Philosophy:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent); see applicable Fact Sheets for language prerequisites

### **LENGTH OF DEGREE PROGRAMS** (in semester credit hours, and before applying transfer and/or portfolio credit)

The length of a degree program refers to the number of semester credit hours (SCH) needed to complete it. The total number of SCH required for a given degree program will be reduced by the amount of allowable transfer credit from other institutions, and/or relevant portfolio (equivalent) credit as determined by the Academic Committee. [Example: if a TSU degree program is 48 SCH in length, and you are allowed 12 SCH via relevant transfer credit from another school plus 12 SCH of relevant portfolio (equivalent) credit for professional or life experience, then the length of your TSU degree program would be 24 SCH (or about eight courses.)] For the undergraduate level, only courses with grades of "C" or better will transfer; at the graduate and doctoral levels, only courses with grades of "B" or better will transfer.

**B.A. = 126 SCH**

**B.R.S. = 126 SCH**  
**D.Min. = 45 SCH**

**M.A. = 48 SCH**

**Ph.D. = 45 SCH**

**M.Div. = 66 SCH**

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURES...**

- ◆ **Pre-Application Review:** With your Pre-Application you may submit a brief description of such things as the following: diplomas and degrees you have earned, and the total number of SCH of academic work completed; all types of prior academic work; Bible study and religious classes you have attended or taught; educational experiences; travel; study tours; continuing education courses; military service; military training; vocational training; work and/or professional experience; academic testing scores (such as CLEP); volunteer service; writing; research; published works. Your Pre-Application and preliminary "portfolio" will be reviewed, and a degree program will be designed to meet your particular goals. [Remember that all applied transfer credit and portfolio (equivalent) credit remains tentative until documented in the Application process.] The Pre-Application process is not required, but is highly recommended.
- ◆ **Formal Application:** The formal application process requires the following: a completed Application; requested documentation such as transcripts and letters of recommendation; a detailed portfolio resume (if applicable) with requested documentation. Your application and supporting documents will be carefully reviewed. You will be notified in writing when a decision is made regarding your application.
- ◆ **Registration:** Upon the approval of your application, you will enter the registration process, whereby you will select the specific courses for your initial registration. Once the registration document has been approved and signed by you, and tuition payment arrangements have been finalized, you will launch into the rewarding experience of being a TSU student.





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## ➤ UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS: *FACT SHEET #4*

The TSU College of University Studies in cooperation with four other TSU Colleges, awards four undergraduate degrees: the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Biblical & Theological Studies or Interdisciplinary Studies, the Bachelor of Religious Studies (B.R.S.), and the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies. Committed to the Divine inspiration and authority of the Bible, TSU offers a wide selection of undergraduate courses provided by four of its six Colleges: Biblical & Theological Studies, Archaeology & Biblical History, Biblical Representational Research, and Biblical Theology & Leadership Development. TSU's undergraduate courses are supported by faculty members who are qualified in and dedicated to their teaching disciplines. Members of TSU's international faculty routinely participate in lectures, seminars and symposia held at the TSU campus in Albuquerque and other venues.

For the B.A., B.R.S., B.A.I.S. and B.I.S. you may take any of the following courses, in any configuration, in the completion of your degree requirements. If you take a particular titled TSU course at the undergraduate level, you cannot repeat it at the graduate level. (Example: If you take the course Christian Apologetics at the undergraduate level, you cannot take the graduate course titled Christian Apologetics. You must select another course to take its place in your graduate program.)

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS or BACHELOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES\***

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 126 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **B.A. prerequisites:** a high school diploma (or equivalent); plus at least 60 SCH of college credit (or equivalent), including at least 35 SCH of general studies (or equivalent)
- **B.R.S. and B.I.S. prerequisites:** a high school diploma (or equivalent); plus at least 60 SCH of college credit (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** biblical languages are not required, but are highly recommended

#### **COURSES in BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES:** (all courses are 3 SCH)

BS311 Biblical Hermeneutics: Theory & Practice  
BS321 Christian Apologetics  
TH330 Christian Theology I  
TH411 Church History: First Century to 1500  
TH334 Discipleship  
BS372 Exposition of Romans  
BS431 Thinking Critically about the Hebrew Scriptures  
BS432 Thinking Critically about the New Testament

**All courses subject to development and availability.**  
*Additional courses may be found in the Undergraduate Course List (Fact Sheet #14.1)*

#### **COURSES in ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY:** (all courses are 3 SCH)

AR311 Archaeology & the Bible  
AR321 Archaeology & History of Ancient Egypt  
AR341 Excavation Practicum & Field School I  
AR342 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Area  
AR411 Historical Geography of Bible Lands  
AR421 Historical Synchronisms in Biblical Archaeology  
AR431 Languages & Cultures of the Ancient Near East  
AR441 Levantine Ceramic Typology I

#### **COURSES in BIBLICAL REPRESENTATIONAL RESEARCH:** (follow number sequence; all courses are 3 SCH)

BR311 Bedrock of Triadic Structure  
BR321 How---and Why---to Challenge Human Intellig.  
BR331 Repres. Research as a Reading of the Text  
BR341 Conceptual Frameworks for Bibl. Repr. Thinking  
BR411 The Ancient Skill of Generalizing  
BR421 Represent. Research & Apps. to Everyday Life  
BR422 Repr. Study of Worldviews, W. Relig. & Cults  
BR431 Represent. Study of the Phases of Faith

#### **COURSES in BIBLICAL THEOLOGY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** (not available as distance courses; all courses are 3 SCH)

TL431 Toward a Theology in Culture: a New Encyclopedia  
TL311 Theology of the Book of Acts  
TL312 Theology of the Pauline Epistles  
TL421 Exegetical Theology: Interpreting the Word I  
TL441 Old Testament Theology: The Law  
TL444 Old Testament Theology: The Writings  
TL451 New Testament Theology: The Synoptic Gospels & Acts  
TL454 New Testament Theology: The Johannine Literature

\*See the Tuition & Fees Fact Sheet for tuition and fee information.





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## COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

### ➤ DEGREE PROGRAMS: *FACT SHEET #5*

The TSU College of Biblical & Theological Studies awards degrees at the, graduate and doctoral levels (see the Undergraduate Degree Programs Fact Sheet for bachelors degree overviews). Committed to the Divine inspiration and authority of the Bible, the College offers a rich variety of courses, supported by faculty members who are qualified in and dedicated to their teaching disciplines. Members of the College's international faculty routinely participate in lectures, seminars and symposia held at the TSU campus in Albuquerque and other venues.

## MASTER OF ARTS or MASTER OF DIVINITY in BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 48 (M.A.) or 66 (M.Div.) (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **M.A. prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent) including 35 SCH general studies (or equivalent)
- **M.Div. prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** Biblical languages are not required, but are highly recommended.

### **MAJOR COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH)

BS511	Biblical Hermeneutics: Theory & Practice
BS521	Christian Apologetics
TH530	Christian Theology I
TH611	Church History: First Century to 1500
TH534	Discipleship
BS572	Exposition of Romans
BS631	Thinking Critically about the Hebrew Scriptures
BS632	Thinking Critically about the New Testament

### **ELECTIVE COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH; courses may also be selected from other TSU Colleges & Institutes)

BS512	Biblical Exegesis & Exposition
BS661	Biblical Hebrew: Grammar & Syntax I
BS662	Biblical Hebrew: Grammar & Syntax II
BS667	Biblical Hebrew Reading
TH531	Christian Theology II
TH613	Church History: 1500 to Present
BS542	English Tools for Biblical Languages
BS552	Exposition of Genesis
BS574	Exposition of Revelation
BS622	Higher Critical Theory: An Analysis
BS571	New Testament Historical Books
BS573	New Testament Epistles: I Corinthians to Jude
BS641	New Testament Greek Grammar & Syntax I
BS642	New Testament Greek Grammar & Syntax II
BS653	New Testament Greek Reading
BS672	New Testament Textual Criticism
TH682	Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures
TH692	Theology of the New Testament

*Additional elective courses may be found  
in the Graduate Course List  
(Fact Sheets #14.2 & #14.3)*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY or MINISTRY in BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 45 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Ph.D. prerequisites:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent)
- **D.Min. prerequisites:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** A good working knowledge of both biblical Hebrew and Greek as demonstrated by course work and/or personal evaluation may be required, depending on the area of concentration.

### **SECTION ONE:** (15 SCH)

Doctoral Reading & Research in major focus area (as assigned by Academic Advisor in consultation with the Dean)

### **SECTION TWO:** (each course is 3 SCH; must be taken in the following order)

DS721	Research Methods
DS731	Rhetoric & Professional Writing
DS821	Dissertation (Ph.D.)/Project (D.Min.) Prospectus
DS831	Dissertation/Project Literature Review
DS857	Dissertation/Project Research

### **SECTION THREE:** (15 SCH)

DS985	Dissertation/Project: Writing, Defense & Publication
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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY

➤ DEGREE PROGRAMS: **FACT SHEET #6**

The TSU College of Archaeology & Biblical History, with its international faculty, awards two degrees: M.A. and Ph.D. The College offers a broad range of courses, and is actively involved in the archaeological community through research and excavation projects in the Near East. It frequently sponsors study tours to Israel and Jordan, and other parts of the Mediterranean world, and also hosts the International Symposium on Archaeology & the Bible held annually in Albuquerque. The College cooperates closely with The Museum of Archaeology & Biblical History, through which students are privileged to participate in original research, excavation support and analysis projects, internships and docent activities.

