
STUDENT HANDBOOK

2021-2022



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WELCOME TO ELEVATED LIFE BIBLE INSTITUTE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & FOUNDER

Welcome to the Elevated Life family!

We are glad you have chosen to be a part of this community. Our school is a unique place. We are small enough to know your name but big enough to help you reach your purpose! The Elevated Life family is committed to journey with you as you discover the calling of God on your life - and then educate, empower, and position you to fulfill that call.

We encourage you to make the most of the educational opportunities, relationship connections, spiritual growth, and ministry experiences that we have to offer. Professors, staff, and fellow students will be a valuable support system as you navigate this season and grow into the incredible young leader God has intended.

At Elevated Life Bible Institute, we seek to cultivate an intentional Christian community of Kingdom-minded, Jesus-focused men and women who are dedicated to demonstrating biblical qualities of honor, unity, peace, grace, and integrity in all we do (1 Timothy 4:12-16). To support such health within our community, Elevated Life Bible Institute maintains clear standards, policies, and procedures, which are specified in this Student Handbook and serve to develop a culture in which students can grow in maturity, wisdom, and knowledge. Enrolled students have voluntarily agreed to be a part of this accountable community. As such, all students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the standards in this Student Handbook, which serves as a covenant between members of our Institute community.

May we be a community marked by honor, committed to growth, and enthusiastically dedicated to impacting the world!

After His Heart,

Gabriel Padilla

Gabriel Padilla-President & Founder



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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to *equip, educate* and *edify* believers for a lifestyle of effective Christian ministry, we desire to train five-fold ministers for significant leadership in the body of Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to see men and women well-trained in God's Word so that they are equipped to teach others to do the same with bold faith, integrity and excellence.

CORE VALUES

- We Put the Word of God first place.
- We Life by faith.
- We walk in love
- We honor God and are led by the Holy Spirit.



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ELEVATED LIFE SCHEDULE

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Orientation & Registration

Monday, December 28th, 2020

First Day of Class

Monday, January 4th, 2021

Spring Semester Class 1

January 4th- February 8th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 18, 2021

President's Day

Monday, February 15, 2021

Spring Semester Class 2

February 22nd- March 22nd

Spring Break

Monday, March 27, 2021

Easter (Observed)

Monday, April 5, 2021

Spring Semester Class 3

April 12th- May 10th

Spring Semester Class 4

May 17th- June 21st

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31, 2021

Summer Break

June 28th- August 2nd

Fall Semester Class 5

August 9th- September 13th

Labor Day

Monday, September 6, 2021

Fall Semester Class 6

September 20th- October 18th

Columbus Day

Monday, October 11, 2021

Fall Semester Class 7

October 25th- November 22nd

Fall Semester Class 8

November 29th- December 13th

NON-DISCRIMINATION & TITLE IX

Elevated Life Bible Institute does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, familial status or any other protected legal status in matters of admissions, employment, housing, educational programs or activities. We operate in compliance with federal non-discrimination laws, including Title IX. As a religious institution affiliated with Elevated Life Church, the Bible Institute is exempted from certain provisions contained in Title IX and other non-discrimination laws and retains the right to make legitimate employment, admission, and other educational decisions on the basis of religious tenets, consistent with applicable laws (Title IX statute, 1st Amendment, and Religious Freedom Restoration Act).

HANDBOOK REVISIONS & CREDITS

Elevated Life Bible Institute reserves the right to modify or cancel any statement, policy, or practice in this Handbook at any time, however communicated, and such changes may not be immediately reflected in this publication.

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Elevated Life Bible Institute desires to inspire students towards personal spiritual growth and self-discipline. We provide space for those within our community to connect with God individually, as well as opportunities to worship God corporately.

In a Christian Institute, with all the demands of academics and community life, the danger is to study about God without really knowing Him. With this in mind, students are encouraged to set aside time each day for individual prayer and Bible reading. The Prayer Chapel is available for personal prayer, worship, and reflection.

Corporate worship experiences are also a necessary and valuable element of spiritual growth. Students should regularly attend and actively involve themselves in a local church.

ACADEMIC CATALOG

The Academic Catalog is updated annually and defines all academic standards, program requirements, and qualifications for graduation. Portions of that catalog and other helpful information is noted in this section for students' convenience; however, the academic standards listed in the catalog are considered determinative. Please reference the latest catalog version for full information.

ADVISORS

Each student is assigned an Academic Advisor at the time of registration. Academic Advisors assist students in planning a course of study for each semester. Advisors should be consulted with all questions regarding schedule changes, program requirements, adding/dropping a class, etc. Students are encouraged to initiate connection and work closely with their Advisors to assure academic success.

ATTENDANCE: CLASSES & GRADUATION

Policies for class attendance can be referenced in the Academic Catalog; however, individual professors are free to adjust attendance standards, and class expectations will be defined in the syllabus for each course. Graduating students are required to attend graduation events and all scheduled rehearsals.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty is any act that compromises the integrity of the educational process, including cheating, fabrication, and plagiarism. Elevated Life Bible Institute considers any kind of dishonesty a serious violation of both biblical standards. Dishonesty can have implications in grading, graduation, financial aid, extracurricular participation, and personal reputation. Penalties for Academic Dishonesty may be handled by the professor and in cooperation with the president.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Student Accounts Office oversees the billing and receipt of payment for tuition, fees, etc. A summary of related information is provided below. Please consult with the Student Accounts office for further info.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All tuition and fees are due and payable at registration. Students without sufficient funds may request a deferred payment plan; however, a portion of the balance, as determined by Student Accounts, must be paid by the first day of classes. Subsequent payments are due on the dates designated by Student Accounts for the student's payment plan. Students cannot attend classes without either paying their balance or setting up a payment plan. Students are expected to make payments on time and pay all fees. Those who fail to do so may be suspended from school.

