

ILLINOIS SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

PREPARING

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Statement of Purpose

The Illinois School of Ministry exists to provide training for those sensing a call to ministry, whether as credentialed ministers of the Assemblies of God or as equipped lay persons within the local church. The school seeks to promote a unified purpose for ministry within the Fellowship, providing doctrinal and practical instruction based upon common core values and shared ministry goals.

Subscribing fully to the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, the Illinois School of Ministry is committed to proclaim and support the principles and polity of the Assemblies of God. In addition, our school is committed to providing training courses that meet District and General Council educational requirements for ministerial credentials.

Student Policies

Students are required to register for courses no less than thirty (30) days prior to the study center date of a course.

Students are required to complete a minimum of ten (10) hours of preparatory self-study in advance of the class session.

Students are required to read the assigned course textbook(s), complete the course text overview and all assignments required for the course prior to the class session, and be prepared to submit them upon arrival at the study center.

Students must attend all class sessions, complete the required assignments, and successfully pass the course exam in order to receive credit for the course. The final grade for each course is determined as follows:

Class Participation - 20%

Student Guide/Assignments - 40%

Final Exam - 40%

WELCOME FROM PHIL & GARY

Welcome to the Illinois School of Ministry!

ISOM provides a unique learning community, with every aspect tailored to meet your needs, from course materials to assignments, classroom discussions to developing meaningful relationships. We exist to help leaders develop the skills and knowledge needed for a lifetime journey of effective ministry.

Thanks for being a part of our ISOM community.



Gary J. Blanchard
Asst. Superintendent & Executive Secretary
President, Illinois School of Ministry



Phillip B. Schneider
Superintendent



HOW TO REGISTER

If you are ready to join the Illinois School of Ministry as a student, whether for personal studies or for fulfillment of the credentialing process, you will need to do the following:

STEP 1 - ENROLL

In order to register for a class, you must first enroll in the Illinois School of Ministry. You can download our enrollment form at isom.idcag.org under "How to Register" or call 217.854.4600, extension 4113, to request an enrollment form.

STEP 2 - REGISTER FOR CLASS

Mail or fax your registration form to the IDC office with your payment. Course materials will not be shipped until we have processed your enrollment and the course is paid in full.



FAQ'S

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I expect?

Homework is collected upon arrival, and students can pick up their next course. The first session will provide students with a full review of the course materials.

The final exam is administered at the end of the class session. Class discussion includes both text materials and practical applications of the topic with discussion of relevant issues in ministry today. Students are encouraged to ask questions as well as glean from the experience of our teaching staff. Course materials are graded and then submitted along with final exams to Global University for a final course grade.

Who are our instructors?

Our instructors are either ordained ministers or college professors. As such, they will become natural mentors as they build relationships and share experiences with our students.

What if I register for a class but cannot attend?

We have added flexibility to allow for students who are unable to make it to an ISOM weekend to complete their course online as an independent student. This is granted on a case-by-case basis. Students who opt out of an ISOM class and choose to complete courses online may do so for an additional cost of \$25 per course. Grades will be based on independent study requirements of Global University.

What's expected of students?

Prior to class, students are required to read through the Independent Study Textbook, take and self-grade each Unit Progressive Evaluation, and complete the Service Learning Requirement (SLR) to turn in upon arrival at the study center. An average of ten (10) hours of preparatory work is necessary. Combining preparatory time with classroom time, students will have invested approximately 18 hours per course.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- ▶ All students are required to enroll before registering for any classes, even if you have previously applied to Global University.
- ▶ Class registrations close 30 days from a course date! Students need to plan on registering 30-plus days prior to the class in order to secure a seat. If you are within five (5) days of that deadline, please call us at 217.854.4600, extension 4113.
- ▶ Once enrolled, you can register for as many classes as you would like through our School of Ministry. Pay as you go or register for multiple classes all at once. It's up to you.
- ▶ Course cost includes tuition and course materials. A shipping charge will apply to all shipped courses. Other costs may include housing and travel.
- ▶ If you have previously registered for a course through Global University and would like to transfer it over and finish it through the Illinois School of Ministry, just place a "T" next to the course title on the registration form. Transfer and/or reactivation fees may apply.
- ▶ Course material(s) will only be sent once enrollment is completed and course(s) are purchased and paid in full. Please allow 7-10 business days for books and materials to reach you.

QUESTIONS?

Call the ISOM office at
217.854.4600, x4113
or email isom@idcag.org

COACH'S CORNER

All students pursuing credentialing with the Assemblies of God are required to complete an internship course for each level of study. Illinois School of Ministry is offering an OPTIONAL internship track for Level 1 and Level 2 students called Coach's Corner. The program is based on Global University's Beginning and Intermediate Internship courses (MIN191 and MIN291) and led by our District Executives. This "two for one" option provides Track 1 and 2 students with mentoring options. Coach's Corner is offered from 7:30-8:45 am on the Saturday of each ISOM weekend.* To register, simply show up, sign in, and complete the personal application assignment two months in a row, and we'll add you to the roster. Coach's Corner materials are provided at the beginning of each session. There is no fee required to attend Coach's Corner; however, there is a fee for students desiring course credit.

*offered at select locations

Topics Covered in Rotation

- Discipleship
- Values-Driven Leadership
- The Theology of Change
- Recruiting Volunteers
- Expository Preaching
- Missions
- Team Concepts
- Evangelism
- Spiritual Gifts & Personality Profile
- Developing Ministry Vision
- Ministry Integrity
- Church Revitalization

ENDORSEMENTS

Courses completed through the Illinois School of Ministry will be conducted by the Illinois School of Ministry. All papers will be graded by Illinois School of Ministry staff and then sent to Global University for final recording. All transcripts and diplomas will be issued by Global University in partnership with the Illinois School of Ministry. Students enrolling should direct any questions regarding the school or the courses therein to the Illinois School of Ministry office at 217.854.4600, extension 4113.



Disclaimer

Required credential courses completed through the Illinois School of Ministry meet the educational requirements of The General Council of the Assemblies of God for the respective level of credential with the Assemblies of God. Many other aspects enter into the granting of a credential, and those aspects must also be met before a credential will be granted. The credentialing process is separate from the completion of the educational requirements. Taking classes through Illinois School of Ministry does not automatically qualify students to receive a credential with the Assemblies of God, nor does participation and completion of the classes give preference in the credentialing process. While endorsed by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God for ministerial training, courses completed through the school do not automatically qualify for college credit. The Illinois School of Ministry (ISOM) has been recognized and endorsed by the Executive Presbytery Board of The General Council of the Assemblies of God as a District-based Bible Institute. The Illinois School of Ministry has also been recognized and endorsed by the Executive Presbytery of the Illinois District Council of the Assemblies of God as an official ministerial training program for those seeking credentials through the Illinois District Council of the Assemblies of God.





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