## MASTER OF ARTS in ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 48 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent) including 35 SCH general studies (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** A good working knowledge of both biblical Hebrew and Greek may be required, depending on the area of concentration.

### **MAJOR COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH)

AR511	Archaeology & the Bible
AR521	Archaeology & History of Ancient Egypt
AR531	Archaeology & History of Ancient Mesopotamia
AR541	Excavation Practicum & Field School I
AR611	Historical Geography of Bible Lands
AR621	Historical Synchronisms in Biblical Archaeology
AR631	Languages & Cultures of the Ancient Near East
AR641	Levantine Ceramic Typology I

### **ELECTIVE COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH; courses may also be selected from other TSU Colleges & Institutes)

AR512	Akkadian Grammar & Syntax
AR522	Aramaic Grammar & Syntax
AR532	Archaeological Survey Methods
AR542	Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Area
AR552	Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Temple
AR562	Archaeology of the New Testament Period
AR572	Archaeometry
AR582	Bronze Age Levant
AR592	Cuneiform Writing Systems
AR612	Dead Sea Scrolls
AR622	Excavation Practicum & Field School II
AR632	History of the Semitic Alphabet
AR642	Independent Study
AR652	Independent Study
AR662	Iron Age Levant
AR672	Levantine Ceramic Typology II
AR682	Survey of Semitic Cognates
AR692	Ugaritic Grammar & Syntax

**All courses subject to development and availability.**

*Additional elective courses may be found in the Graduate Course List (Fact Sheets #14.2 & #14.3)*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 45 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Prerequisites:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** A good working knowledge of both biblical Hebrew and Greek is recommended, and may be required in some cases, depending on the area of concentration. At least two additional ancient Near Eastern language courses (or equivalent) is recommended, and may be required in some cases, depending on the area of concentration.

### **SECTION ONE:** (15 SCH)

Doctoral research in major focus area (as assigned by Academic Advisor in consultation with the Dean)

### **SECTION TWO:** (15 SCH)

AR720 Archaeological Fieldwork

### **SECTION THREE:** (15 SCH)

DS985 Dissertation: Writing, Defense & Publication

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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING

## ➤ DEGREE PROGRAMS: *FACT SHEET #7*

The TSU College of Biblical Counseling exists for the purpose of training individuals to assist others in dealing with the complexities of life from a biblical perspective. Offering the M.A., M.Div. and D.Min. degrees, the College affirms and teaches that Scripture is all-sufficient for developing and maintaining a holy and useful life in the service of Christ.

### MASTER OF ARTS or MASTER OF DIVINITY in BIBLICAL COUNSELING\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 48 (M.A.) or 66 (M.Div.) (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **M.A. prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent) including 35 SCH general studies (or equivalent)
- **M.Div. prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** There is no language requirement; however, a good working knowledge of New Testament Greek is strongly recommended, because the New Testament addresses most of the contemporary counseling issues.

**MAJOR COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH)

BC510	Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling I
BC511	Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling II
BC531	Comparative Analysis of Counseling Approaches
BC541	Conflict Resolution
BC641	Internship
BC611	Marriage & the Family
BC631	Masters Project
BC621	Pre-Marital Counseling

**ELECTIVE COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH; courses may also be selected from other TSU Colleges & Institutes)

BC522	Contemporary Issues & Critical Thinking
BC634	Counseling Practicum I
BC636	Counseling Practicum II
BC512	Crisis Counseling
BC624	Establishing a Biblical Counseling Ministry in the Marketplace
BC626	Independent Study
BC632	Independent Study
BC622	The Jurisdiction of Ministry

*All courses subject to development and availability. Additional courses may be found in the Graduate Course List (Fact Sheets #14.2 & #14.3)*

### DOCTOR OF MINISTRY in BIBLICAL COUNSELING\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 45 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Prerequisites:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** There is no language requirement; however, a good working knowledge of New Testament Greek is strongly recommended, because the New Testament addresses most contemporary counseling issues.

**SECTION ONE:** (15 SCH)

Doctoral reading and research and/or practicum in major focus area (as assigned by Academic Advisor in consultation with the Dean)

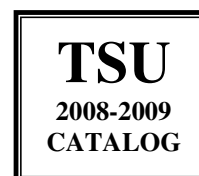
**SECTION TWO:** (each course is 3 SCH; must be taken in the following order)

DS721	Research Methods
DS731	Rhetoric & Professional Writing
DS821	Project Prospectus
DS831	Project Literature Review
DS857	Project Research

**SECTION THREE:** (15 SCH)

DS985	Project: Writing, Defense & Publication
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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL REPRESENTATIONAL RESEARCH

### ➤ DEGREE PROGRAMS: *FACT SHEET #8*

We can confidently describe the Bible as a reliable history, the source of doctrine, and as instructions about how to be saved and lead the Christian life. But this Bible is under attack from within Christianity. Representational Research meets those challenges and demonstrates how the Bible is first of all a representation of the mind of God, and also a completely accurate representation of all of reality. Biblical people—from Adam to John the Revelator—found the same question that students of Representational Research face: How can I challenge and refine my own personal representations of reality, using the Bible only as my guide? Representational Research students, like TSU degree student Glennys Elliot, are doing just that. Says Elliot: "I am eternally grateful for the way that representational thinking has shown me how to understand God's truth and promises, and restored my hope in eternal life."

## MASTER OF ARTS or MASTER OF DIVINITY in BIBLICAL REPRESENTATIONAL RESEARCH\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 48 (M.A.) or 66 (M.Div.) (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **M.A. prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent) including 35 SCH general studies (or equivalent)
- **M.Div. prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** A good working knowledge of one biblical language as demonstrated by course work and/or personal evaluation is recommended, and may be required in some cases.

**MAJOR COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH; courses must be taken in the prescribed order)

BR511	Bedrock of Triadic Structure
BR521	How—and Why—to Challenge Human Intelligence
BR531	Representational Research as a Reading of the Text
BR541	Conceptual Frameworks of Biblical Representational Thinking
BR611	The Ancient Skill of Generalizing
BR621	Representational Research and Applications to Everyday Life
BR631	Representational Study of the Phases of Faith
BR641	Guided Research in Representational Research

**ELECTIVE COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH; courses may also be selected from other TSU Colleges & Institutes)

BR623	Educational Constructs for Teaching Representational Research
BR512	Independent Study
BR522	Independent Study
BR532	Independent Study
BR542	Representational Models in the Gospel of Mathew
BR552	Representational Study of Daniel
BR562	Representational Study of Job
BR572	Representational Study of I Peter: Rhetorical Power of Revelation
BR582	Representational Study of II Peter: Rhetorical Power of Revelation
BR592	Representational Study of Proverbs: The Ideal Male
BR612	Representational Study of Revelation
BR622	Representational Study of Worldviews, World Religions & Cults

**All courses subject to development and availability.**  
Additional elective courses may be found in the Graduate Course List  
(Fact Sheets #14.2 & #14.3)

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY OR MINISTRY in BIBLICAL REPRESENTATIONAL RESEARCH\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 45 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Ph.D. prerequisites:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent)
- **D.Min. prerequisites:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** A good working knowledge of at least one biblical language as demonstrated by course work and/or personal evaluation is recommended, and may be required in some cases, depending on the area of concentration.

**SECTION ONE:** (15 SCH)

Doctoral Research in major focus area (as assigned by Academic Advisor in consultation with the Dean)

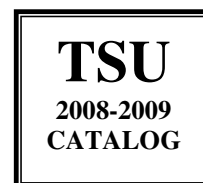
**SECTION TWO:** (each course is 3 SCH; must be taken in the following order)

DS721	Research Methods
DS731	Rhetoric & Professional Writing
DS821	Dissertation (Ph.D.)/Project (D.Min.) Prospectus
DS831	Dissertation/Project Literature Review
DS857	Dissertation/Project Research

**SECTION THREE:** (15 SCH)

DS985	Dissertation/Project: Writing, Defense & Publication
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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### ➤ DEGREE PROGRAMS: *FACT SHEET #9*

The TSU College of Biblical Theology & Leadership Development is dedicated to educating self-motivated adult learners in a church-based setting who desire to pursue a theological education according to the way of Christ and the apostles. Our goal is to prepare men and women to serve in significant ways as ministers, leaders, and teachers toward the advancement of the kingdom of God. This course of study is not available at a distance.