UNPAID BALANCES

After the last day of classes, any student with an unpaid balance on their Student Account may be ineligible to register for a future semester. All students in such situations should immediately consult with the Student Accounts Manager for options. Students who fail to meet any financial obligations incurred with any department of the College will not receive grade reports or copies of their official transcripts until satisfactory arrangements have been made. In addition, such students may be dropped from registration and considered as not returning.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New student orientation is held at the beginning of each semester a few days prior to the start of classes. Orientation is required for new students. Those who miss any portion of orientation are required to make it up before attending classes.



CODE OF CONDUCT & HONOR

COMMUNITY STANDARDS OVERVIEW

Upon enrolling at Elevated Life Bible Institute, students have voluntarily chosen to be a part of an accountable, intentional Christian community that is dedicated to the spiritual growth and maturity of each individual. We follow biblical standards for our lifestyle choices, in alignment with the doctrine, perspectives, and positions of Elevated Life Church. Honor is the foundation for each of our Community Standards. Students are encouraged and expected to live in such a way that honors God, honors their Elevated Life Community, and honors the calling on their life (Ephesians 4:1-5:21). Our spiritual and behavior expectations flow from our mission and support a healthy and safe learning environment for our students.

As Christians, we must develop consistency and integrity in both our public and private lives. As such, it's expected that our Community Standards are upheld whether on or off campus, during the semester, and in-between semesters (including Winter and Summer Breaks). Honor, wisdom, and purity should be the filters of discretion for our choices (1 Timothy 4:12-16). Our goal is that Elevated Life students be known as those who demonstrate Christ-like love and lifestyle wherever they go!



CODE OF CONDUCT & HONOR

1. Because we honor God, we commit to spiritual growth, including both personal and corporate times of worship. (Hebrews 10:19-25)
2. Because we honor the opportunities and education our Institute provides, we commit to excellence in our intellectual pursuits. We will not cheat or plagiarize and will do our own academic work. (Colossians 3:9-10)
3. Because we honor our bodies and value physical and mental health, we commit to healthy behaviors. We will refrain from addictive or unhealthy behaviors, including the use of: alcoholic beverages; tobacco and nicotine; hookah; synthetic drugs; any form of illegal drugs; any other intoxicants. We will also not misuse prescription or over-the-counter drugs. (Ephesians 5:8-20)
4. Because we honor biblical marriage between one man and one woman, we commit to biblical standards of purity and sexual expression. The Bible states that our bodies are to be given only to our husband or wife to whom we have given a lifelong commitment. We commit to abstain from what Elevated Life defines as sexual misconduct - including sexual violence and abuse, adultery, homosexual romantic relationships, homosexual acts, pre-marital sex, pre-marital erotic acts, and all forms of pornography. We also commit to dress modestly, which conveys respect for oneself and for others. (1 Corinthians 6:12-20).
5. Because we honor what has been entrusted to us, we commit to integrity with finances and possessions. We will refrain from gambling, lying, cheating, and stealing. (Proverbs 13:6-11)
6. Because we honor those around us, we commit to cultivate good social relationships that are encouraging and respectful, both in person and through digital, social media, and other forms of communication. We will not use profane language, share sexually explicit images or text, engage in bullying or cyber-bullying, nor use aggressive physical behavior. (Ephesians 5:1-4).



TUITION & FEES

Registration Fee	\$25.00 per student	
Tuition	Fees	10 Monthly Installments
Level 1-3	\$600.00	\$60 per month
Level 1-3 (ELC MEMBER)	\$500.00	\$50 per month
Married Couple	\$800.00	\$80 per month
Online Level 1-3	\$620.00	\$62 per month
Online Level 1-3 (ELC MEMBER)	\$520.00	\$52 per month
Online Married Couple	\$820.00	\$82 per month

If you would like to make a full payment for the entire year, you will receive a **10% discount** on your tuition. Please note the 10% discount is only applied if you pay the full amount at the time of registration.

If you are experiencing sincere and severe financial hardship, please consult with the student accounts office for consideration of a payment plan.

Please ensure you are making your tuition payments on time.



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WHAT WE BELIEVE

GOD: THE CREATOR- God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. *Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

MAN: GOD'S GREATEST CREATION- Man is made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates us from God. *Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2*

ETERNITY: FOREVER- Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with him is eternal life. Heaven and hell are places of eternal existence. *John 3:16; 1 John 2:25; 1 John 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 25:31-46*

JESUS CHRIST: GOD'S SON- Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. *Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Romans 1:3, 4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14, 15; Titus 2:13*

SALVATION: HIS PLAN- Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works - only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith and is secured for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. *Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1 John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5*

HOLY SPIRIT: OUR GUIDE- The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under his control daily. *2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16, 17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:1*

THE BIBLE: OUR OWNERS MANUAL- The Bible is God's word to all men. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error. *2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105,160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5*