



Fall Educational Plan

Managing Enrollment during the COVID-19 Pandemic

June 29, 2020

Dear Students and Applicants,

We praise God that in a world of ever-changing circumstances that you remain committed to studying the Word of God at Ethnos360 Bible Institute! We continue to pray for you as you look to the Lord for personal direction, just as Moses did approximately 3500 years ago. As the children of Israel proceeded toward the promised land Moses was so dependent on God that he said, "LORD, if your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." To which the LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." What a blessing to know that God was eager to lead Moses and is eager to lead us during this tumultuous time.

EBI Reopening Plan, Fall 2020

At Ethnos360 Bible Institute we are acutely aware that you need answers regarding your education, and as a leadership team, we have been diligently working toward that end. In an endeavor to arrive at the best plan, we have prayed, sought counsel from health professionals, community leaders, university presidents, the CDC, and the American College Health Association. And now, having learned from each, we have adopted a flexible approach that we believe will allow us to responsibly reopen this fall.

In my last update, I stated that EBI's plan to reopen would focus on both safeguarding student health and maintaining our high caliber of education. I also promised that we would communicate with you swiftly and with full transparency as to how we would accomplish our academic and discipleship goals. And now, though different than we expected, I want to share our flexible Fall Educational Plan with you.

An Educational Option for All

Our flexible Fall Educational Plan will provide an option for every person. These include residency, commuting, and online education.

Residency

Approximately 70% of our students will be offered an on-campus residency, while 30% of our students will need to arrange for commuting options or begin their EBI training from home using our newly completed online education program. The process of determining which students will be offered residency has been a challenging one, but we have reached some clarity. Our returning upperclassmen (both single and married) will be offered residency so that they can finish the training here on campus. For incoming freshmen, the remaining available housing will allow for all married freshmen and approximately half of our single freshmen students to be offered residency. These numbers could fluctuate if some upperclassmen choose not to attend. (See “We will be contacting you” for further instructions.)

Please know that our reduced resident capacity is necessary because of our commitment to your health and safety. You can expect to see spacing in the classrooms, dining areas, and dormitories. This is an endeavor on our part to follow the recommendations of our local health authorities and to align ourselves with the practices adopted by our community and local colleges.

Commuter Option

Commuting is typically an option that’s only available to students who already live in the community. However, considering COVID-19 and social distancing, this may be an option for incoming freshmen and returning upperclassmen. You would need to rent a room, apartment, or house in the community. (See “We will be contacting you” for further instructions.)

Online Education Option (Freshmen only)

For freshmen who prefer the online option (especially in light of this season), we are pleased to announce that our entire freshman semester is now available online! These high-quality courses were designed especially for an online context and were recorded in studio quality. The courses are taught by our teachers, and all credits are transferrable should you choose to move onto campus in the future. For those who plan to transition to campus as sophomores in January, if you take classes online this fall, we suggest that you take a full-time course load so that you will keep pace with your resident classmates. This will allow for a seamless transition to campus as a sophomore in January. For those who prefer to continue studying online, our current projection is to have each of the following semesters available as you need them.

Flexibility

Because we value the on-campus experience for all students, we have committed to a flexible approach toward fall enrollment. Please know that if the Coronavirus situation improves in the weeks ahead, we will modify our restrictions with hopes of accepting additional students on campus.

Wait-listing

If we are not able to offer you residency in the fall, and whether or not you have applied for online education, we will keep you on our waiting list. If you are wait-listed, we will communicate with you often regarding your positioning. *(You also are free to inquire of us at any time regarding your potential residence status.)*

Payment Deadlines

Because space is limited, those who are offered residency will be required to make their payments promptly. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting their spot to someone who is currently wait-listed.

We expect initial fees to be paid in full by August 1st. If you have questions, please talk to your respective dean.

We will be Contacting You

Within the next few days, our team will be contacting each one of you to discuss these options. Our admissions director, Mike Day, will reach out to every incoming freshman, and one of our deans (single men, single ladies, and marrieds) will reach out to upperclassmen. At that time, please feel free to share your preferences and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

Incoming freshmen may direct their questions to:

- Mike Day, Director of Admissions, mike_day@ntm.org (262) 542-9411 ext. 1314

Upperclassmen may direct their questions to their respective dean:

- Joey Cogliano, Dean of Men, joey_cogliano@ntm.org (262) 542-9411 ext. 1341
- LeeAnn Mayer, Dean of Ladies, leeann_mayer@ntm.org (262) 542-9411 ext. 1461
- Tim & Laurie Fyock, Dean of Marrieds, tim_fyock@ntm.org (262) 542-9411 ext. 1332

Online Education questions may be directed to:

- Scot Keen, Dean of Online Education, scot_keen@ntm.org (262) 542-9411 ext. 1379

Please know that I will be praying for you as you solidify your fall plans. As you do so please remember the Lord's promise to Moses 3500 years ago. **“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”** What a blessing to know that God was eager to lead Moses and is eager to lead us during this tumultuous time.

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