### MASTER OF ARTS or MASTER OF DIVINITY in BIBLICAL THEOLOGY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 48 (M.A.) or 66 (M.Div.) (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **M.A. prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent) including 35 SCH general studies (or equivalent)
- **M.Div. prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** Biblical languages are not required, but are highly recommended.

#### **MAJOR COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH)

TL511	Introduction to Christian Theology
TL513	The Kerygma & Didache: Essentials of Sound Doctrine
TL621	Exegetical Theology I: Principles & Practice of Biblical Interpretation
TL631	Toward an Integrative Theology in Community and in Culture
TL641	Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures: The Torah
TL644	Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures: The Writings
TL651	Theology of the Christian Scriptures: The Synoptic Gospels & Acts
TL652	Theology of the Christian Scriptures: the Pauline Epistles

#### **ELECTIVE COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH; courses may also be selected from other TSU Colleges & Institutes)

TL515	Theology of Leadership: Leaders in the Early Church
TL601	Ministry Internship Project
TL622	Exegetical Theology II: Biblical Languages & Study Aids
TL661	Covenants, Unity of Scripture & a Biblical Worldview
TL642	Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures: the Former Prophets
TL643	Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures: the Latter Prophets
TL653	Theology of the Christian Scriptures: the General Epistles
TL654	Theology of the Christian Scriptures: The Johannine Literature

**All courses subject to development and availability.**

*Additional elective courses may be found in the Graduate Course List (Fact Sheets #14.2 & #14.3)*

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY or MINISTRY in BIBLICAL THEOLOGY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT\*

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 45 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Ph.D. prerequisites:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent)
- **D.Min. prerequisites:** a relevant masters degree (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** A good working knowledge of both biblical Hebrew and Greek as demonstrated by course work and/or personal evaluation may be required, depending on the area of concentration.

#### **SECTION ONE:** (15 SCH)

Doctoral reading & research in five of the following areas of study:

TL711	Guided Research: Contemporary Issues in Biblical Studies
TL721	Guided Research: Contemporary Issues in Theology
TL722	Guided Research: Contemporary Issues in Apologetics & Philosophy
TL741	Guided Research: Church History & Denominational Distinctives
TL751	Guided Research: Worldviews, Religions & Cults
TL761	Guided Research: Representational Theology
TL771	Guided Research: Archaeology & Biblical History
TL781	Guided Research: Ministry Tools & Methods in an Information Age
TL791	Doctoral Reading & Research (Subject to be selected by the student with the approval by his/her Academic Advisor)

#### **SECTION TWO:** (each course is 3 SCH; must be taken in the following order)

DS721	Research Methods
DS731	Rhetoric & Professional Writing
DS821	Dissertation (Ph.D.)/Project (D.Min.) Prospectus
DS831	Dissertation/Project Literature Review
DS857	Dissertation/Project Research

#### **SECTION THREE:** (15 SCH)

DS985	Dissertation/Project: Writing, Defense & Publication
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## ➤ SPECIAL DEGREE AND NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS: *FACT SHEET #10*

### **MASTER OF ARTS in RELIGIOUS STUDIES or in INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES\***

Trinity Southwest University and the College of University Studies offer a Master of Arts degree designed for the student who wants complete flexibility in selecting the courses comprising his/her degree program. The M.A. in Religious Studies or Interdisciplinary Studies allows you the freedom to select master's level courses from any of TSU's colleges. The program is ideal for those who do not want to specialize in a particular area, but want a broad range of learning experiences from several disciplines. (If you plan to enter a doctoral program upon the completion of the M.A. in Religious Studies or Interdisciplinary Studies, be advised that issues of degree relevancy and prerequisite studies should be carefully considered as you choose the courses for your masters program.)

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 48 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Prerequisites:** a bachelors degree (or equivalent) including 35 SCH general studies (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** Biblical languages are not required, but are highly recommended.

**COURSES:** (all courses are 3 SCH)

You will select graduate level courses from any of the TSU Colleges.

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### **ADVANCED CHRISTIAN TRAINING**

Through TSU's Advanced Christian Training (ACT) program, you can enjoy course lectures and open seminars for your personal learning pleasure (not for credit). (Taking a course lecture/seminar through the ACT program is similar to "auditing," except that TSU does not provide a transcript record of your participation.) The cost of taking a course lecture/seminar through the ACT program is only \$95.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

TSU courses can be taken to fulfill a variety of continuing education needs (contact your employing institution or organization for approval). TSU is approved by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) as a provider of continuing education credits in Biblical Studies, Theology and Apologetics. The cost is \$50 per CEU credit.

### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

TSU non-degree certificate programs are often the answer for those who do not want to pursue a degree, but who still want to experience learning in an academic context. You can earn a certificate from any of TSU's six colleges by completing the Foundational Learning Modules and one additional module (see course syllabi) for seven courses. The cost of a certificate program is \$150 per course.

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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## ➤ TUITION & FEES: *FACT SHEET #11*

Trinity Southwest University works very hard to keep the cost of tuition and fees as affordable as possible. Tuition is charged by the semester credit hour (SCH). And you can realize significant savings by registering for larger portions of your degree program, and by paying your registration in full. (If you desire a payment program, you will need to consult with an Admissions Advisor for terms and conditions.)

Because TSU degree programs are nontraditional and self-paced, the length of your active registration (the timeframe allotted for the completion of courses on a given registration) is either two years or five years. A two-year active period is granted for all registrations that are less than the full degree program. (Example: If the total number of semester credit hours in your degree program is 48, and your initial paid registration is for 24 semester credit hours, then you have two years to complete the courses on that registration. And all subsequent registrations will be for two years, until your degree program is completed.) A five-year active period is granted for all registrations that include the entire degree program. (Example: If the total number of semester credit hours in your degree program is 48, and your initial registration includes all 48 SCH, then you have five years to complete the courses on that registration.) If you do not complete the courses on your registration during the active period of two or five years, then you can file for an extension (fee is computed on the number of SCH for unfinished courses on that registration).

Your payment options include check (no cash, please), money order, direct bank draft, bank debit card, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover).

### **TUITION SCHEDULE** (TUITION PER SCH APPLIES FOR EACH PAID REGISTRATION PERIOD)

#### **UNDERGRADUATE:**

If your registration is less than 15 SCH	185.00 PER SCH*
If your registration is 15 to 18 SCH	160.00 PER SCH
If your registration exceeds 18 SCH	140.00 PER SCH

#### **GRADUATE:**

If your registration is less than 15 SCH	265.00 PER SCH*
If your registration is 15 to 18 SCH	210.00 PER SCH
If your registration exceeds 18 SCH	190.00 PER SCH

#### **DOCTORAL:**

Tuition for entire program (45 SCH)	13,350 PAID IN FULL
Tuition for two-thirds program (30 SCH)	9,855 PAID IN FULL
Tuition for one-third program (15 SCH)	5,760 PAID IN FULL*

\*Tuition rates for Deferred Payment Plans. Grants are not applicable with payment plans. For Information on Deferred Payment Plans and associated Fees please contact the TSU Administrative Office at 505-332-4253. Grants may be available for qualified students. *Tuition rates are subject to change at any time.*

### **TUITION REFUND POLICY**

A registration becomes active only when full or initial payment is received and processed. If, after activating a registration by payment of tuition, a student desires to disenroll, the student must formally notify the TSU Dean of Admissions in writing, either electronically or by mail. From that point, the following refund schedule applies for the total amount of tuition on the registration: up to 3 days, 100% is refundable (less a processing fee of \$150); after 3 to 30 days, 80% is refundable; after 30 to 45 days, 50% is refundable; after 45 to 60 days, 30% is refundable; after 60 days, 0% is refundable. The refund schedule is based on the total amount of tuition on the registration, not on the amount paid toward that total via a payment program.

### **FEE SCHEDULE** (ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

APPLICATION FEE	100.00
REGISTRATION FEE	75.00
DROP/ADD FEE	20.00 PER COURSE
TSU INTERNSHIP TRANSCRIPT FEE	30.00 PER SCH
PORTFOLIO & EQUIVALENCY FEE	20.00 PER SCH UNDERGRADUATE 25.00 PER SCH GRADUATE 30.00 PER SCH DOCTORAL
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EXTENSION FEE	20.00 PER SCH UNDERGRADUATE 25.00 PER SCH GRADUATE 30.00 PER SCH DOCTORAL
GRADUATION FEE	150.00
TRANSCRIPT FEE	5.00 PER COPY
GRADE REPLACEMENT FEE	100.00
DOCTORAL OUTSIDE READER FEE	VARIABLE

\*Independent Institute Transcribing Services for non-TSU courses accredited by TSU

### **MINIMUM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT**

The minimum registration for undergraduate and graduate programs is 9 semester credit hours (SCH), or three courses. The minimum registration for a doctoral program is 15 SCH, or one-third of the total program. Minimum registration does not apply to non-degree students.





# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## ➤ ON-CAMPUS & SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES: *FACT SHEET #12*

### **USE ON-CAMPUS & SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES AS COURSE MODULES...**

As you're moving through your TSU degree program, you may want to take advantage of the many learning opportunities taking place at the Trinity Southwest University campus in Albuquerque. If you already live in the greater Albuquerque area, then you can participate with ease. If you live at a distance from Albuquerque, in another state or in another country, you can still take advantage of on-campus opportunities by making a trip to Albuquerque (it's easy to get to from just about anywhere). The weather is usually fantastic, and it's a great vacation destination, too, with breathtaking vistas, and Santa Fe (The City Different) only a short drive away. And everything we offer is available to be taken as course credit or modular credit! ***Here are some of the kinds of opportunities that await you...***

### **COURSE LECTURES & SEMINARS...**

The TSU on-campus lecture program offers a full schedule of open seminars and course lectures each semester. For the convenience of those taking on-campus lecture & open seminar modules, the semester is divided into 2 sessions, each 6 weeks in length. Course lectures are held in one of two formats: 6-week or block. In the 6-week format, lectures meet once per week, for 3 hours, for 6 weeks (for a total of 18 clock hours). In the block format, lectures meet 6 hours per day, for 3 consecutive days (for a total of 16 clock hours). The 3-day format of block lectures makes them ideal for distance students who desire to complete some of their modules on campus. Open seminars (OS) are also held in two formats: evening or daytime open seminars. The evening OS meet once per week for three hours for six weeks in a row, while each college has a three day daytime OS block (6 hours per day) toward the end of each session. (All regular on-campus course lectures and open seminars are included in your degree program tuition.)

### **S-LECTURES...**

The "S" in S-Lecture stands for "special" and "short." S-Lectures are designed to allow TSU faculty members and invited scholars to lecture on a wide variety of topics outside the scope of regular course lectures. S-Lectures such as "What Happens to Christians When They Die: A Study in Non-Linear Reality" and "Will the Real Pharaoh of the Exodus Please Stand Up!" are designed to challenge the imagination and push the limits of traditional thinking. We offer several S-Lectures per semester. Six S-Lectures can be grouped together and used for modular credit. See course syllabi for details. (There is no charge for S-Lectures.)

### **SYMPOSIA & CONFERENCES...**

TSU periodically hosts major symposium and conference events on a variety of subjects. Renowned scholars are brought in from around the country, and often from around the world, to speak on diverse of issues and topics. Trinity symposia and conferences have ranged in subject matter from biblical archaeology to spiritual deliverance. The International Symposium on Archaeology & the Bible, held periodically, has developed into a world-class event that draws scholars and participants from around the globe. All such TSU events can be taken for course credit as learning modules. (The cost of Symposia and Conferences is not included in your degree program tuition; however significant discounts are always given to TSU students.)

### **REGIONAL LECTURES & SEMINARS...**

TSU faculty members periodically hold lectures and/or seminars in a variety of venues around the United States, and in other countries as well. One such permanent venue is the TSU Seminar Center West in Woodland, CA. Instructions on how to receive modular credit for attending such lectures and seminars can be found in every TSU syllabus. Please contact TSU for more information.

### **EXCAVATIONS...**

TSU is currently excavating at Tall el-Hammam, just north of the Dead Sea in Jordan. The excavation season is during the winter months of December, January and February. Students as well as members of the public interested in the excavation are welcome to join the team. Students will receive credit toward their degree program. Please contact TSU for more information.

### **BIBLE LAND EXPEDITIONS...**

Bible Land Expeditions, sponsored by TSU's College of Archaeology & Biblical History, are the most comprehensive study tours available. You can tour. You can excavate. You can tour and excavate! And there is no skimping on BLE tours—always first-rate accommodations and food. Learn The Book firsthand as you follow its characters from one end of the Holy Land to the other.

### **MUSEUM PROJECTS...**

Would you like to earn course or modular credit by working with ancient artifacts from the Bible lands? Or by helping develop displays and presentations in a wonderful museum setting? Or by teaching the Bible with real artifacts? There is always something for you to do at The Museum of Archaeology & Biblical History, located on the TSU campus in Albuquerque—and for course credit!

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**COLLEGE OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES**

➤ **MORE (ALPHABETICAL) INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET #13.1***

## **ACADEMIC ADVISOR**

Upon admission to TSU as a matriculated student, you will be assigned an Academic Advisor. Your Academic Advisor is responsible for guiding you through the initial stages of your degree program and thereby facilitating your successful completion of it. He or she will be your primary resource for counsel in regard to contemplated changes to your program and any other academic issues that may arise. While the assignment of an Academic Advisor will be made by the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment based on faculty availability and perceived areas of common interest, we invite your suggestion. To the maximum extent possible, we will attempt to accommodate your preference.

## **ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

The Academic Committee makes all final determinations as to the application of TSU academic policies and procedures. The members of the Academic Committee are the Executive Dean, the Dean of Academics & Curricula, the Dean of Students, the Dean of Faculty & Instruction, and the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment.

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

We aspire to excellence in all aspects of our research and instructional programs, where such excellence is measured in terms of the learning experiences of our students, and their skills in accurately and powerfully applying the Bible, the Word of God, to every aspect of life, including all academic and scholarly pursuits.

## **ADVANCED CHRISTIAN TRAINING (ACT)**

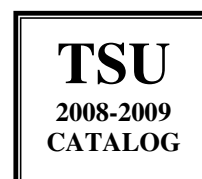
Through TSU's ACT program, you may attend any of our lecture or seminar classroom sessions for a very reasonable fee. As an ACT student, you will receive the same quality learning experience as our degree students, but there is no homework to turn in and there is no grade given (not available to TSU students). ACT courses do not become part of your permanent academic record, and they do not appear on TSU transcripts. To enroll in an on-campus classroom session as an ACT student, simply call the TSU office at (505) 332-4253, and ask to have your name placed on the class enrollment form as "ACT." Be prepared to use your credit or debit card to pay the \$95 ACT fee, or you may send a check or money order by mail. Upgrading from ACT status to either certificate or degree program status will be considered on a case-by-case basis. As an ACT student, should you desire to pursue such an upgrade, you will be required to provide a signed lecture attendance form for each lecture or seminar attended. For additional details, please refer to the Student Handbook.

## **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

Because of the nontraditional nature of TSU academic programs, you may apply for admission and begin your course of study at any time. Application may be obtained from the office of the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment (also through the TSU website at [www.trinitysouthwest.com](http://www.trinitysouthwest.com)). After evaluation of the application package, the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment will notify you of your admission status. If the application package is complete and satisfactory, you will be admitted as a regular student. If the package is incomplete, you may be admitted on a provisional basis. Please note that if you do not register within six months of admission, you must reapply.

## **CATALOG, CONTRACT**

With the exception of tuition and fees, your initial registration determines the Academic Catalog that will govern your course of study. In essence, the Catalog is a legal contract between you and Trinity Southwest University. In particular, the Catalog that is operative at the time of your initial registration is the one that will govern your entire degree program unless you elect otherwise, or allow your registration to expire, i.e., to become inactive. Whenever a new version of the TSU Catalog is published, you will have an opportunity to examine it. You may request, in writing, that the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment place your degree program under the new Catalog. The Dean of the college in which you are studying must also approve your request. Such a request may require that a new registration be drawn up and activated (in such a case, it is possible that additional tuition and/or fees will be required).





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## ➤ MORE (ALPHABETICAL) INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET #13.2*

### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

Intermediate between the ACT and our degree programs are the TSU certificate programs. You are awarded a certificate upon the completion of 7 certificate courses (by finishing the designated modules of each certificate course). If 5 of the 7 courses combine to form an area of concentration, the certificate is awarded in that area (e.g., if 5 of the 7 courses are in theology, a Certificate in Theology is awarded). If there is no identifiable area of concentration, the certificate is awarded in Religious Studies. You may begin your certificate program at any time. All that is required is completion of our one-page application form and payment of the application fee. You may either pay tuition on a course-by-course basis, or you may pay for the complete 7-course program in advance. Please refer to the Tuition & Fees: Fact Sheet (Catalog). If you wish to pursue a certificate program, contact the office of the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment for more information and an application form. As a certificate program student, should you desire to upgrade to a degree program, you will be required to complete the additional modules for each course. Certificate courses are not transferable to other institutions.

### **COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH**

The faculty of each of the colleges comprising Trinity Southwest University strives to perform cutting-edge research in the fields to which they are dedicated: Biblical Studies, Theological Studies, Archaeology & Biblical History, Biblical Representational Research and Biblical Counseling. Such research undergirds the development of TSU courses and faculty, and leads to the publication of articles, papers, and books in our fields of interest.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs)**

You may need Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits in order to maintain professional certification or to meet other requirements. All TSU lectures may be taken for CEU credit, and many meet the CEU requirements of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and other agencies and institutions. You will earn 3 CEUs for attendance of a complete 16-18 hour lecture/seminar series. To enroll in a lecture or seminar as a CEU student, call the TSU office at (505) 332-4253 and ask to have your name placed on the class enrollment form as "continuing education." Be prepared to use your credit or debit card to make your tuition payment (or make other payment arrangements). Please refer to the Tuition & Fees: Fact Sheet (Catalog) for prices. At the end of the lecture/seminar series, you must complete a Lecture Attendance Form and have it signed by the instructor. Make a copy of this form for your records and submit the original to the office of the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment. Upon receipt of the completed form, a CEU Certificate will be generated and sent to you.

