
SPIRIT INTRODUCTION

CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Class Conduct:

- A. Keep comments and questions **brief**. Part of discipleship is bridling the tongue and learning to harness your speech. Respect, defer and give time to others.
- B. When on Zoom, keep your camera on whenever possible. You are a participant, not a spectator.
- C. On Zoom, keep your microphone **muted** unless you are speaking.
- D. Always be ready to respond and be called on in class.
- E. Do not carry on side conversations or jokes during class. This steals the focus from God and disrespects other students who may be sharing.
- F. Silence your phone and devices during class time.
- G. Rudeness or insults will not be tolerated.

2. Graduation/Completion

- A. In order to receive a Certificate of Completion and graduate from any year of SSOM, students must meet a minimum completion requirement of 70%, including attendance, homework, and daily videos.
- B. Graduating students also accrue a certain amount of eligible college credits that may be transferred to South Eastern University, an online accredited Christian college. Enrollment in SEU is required to redeem your earned credits. Please speak to an instructor if this is something you are interested in pursuing.
- C. Students who wish to attend SSOM without completing homework or meeting the minimum percentage of completion may do so, but will not receive a Certificate of Completion, will not be eligible to participate in any graduation ceremonies, and will not receive any credits toward SEU.

3. Attendance

- A. Attendance will be tracked weekly.
- B. If you miss attending a live class, watch the recorded class when it is posted to the online classroom.
- C. Submit to your teacher a 1-2 sentence summary of the class. You may submit this on your homework assignment for that week.

4. Homework:

- A. Students are not expected to do college-level work, but are expected to submit thorough, thoughtful, and honest answers. You may go more in depth if you like for your own personal study and growth, but please do not submit anything longer than one typed page.
- B. Homework can only be submitted through the online classroom. Emails, texts, etc. will not be accepted for credit.
- C. Do your best to complete homework weekly rather than letting it pile up.

5. Lifestyle Expectations:

- A. Show respect and regard for all believers, including fellow ministers and leadership, by demonstrating God's love in practice. – **1 Pet. 2:17**
- B. Keep yourself from sexual immorality and appearance of evil. – **1 Thess. 5:22**
- C. Practice consistent tithing to your local church. – **Mal. 3:8-10**
- D. Be prompt and engaged at all services, fellowship, special events and prayer meetings in your local assembly. – **Heb. 10:25**
- E. Maintain consistent communication with your church leadership. – **Heb. 13:17**

6. Communication

- A. Good communication is essential to your success in SPIRIT School of Ministry!
- B. We know that individuals will face unique challenges and have unique needs, and we are here to walk with you!

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- C. Communicate early – don't wait until you're overwhelmed to reach out. Your instructors are available and willing to discuss any concerns or needs you may have.
 - D. Please utilize your mentors to help you gain life experience and practical wisdom, but please reach out directly to your instructors regarding any struggles with the expectation or the academic portions of the program.
 - E. Your mentor should be aware any concerns with the program itself, but we will best be able to address things if you directly communicate with us, rather than trying to relay information through your mentor.

7. How To Leave SPIRIT Training:

- A. If you are considering leaving the program for any reason, please speak with your instructors first, before making a final decision, in order to receive counsel and direction.
- B. We can navigate a lot of things if we can talk together.
- C. We can help you formulate a plan that is best for you.