### **COURSE LOAD, GUIDELINES**

Course load guidelines for determining if you are a full-time, half-time, or part-time student are expressed as follows in terms of the number of semester credit hours included on your paid, active registration.

#### ***Undergraduate students:***

full-time—at least 24 SCH

half-time—at least 15 SCH but less than 24 SCH

part-time—12 SCH or less

#### ***Graduate students:***

full-time—at least 24 SCH

half-time—at least 15 SCH but less than 24 SCH

part-time—12 SCH or less

#### ***Doctoral students:***

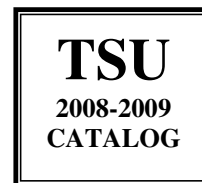
The minimum registration of 15 SCH for doctoral students disallows categorization.

### **DEGREE PROGRAM**

A degree program is a list of all the courses required for a given student to complete the qualifications for degree conferment.

### **ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment is the completion of the application procedure, including processing through the office of the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment, and the payment of requisite tuition and fees, whereby an individual becomes a student.





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## ➤ MORE (ALPHABETICAL) INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET #13.3*

### ***EQUIVALENT CREDIT***

TSU may grant equivalent (portfolio) credit for life, work, and ministry experience. Equivalent credit may also include military training, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam scores, and continuing education hours and units. The Dean of Admissions & Enrollment can help you identify the documentation needed to substantiate equivalent (portfolio) credit.

### ***FACULTY CLASSIFICATION & DEVELOPMENT***

The TSU Faculty is classified according to terminology defined by our nontraditional educational system. This system of definition applies whether a faculty member functions on campus or at a distance. The following terms and definitions apply to the TSU system: professor (functions in a “continuous access” capacity by way of teaching, advising and/or mentoring); associate professor (functions in a “periodic access” capacity by way of teaching, advising and/or mentoring); research professor (functions in a “continuous or periodic access” capacity by way of research and/or academic projects); visiting professor (provides lectures on a periodic basis by invitation of the university). The goal of the faculty of each TSU college and institute is to model lifelong learning. This motivates each of us to stay abreast of, and engaged with, contemporary issues in our fields of interest and expertise through continual reading and research, while remaining faithful to our commitment to the authority of the Bible.

### ***GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENT***

The traditional educational establishment has determined that a certain mixture of studies (courses in writing and speaking English, mathematics, physical and natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities, foreign languages and arts) is advantageous for the successful development of a “well-rounded” learning experience. While the concept is not unworthy from an academic perspective, the assessments and applications of such standards are often medieval in their formulation. While we encourage broadness in learning, we also understand that life can be an even better teacher than formal educational processes. Therefore, our evaluations of students in terms of a general studies requirement for “Arts” degrees takes into consideration the full range of life experiences, whereby resultant learning can be truly diverse, extensive, and, not uncommonly, superior.

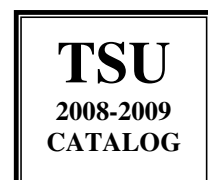
### ***GRADE, MINIMUM PASSING***

For individual courses, the minimum passing grade for undergraduate students is D; the minimum passing grade for Master of Arts students is B; the minimum passing grade for Master of Divinity students is C; the minimum passing grade for doctoral students is B.

### ***GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)***

We calculate the number of grade points for each course by multiplying the number of points for the letter grade earned by the number of SCH for the course. Your grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the total grade points earned by the total number of SCH attempted. For purposes of grade point average only, the following system applies:

- A = 3.8 to 4.0
- A - = 3.6 to 3.7
- B+ = 3.3 to 3.5
- B = 2.9 to 3.2
- B - = 2.6 to 2.8
- C+ = 2.3 to 2.5
- C = 1.9 to 2.2
- C - = 1.6 to 1.8
- D+ = 1.3 to 1.5
- D = 0.9 to 1.2
- D - = 0.6 to 0.8
- F = 0.0 to 0.5





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## ➤ MORE (ALPHABETICAL) INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET #13.4*

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE—ACADEMIC PROBATION**

Academic probation results when your GPA falls below the minimum acceptable value for your degree program level. You cannot graduate while on academic probation.

#### ***Undergraduate students:***

If you are an undergraduate degree student and your cumulative GPA falls below 1.9, you will be placed on academic probation. Academic probation will be removed when your cumulative GPA reaches 1.9 or better. Should you receive a course grade of D or below while on probation, you will be subject to dismissal from TSU.

#### ***Master of Divinity students:***

If you are an M.Div. student, and your cumulative GPA falls below 1.9, you will be placed on academic probation. Academic probation will be removed when your cumulative GPA reaches 1.9 or better. Should you receive a course grade of D or below while on probation, you will be subject to dismissal from TSU.

#### ***Master of Arts & doctoral students:***

If you are an M.A. or doctoral degree student, and your cumulative GPA falls below 2.9, you will be placed on academic probation. Academic probation will be removed when your cumulative GPA reaches 2.9 or better. Should you receive a course grade of C or below while on probation, you will be subject to dismissal from TSU.

### **GRADE REPLACEMENT**

The Academic Committee has established a procedure whereby a non-passing or substandard grade for a course may be replaced. For details on this procedure, please consult the Student Handbook. You should be forewarned that the procedure for replacing a non-passing or sub-standard grade is irreversible. Your new grade may not be higher than the old one. In fact, it may be lower.

### **GRADING, COURSE**

TSU grades student coursework on a 4-point scale. On individual course grades, TSU does not give plus or minus grades (i.e., no A-, B+, etc.) The equivalence between numerical and letter grades is as follows:

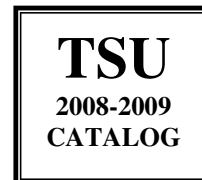
- A = 4
- B = 3
- C = 2
- D = 1
- F = 0

### **GRADUATION, APPLICATION FOR**

When you have completed all the coursework for your degree program, you may apply for graduation. This process entails your completing and formally submitting an Application for Graduation form, available from the office of the Dean of Admission & Enrollment, and by paying the required fee(s). Please refer to the Student Handbook for additional details. Attendance at graduation events and commencement ceremonies is not required. However, Trinity Southwest University graduation ceremonies are noted for being impressive and highly enjoyable. If you do plan to attend in person, your application for graduation must be received by the office of the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment no later than 3 months prior to the anticipated graduation date (usually held in mid-September). If you do not attend the live graduation ceremonies, your diploma will be mailed to you.

### **GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION**

If your cumulative GPA is 3.9 or higher, the Academic Committee may evaluate your overall record for the awarding of honors. The Committee will consider the scope and content of your degree program, grades, commitment to scholarship, and other factors deemed relevant. If honors are awarded, your diploma will be inscribed "With Distinction" or "With High Distinction." The awarding of honors is entirely at the discretion of the Academic Committee and may not be applied for, nor may any decision of the Committee in this regard be appealed. TSU rarely awards honors, and then, only in the most extraordinary cases.





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## ➤ MORE (ALPHABETICAL) INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET #13.5*

### **INTERNSHIP CREDIT**

You may earn credit toward your degree by participating in an approved internship program. A TSU internship allows students to earn academic credit toward their degree program requirements. Credit is granted at the rate of 1 semester credit hour (SCH) for each 50 clock hours of internship work satisfactorily completed. Internship work is performed under the supervision of a TSU faculty member or approved internship mentor. If you desire to participate in an internship program, please refer to the Student Handbook for the details of formulating a proposal for presentation to the Dean of your college, or the Academic Committee. Your proposal must be approved in advance. Internships taken as scheduled courses in a degree program need not go through the approval process, but will be assigned to the student by the college Dean or a designated faculty member. Regular tuition rates per SCH apply.

### **LECTURES & SEMINARS (LIVE)**

Most TSU courses do not require attendance at live lectures. However, practically every course syllabus provides live, classroom instruction as an optional learning module. See individual course syllabi for options and opportunities. TSU's on-campus Lecture/Seminar Schedule is published and updated frequently (you can get it electronically or by mail). After each new TSU Lecture/Seminar Schedule is published, you should promptly review it for opportunities that fit your schedule and program needs. To attend a particular classroom session—whether it be a lecture, open seminar or symposium—you must contact the TSU office (by phone at 505-332-4253, or by e-mail via our website) and ask to be placed on the classroom session enrollment list for a particular course or courses. Your call should be made as much in advance of the scheduled start of the classroom session as possible. Classroom sessions for which a minimum number of students have not enrolled may be cancelled. Unless your name is on the enrollment list, we will not be able to contact you in the event of classroom session cancellation. Remember that even if a particular course appears in your active registration, you are not automatically enrolled in the classroom session(s) pertaining to that course, because attendance at such classroom lectures/seminars is entirely optional. You must contact the TSU office to enroll in each classroom session that you desire to attend. (Additional details are provided in the Student Handbook.)

### **LECTURES & SEMINARS (LIVE) CANCELLED**

It is conceivable that a classroom session in which you have enrolled may be cancelled due to lack of participation or reasons beyond TSU's control. If this should occur, your Academic Advisor or course professor will work with you either to identify a suitable replacement classroom session, or to define a learning module that would replace the classroom session for the course in question.

### **MAJORS AND MINORS**

All degree programs consist of a major and electives, but with no minor.

### **MENTORING**

The faculty of each of the TSU colleges and institutes embraces the value of mentoring through what we call "Shared Learning In Community." This mentoring ideal entails fostering an atmosphere in which degree students and faculty are able to experience mutual edification as the dynamics of the educational process unfold. While mentoring relationships between faculty and students are not always possible at a distance, we encourage such interaction and cooperation as we (to paraphrase the Apostle Paul) "entrust what we have learned to faithful individuals who will be able to teach others also."

### **MODULE, LEARNING**

A learning module is a measured component of every TSU course, by which the student accomplishes a portion of the course learning objective. The two Foundational Learning Modules (consisting of reading, research and writing) take about 75 clock hours to complete, and are worth 1.5 SCH. Each of the remaining three modules takes approximately 25 clock hours for the average student to complete. Thus, for a 3 SCH course, you will complete five learning modules. Each 3 SCH course has two Foundational Learning Modules (required), and a balance of three learning modules to be selected from a long list of creative options. It is the fact of this unique modular course structure that enables TSU students to accelerate through their degree programs, not outside the routines of their established lives, ministries and professional responsibilities, but within the context of, and by means of, those routines. From this flow the phrases so commonly heard around Trinity Southwest University: "Quality Education at the Speed of Life," and "Your Life...Your Classroom!"

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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## ➤ MORE (ALPHABETICAL) INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET #13.6*

### **NON-MATRICULATED STUDENTS**

You may wish to take TSU courses for regular academic credit, but not enroll in a TSU degree program. Should you elect to pursue studies in this manner, the course requirements, tuition, and fees are the same as for degree students. All completed coursework becomes part of your permanent academic record. The application process for non-matriculated students is simplified. You need only to complete our standard one-page Application for Admission form, and provide proof of completing the education requirements for the degree level below that at which you wish to study. (Example: To study at the non-matriculated graduate level, you must provide a copy of your undergraduate diploma or college transcript.)

### **NONTRADITIONAL VS. TRADITIONAL EDUCATION**

Some people need a traditional educational format. Some people need that kind of structure and “spoon-feeding.” But it is not for everyone. For many, traditional education restricts the intellect and stifles critical, creative thinking. For others, the pathway of traditional higher education is impossible to pursue because family, job and ministry responsibilities prevent the necessary time and/or financial investment required by a regimen of class attendance and institutional schedules. But neither is nontraditional higher education for everyone. Frankly, people who are not self-starters—those without plenty of self-motivation and personal discipline—find nontraditional education very difficult. *Is nontraditional higher education for you?* Perhaps the following list of comparisons will help you decide.

#### **Traditional education...**

is institutionally oriented  
follows institutional deadlines  
happens on a school schedule  
runs on semesters or quarters  
happens when class meets  
dictates what assignments you'll do  
denies the academic value of real life  
stops for vacations  
produces graduates like an assembly line

#### **Nontraditional education...**

is student oriented  
is self-paced  
happens on your schedule  
runs 24-7-365, if you want or need it to  
happens as you pursue your life  
let's you create assignments that fit who you are  
embraces the academic value of real life  
can be a fabulous vacation  
launches creative, independent thinkers

### **PORTFOLIO CREDIT**

TSU may grant portfolio (equivalent) credit for life, work, and ministry experience. Portfolio credit may also include military training, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam scores, and continuing education hours and units. The Dean of Admissions & Enrollment can help you identify the documentation needed to substantiate portfolio (equivalent) credit. It will be your responsibility to exhibit the appropriate level of study during your program. Any deficiency in regard to the college you are enrolled in may require additional work to achieve an acceptable standard of performance.

### **REGISTRATION**

After admission, your degree program is completed through either one or a series of registrations. An active registration consists of all or a portion of the degree program for which you have paid the appropriate tuition and fees. You may only obtain syllabi that pertain to the courses in your active registration. Upon completion of a registration, if you have not yet finished the degree program, you may initiate a subsequent registration through the office of the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment. If you register for your entire degree program on your initial registration, then the time period of that registration is five years. If you register for less than your entire degree program on your initial registration, then the time period of that registration, and all subsequent registrations, is two years.

### **REGISTRATION, EXPIRED**

If you allow your registration to expire, i.e., to become inactive, then it will be necessary for you reapply to TSU as a new student, which is more costly than extending your registration before it expires. The then current Catalog will automatically become the governing document for the academic aspects of the remainder of your degree program as long as you maintain an active registration.

### **REGISTRATION, INACTIVE**

An inactive registration is defined as one for which the associated tuition and fees have not been paid, or one that has been allowed to expire, or one from which a student voluntarily withdraws. A registration becomes active only when all associated tuition and fees have been paid.

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## ➤ MORE (ALPHABETICAL) INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET #13.7*

### **REGISTRATION, INCOMPLETE**

In the event you are prevented from completing a registration due to life circumstances, you may petition the Academic Committee to temporarily withdraw from your registration for a period of up to 12 months. You must reactivate the registration within this temporary withdrawal period by paying the then-current Extension Fee. Otherwise, the registration will be terminated, and it will be necessary for you to reapply to TSU in order to continue your degree program. Please refer to the Student Handbook for additional details.

### **REGISTRATION PERIOD**

The period of time allowed for completion of an initial, full-program registration is five (5) years, no matter the size of the registration. The period of time allowed for completion of a partial-program registration is two (2) years, no matter the size of the registration. If you do not complete a registration within the allotted time, you will need to request an extension and pay the appropriate extension fee as prescribed in the then-current Catalog.

### **SECOND DOCTORATE PRIVILEGE**

If you have a previously earned doctorate from a recognized institution, you may qualify for the second doctorate privilege. After reviewing your complete academic record, the Academic Committee may reduce the course requirements of your TSU doctoral program.

### **SEMESTER CREDIT HOUR (SCH)**

A semester credit hour (SCH) is a common unit of academic measurement whereby a certain number of "clock hours" (an academic clock hour is actually 50 minutes) of prescribed learning activities are translated into academic credit. Generally speaking, it takes about 50 clock hours of academic "contact" to make one (1) SCH. So, the total clock hour investment in a 3 SCH course is approximately 150. [The traditional computation of 3 SCH is based on a class meeting 3 clock hours per week for a semester (usually about 14 to 16 weeks). To this total of about 48 clock hours of classroom time is added a handful of out-of-class assignments (theoretically) requiring another 100 clock hours to complete.] TSU uses the same kind of academic computation to determine its SCH course values (see paragraph on Module, Learning).

### **STUDENT COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES**

If you believe you have been treated unfairly by a member of TSU's staff or faculty, you have the right to seek redress. Your complaint should be clearly stated in writing and addressed to the TSU Dean of Students, who will refer the complaint to an impartial staff member or other responsible party for investigation and recommended resolution. No adverse actions will be taken against you for registering the complaint. You will be notified in writing within 30 days of the findings and any actions taken regarding the complaint. If you are not satisfied with the resolution, the complaint may be submitted to the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education. Complaints to the Commission must be in writing on a form provided by the Commission and filed within three (3) years of the last date of enrollment.

### **STUDENT CONDUCT**

In accordance with our Doctrinal Position, there are behaviors and lifestyles in which students might engage that would be perceived as biblically inappropriate, either by the TSU Administration, or by the surrounding community. Should such a situation arise, the Dean of Students will provide counsel to the student in order to bring about a resolution. Failing this, the student may be subject to dismissal from TSU by action of the Academic Committee. Please refer to the Student Conduct section of the Student Handbook for additional details.

### **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Frequent references are made to your Student Handbook where additional policy and procedural details are provided. The Student Handbook is designed to provide practical guidance from initial enrollment to the point of graduation.





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## ➤ MORE (ALPHABETICAL) INFORMATION: *FACT SHEET #13.8*

### ***SYLLABUS, SYLLABI***

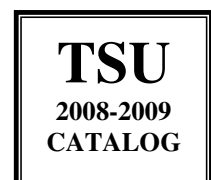
TSU course syllabi are generally standardized (some courses diverge from the general pattern due to the nature of their content). The course syllabus is the guiding document that leads the student, module by module, through the fulfillment of the course requirements. Each syllabus has the following elements: a statement of General Procedure (what the course structure is); a summary of the Learning Objective (what you will learn); a listing of Course Resources (texts and materials for study and research); a detailing of Course Requirements (specifying the modules to be completed, both required and optional selections); a section on General Submission Instructions (how you will submit your coursework for grading); a paragraph outlining the Method of Evaluation (criteria entering into the grading process); and instructions for the Assessment of Guided Learning (in order to complete the Foundational Learning Modules). Once you're familiar with the TSU modular course structure, you will become a creative learner who experiences the entire scope of life as an exciting, engaging classroom.

### ***TRANSFER CREDIT***

TSU may grant academic transfer credit for courses completed at another university, college, vocational, technical, business, ministry, or professional school. For a course to be acceptable for transfer credit, it must be at the same level as the degree which you are seeking, and you must have earned at least a C grade (for undergraduate studies) or B grade (certain masters and all doctoral programs). The Academic Committee will determine the acceptability of transfer credits. You will need to contact each school you have attended, and have an official transcript sent to the TSU Dean of Admissions & Enrollment for evaluation.

### ***WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE***

Life circumstances may develop such that you are forced to withdraw from your degree program altogether. In order to do so, you must advise the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment in writing. Withdrawal will be effective as of the postmark of your request, or the date it is received by the office of the Dean of Admissions & Enrollment if delivered in another manner (such as e-mail). Please refer to the Tuition & Fees: Fact Sheet for pertinent information regarding refunds.





# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## ➤ UNDERGRADUATE COURSE LIST (by number): *FACT SHEET 14.1*

All courses subject to development and availability

### AR

AR311 Archaeology & the Bible  
AR321 Archaeology & History of Ancient Egypt  
AR331 Archaeology & History of Ancient Mesopotamia  
AR341 Excavation Practicum & Field School I  
AR342 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Area  
AR352 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Temple  
AR362 Archaeology of the New Testament Period  
AR411 Historical Geography of Bible Lands  
AR412 Dead Sea Scrolls  
AR421 Historical Synchronisms in Biblical Archaeology  
AR431 Languages & Cultures of the Ancient Near East  
AR441 Levantine Ceramic Typology I

### BR

BR311 Bedrock of Triadic Structure  
BR321 How---and Why---to Challenge Human Intellig.  
BR331 Repres. Research as a Reading of the Text  
BR341 Conceptual Frameworks for Bibl. Repr. Thinking  
BR411 The Ancient Skill of Generalizing  
BR421 Represent. Research & Apps. to Everyday Life  
BR422 Repr. Study of Worldviews, W. Relig. & Cults  
BR431 Represent. Study of the Phases of Faith

### BS

BS311 Biblical Hermeneutics: Theory & Practice  
BS312 Biblical Exegesis & Exposition  
BS321 Christian Apologetics  
BS342 English Tools for Biblical Languages  
BS371 New Testament Historical Books  
BS372 Exposition of Romans  
BS373 New Testament Epistles: I Corinthians to Jude  
BS374 Exposition of Revelation  
BS431 Thinking Critically about the Hebrew Scriptures  
BS432 Thinking Critically about the New Testament  
BS441 New Testament Greek Grammar & Syntax I  
BS442 New Testament Greek Grammar & Syntax II  
BS453 New Testament Greek Reading  
BS454 New Testament Greek Reading  
BS460 Biblical Hebrew Alphabet & Phonology  
BS461 Biblical Hebrew: Grammar & Syntax I  
BS462 Biblical Hebrew: Grammar & Syntax II  
BS467 Biblical Hebrew Reading  
BS468 Biblical Hebrew Reading

### HS

HS311 Church History from a Hebraic Perspective  
HS321 Hebraic Roots of Yeshua and the Christian Faith  
HS332 Hebrew Aleph-Bet Ulpan  
HS341 Hebraic and Greek Thought Compared  
HS353 Hebrew Scriptures I: Torah  
HS392 Israel and the Nations in History & Prophecy  
HS412 Life of Yeshua  
HS422 Seven Feasts of the Lord

### TH

TH330 Christian Theology I  
TH334 Discipleship  
TH411 Church History: First Century to 1500  
TH482 Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures  
TH492 Theology of the New Testament

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# TRINITY SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY

## ➤ GRADUATE COURSE LIST (by number): *FACT SHEET 14.2*

All courses subject to development and availability

### AR

AR511 Archaeology & the Bible  
AR512 Akkadian Grammar & Syntax  
AR521 Archaeology & History of Ancient Egypt  
AR522 Aramaic Grammar & Syntax  
AR531 Archaeology & History of Ancient Mesopotamia  
AR532 Archaeological Survey Methods  
AR541 Excavation Practicum & Field School I  
AR542 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Area  
AR552 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Temple  
AR562 Archaeology of the New Testament Period  
AR572 Archaeometry  
AR582 Bronze Age Levant  
AR592 Cuneiform Writing Systems  
AR611 Historical Geography of Bible Lands  
AR612 Dead Sea Scrolls  
AR621 Historical Synchronisms in Biblical Archaeology  
AR622 Excavation Practicum & Field School II  
AR631 Languages & Cultures of the Ancient Near East  
AR632 History of the Semitic Alphabet  
AR641 Levantine Ceramic Typology I  
AR642 Independent Study  
AR652 Independent Study  
AR662 Iron Age Levant  
AR672 Levantine Ceramic Typology II  
AR682 Survey of Semitic Cognates  
AR692 Ugaritic Grammar & Syntax

### BR

BR511 Bedrock of Triadic Structure  
BR512 Independent Study  
BR521 How---and Why---to Challenge Human Intellig.  
BR522 Independent Study  
BR531 Repres. Research as a Reading of the Text  
BR532 Independent Study  
BR541 Conceptual Frameworks for Bibl. Repr. Thinking  
BR542 Representational Models in the Gospel of Matthew  
BR552 Representational Study of Daniel  
BR562 Representational Study of Job  
BR572 Represent. Study of I Peter: Rhet. Power of Rev.  
BR582 Represent. Study of II Peter: Rhet. Power of Rev.  
BR592 Represent. Study of Proverbs: The Ideal Male  
BR611 The Ancient Skill of Generalizing  
BR612 Representational Study of Revelation  
BR621 Represent. Research & Apps. to Everyday Life  
BR622 Repr. Study of Worldviews, W. Relig. & Cults  
BR631 Represent. Study of the Phases of Faith  
BR623 Educational Constructs f. Teaching Repr. Res.  
BR641 Guided Research in Representational Research

### BC

BC510 Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling I  
BC511 Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling II  
BC512 Crisis Counseling  
BC522 Contemporary Issues & Critical Thinking  
BC531 Comparative Analysis of Counseling Approaches  
BC541 Conflict Resolution  
BC611 Marriage & the Family  
BC621 Pre-Marital Counseling  
BC622 The Jurisdiction of Ministry  
BC624 Estab. a Bibl. Couns. Ministry in the Marketplace  
BC626 Independent Study  
BC631 Masters Project  
BC632 Independent Study  
BC634 Counseling Practicum I  
BC636 Counseling Practicum II  
BC641 Biblical Counseling Internship



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## ➤ GRADUATE COURSE LIST, cont'd (by number): *FACT SHEET 14.3*

All courses subject to development and availability

### BS

BS511 Biblical Hermeneutics: Theory & Practice  
BS512 Biblical Exegesis & Exposition  
BS521 Christian Apologetics  
BS542 English Tools for Biblical Languages  
BS552 Exposition of Genesis  
BS562 Exposition of John's Gospel  
BS571 New Testament Historical Books  
BS572 Exposition of Romans  
BS573 New Testament Epistles: I Corinthians to Jude  
BS574 Exposition of Revelation  
BS622 Higher Critical Theory: An Analysis  
BS631 Thinking Critically about the Hebrew Scriptures  
BS632 Thinking Critically about the New Testament  
BS641 New Testament Greek Grammar & Syntax I  
BS642 New Testament Greek Grammar & Syntax II  
BS643 New Testament Greek Grammar & Syntax III  
BS653 New Testament Greek Reading  
BS654 New Testament Greek Reading  
BS655 New Testament Greek Reading  
BS656 New Testament Greek Reading  
BS660 Biblical Hebrew Alphabet & Phonology  
BS661 Biblical Hebrew: Grammar & Syntax I  
BS662 Biblical Hebrew: Grammar & Syntax II  
BS663 Biblical Hebrew: Grammar & Syntax III  
BS664 Biblical Hebrew: Grammar & Syntax IV  
BS667 Biblical Hebrew Reading  
BS668 Biblical Hebrew Reading  
BS669 Biblical Hebrew Reading  
BS672 New Testament Textual Criticism

### HS

HS511 Church History from a Hebraic Perspective  
HS521 Hebraic Roots of Yeshua and the Christian Faith  
HS541 Hebraic and Greek Thought Compared  
HS552 Crypto-Judaism  
HS553 Hebrew Scriptures I: Torah  
HS592 Israel and the Nations in History & Prophecy  
HS612 Life of Yeshua  
HS622 Seven Feasts of the Lord

### TH

TH530 Christian Theology I  
TH531 Christian Theology II  
TH532 Christian Theology III  
TH533 Christian Theology IV  
TH534 Discipleship  
TH611 Church History: First Century to 1500  
TH613 Church History: 1500 to Present  
TH682 Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures  
TH692 Theology of the New Testament

### TL

TL511 Introduction to Christian Theology  
TL513 The Kerygma & Didache: Essentials of Sound Doctrine  
TL515 Theology of Leadership: Leaders in the Early Church  
TL601 Ministry Internship Project  
TL621 Exegetical Theology I: Principles & Practice of Biblical Interpretation  
TL622 Exegetical Theology II: Principles & Practice of Biblical Interpretation  
TL631 Toward an Integrative Theology in Community & Culture  
TL641 Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures: The Torah  
TL642 Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures: The Former Prophets  
TL643 Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures: The Latter Prophets  
TL644 Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures: The Writings  
TL651 Theology of the Christian Scriptures: The Synoptic Gospels & Acts  
TL652 Theology of the Christian Scriptures: The Pauline Epistles  
TL653 Theology of the Christian Scriptures: The General Epistles  
TL654 Theology of the Christian Scriptures: The Johannine Literature

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## ➤ DOCTORAL COURSE LIST (by number): *FACT SHEET 14.4*

All courses subject to development and availability

### AR

AR712 Akkadian Grammar & Syntax  
AR720 Archaeological Fieldwork  
AR721 Archaeology & History of Ancient Egypt  
AR722 Aramaic Grammar & Syntax  
AR731 Archaeology & History of Ancient Mesopotamia  
AR732 Archaeological Survey Methods  
AR742 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Area  
AR752 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Temple  
AR762 Archaeology of the New Testament Period  
AR772 Archaeometry  
AR782 Bronze Age Levant  
AR792 Cuneiform Writing Systems  
AR811 Historical Geography of Bible Lands  
AR812 Dead Sea Scrolls  
AR821 Historical Synchronisms in Biblical Archaeology  
AR822 Excavation Practicum & Field School  
AR831 Languages & Cultures of the Ancient Near East  
AR832 History of the Semitic Alphabet  
AR842 Independent Study  
AR852 Independent Study  
AR862 Iron Age Levant  
AR872 Levantine Ceramic Typology II  
AR882 Survey of Semitic Cognates  
AR892 Ugaritic Grammar & Syntax

### BC

BC712 Crisis Counseling  
BC722 Contemporary Issues & Critical Thinking  
BC731 Comparative Analysis of Counseling Approaches  
BC741 Conflict Resolution  
BC811 Marriage & the Family  
BC821 Pre-Marital Counseling  
BC822 The Jurisdiction of Ministry  
BC824 Estab. a Bibl. Couns. Ministry in the Marketplace  
BC826 Independent Study  
BC832 Independent Study  
BC834 Counseling Practicum I  
BC836 Counseling Practicum II  
BC841 Biblical Counseling Internship

### BR

BR711 Bedrock of Triadic Structure  
BR712 Independent Study  
BR721 How---and Why---to Challenge Human Intellig.  
BR722 Independent Study  
BR731 Repres. Research as a Reading of the Text  
BR732 Independent Study  
BR741 Conceptual Frameworks for Bibl. Repr. Thinking  
BR742 Representational Models in the Gospel of Mathew  
BR752 Representational Study of Daniel  
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BR782 Represent. Study of II Peter: Rhet. Power of Rev.  
BR792 Represent. Study of Proverbs: The Ideal Male  
BR811 The Ancient Skill of Generalizing  
BR812 Representational Study of Revelation  
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BR822 Repr. Study of Worldviews, W. Relig. & Cults  
BR831 Represent. Study of the Phases of Faith  
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BS721 Christian Apologetics  
BS752 Exposition of Genesis  
BS762 Exposition of John's Gospel  
BS822 Higher Critical Theory: An Analysis  
BS853 New Testament Greek Reading  
BS854 New Testament Greek Reading  
BS867 Biblical Hebrew Reading  
BS868 Biblical Hebrew Reading  
BS872 New Testament Textual Criticism

### DS

DS721 Research Methods  
DS731 Rhetoric & Professional Writing  
DS821 Disser. (Ph.D.)/Project (D.Min.) Prospectus  
DS831 Dissertation/Project Literature Review  
DS857 Dissertation/Project Research  
DS985 Disser./Project: Writing, Defense & Publication

### HS

HS711 Church History from a Hebraic Perspective  
HS721 Hebraic Roots of Yeshua and the Christian Faith  
HS741 Hebraic and Greek Thought Compared  
HS752 Crypto-Judaism  
HS792 Israel and the Nations in History & Prophecy

### TH

TH731 Christian Theology II  
TH732 Christian Theology III  
TH733 Christian Theology IV  
TH734 Discipleship  
TH882 Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures  
TH892 Theology of the New Testament

### TL

TL711 Guided Research: Contemp. Issues in Bibl. Studies  
TL721 Guided Research: Contemp. Issues in Theology  
TL722 Guided Research: Contemp. Iss. in Apologetics & Philosophy  
TL741 Guided Research: Church History & Denominat. Distinctives  
TL751 Guided Research: Worldviews, Religions & Cults  
TL761 Guided Research: Representational Theology  
TL771 Guided Research: Archaeology & Biblical History  
TL781 Guided Research: Ministry Tools & Methods  
TL791 Doctoral Reading & Research

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## ➤ MAXIMIZING PORTFOLIO (EQUIVALENT) CREDIT: *FACT SHEET #15*

### **WHAT IS PORTFOLIO (EQUIVALENT) CREDIT?**

Portfolio (or equivalent) credit consists of ascertaining the scholastic/academic weight of a student's professional experience, ministry experience, and overall cumulative life experience, for the purpose of determining their semester-credit-hour-value toward a degree program (as long as they have not been previously applied in an academic context). Although credit may be granted toward your degree, you will be responsible to exhibit an appropriate level of knowledge during your program. Any deficiency in regard to the college you are enrolled in may require additional work to achieve an acceptable standard of performance.

### **WHAT IS A PORTFOLIO?**

A portfolio consists of a detailed summary of your work and/or professional experience, ministry experience, and overall life experience, *other than* formal education appearing on an institutional transcript. In general, it's similar to a résumé or vita, but must include documentation as required by the Academic Committee.

### **IS PORTFOLIO EVALUATION ACADEMICALLY CREDIBLE?**

The application of portfolio credit toward degree program requirements is known throughout the realm of academics. However, many traditional educational institutions do their best to minimize or avoid the issue of portfolio credit because, frankly, it's easier and more profitable to make students pay for as many courses as possible. Yet, it is a universally-recognized fact that hands-on, real-life experience—whether in business, ministry, medicine, science, teaching, or just about any field—has great value, often superior value, relative to the process of learning. At TSU we seek to maximize the application of relevant real-world experience to the pursuit of degree goals.

### **HOW DO I PUT A PORTFOLIO TOGETHER?**

Following a good résumé or vita format, list by category all of your life, work and ministry experience that may have academic value. Be sure to include the length of each experience in hours, days, months or years [some examples: associate pastor, 5 years (part-time); senior pastor, 12 years (full-time); (title) leadership conference, 5 days, 1999; tour of Europe (specify), 16 days, 2003]. Beyond the obvious, don't forget things like conferences, seminars, lectures, symposia, travel, travel-study, scholarly books and journal articles you have read, speaking, teaching, preaching, Bible studies (both formal and informal), personal writing (articles, books, and papers), study/research (both formal and informal), participation in missions and community service. Be detailed and precise, but succinct (don't write a narrative!).

### **HOW MUCH DOCUMENTATION MUST I PROVIDE?**

Generally, you'll need to document employment and/or professional experience (usually a suitable letter of verification or reference will suffice). Once the Academic Committee has reviewed your portfolio, you will be notified concerning all required documentation, and the nature of that documentation. This process is simple and straightforward. And we understand that some experiences may be difficult or impossible to document, and must be taken at face value. Just remember that it's our desire to maximize, not minimize, your portfolio!

### **HOW MUCH EQUIVALENT CREDIT CAN I GET FROM A PORTFOLIO?**

The amount of equivalent credit, in semester credit hours (SCH), depends on two factors: a) the amount of legitimate scholastic/academic weight represented by your portfolio (as determined by the Academic Committee); and b) the requirements of the elective and major sections of the degree program you wish to pursue. What the Academic Committee is looking for is *relevancy*. On the one hand, using portfolio credit to satisfy program electives is the more flexible determination. On the other hand, using portfolio credit to reduce the number of courses in the major section of a degree program invokes the concept of relevancy in a more stringent manner. The Academic Committee will make the final determination as to the value of a portfolio toward your degree program.

### **WHAT DOES IT COST TO APPLY PORTFOLIO CREDIT TO MY DEGREE PROGRAM?**

The cost per SCH for applying portfolio (equivalent) credit to your degree program ranges from \$20 per SCH (undergraduate), to \$25 per SCH (graduate), to \$30 per SCH (doctoral). (Remember, there is no charge for transcribed academic credit from another institution.) You will only be charged for the specific SCH valuation applied to your degree program. Portfolio fees will be applied to your initial registration.