



THE EQUIP NETWORK AT SOUTHEASTERN

The Equip Network at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary exists to equip churches in their mission to make disciples.

Mentored Internship Courses

Mentors who possess a ministry-related master's degree and have significant ministry experience are eligible to lead these courses. The Mentored Internship courses enable students to gain practical ministry experience in various areas of ministry under the supervision of an Equip Mentor. The mentor and the student work together to develop a customized ministry experience, while allowing the students to earn up to 9 credit hours towards a degree program.

Equip Practicum Courses

Practicums are the field-based equivalent to courses offered on campus. Equip Instructors who hold an advanced degree (ThM, DMin, EdD, or PhD) and have significant ministry experience are eligible to lead these courses. Instructors have the opportunity to equip students through a combination of classroom instruction, ministry-related experiences, and mentorship. The Equip Network provides Instructors with customizable syllabus templates for each course that allows them to utilize their own ministry experience to produce a robust training opportunity for their students.

Mentored Internship Requirements:

- 14 hours of mentor meetings throughout the semester
- 4 hours of ministry each week
- 12 pages of writing assignments
- 800 pages of reading assignments

Equip Practicum Requirements:

- 24 hours of instruction throughout the semester
- 14 hours of ministry experience
- 12 pages of writing assignments
- 900 pages of reading assignments

Enrollment in Equip Courses

Students are unable to register for an Equip course themselves. All registrations are done manually through the Equip office due to the approval process. Follow these steps in preparation to offer an Equip course:

1. Download the syllabus template from [the Equip website](#).
2. Customize the syllabus template to your ministry context according to the instructions and requirements.
3. Gather all relevant student information for registration (name, student ID, course code).
4. If teaching a Mentored Internship course, complete the online [Mentored Internship Registration Form](#).
5. If teaching an Equip Practicum course, complete the online [Equip Practicum Registration Form](#).

The Equip office will verify approval and enrollment once completed.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How much do courses cost?

All courses, including Equip, cost the normal rate of tuition:

- Seminary - Southern Baptist rate: \$322 per credit hour + student enrollment fee
- Seminary - Standard tuition rate: \$430 per credit hour + student enrollment fee
- College - Southern Baptist rate: \$417 per credit hour + student enrollment fee
- College - Standard tuition rate: \$554 per credit hour + student enrollment fee

What are the different online formats in which courses can be taken?

As indicated in the previous section, certain courses can be taken in a few different formats:

- ONL: Traditional online course
- HYBR: Hybrid courses that take the best of an online course and combine it with one weekend on-campus
- EQUIP: Mentored internships and practicums
- LIVE: Live sections that meet synchronously online at certain predetermined timeslots
- IO: Interactive online classes are online classes with a weekly virtual meeting

What is the required number of students needed to participate?

Unlike campus-based courses, Equip courses require just one student to participate. The more students you have following the sequence, the more opportunities you have to develop an on-site cohort. If you have 15 or more students, then we can work to create separate sections of all courses, allowing you more opportunities for designated faculty engagement.

What is my responsibility for non-Equip courses?

Each partner can choose how to leverage their student cohort. Because all of your students will be taking the same courses, we encourage our partners to walk alongside their students by providing on-site cohort discussion over the lectures and reading and operating as a study and encouragement group.

How flexible is my course sequence?

Very! These sequences are designed to work within the context of the church or organization. Feel free to work with our office to determine what works best for you.

Can undergraduates participate?

Yes! Almost all Equip courses are offered at the undergraduate level. Additionally, we can work with you to find the best courses that match the course sequence. You can review the course catalogue to identify which courses apply towards the student's respective degree.

Is there financial compensation for offering Equip courses?

Yes. Equip Instructors will receive \$500 for their first student in a practicum course, and \$150 for each additional student with a maximum payment of \$3,000. The Equip office will send these out after the end of each semester. *Please note, Equip Mentors will not receive payment for supervising students in Mentored Internship courses.*

Can non-credit seeking students participate in Equip courses?

Absolutely! We encourage pastors to identify opportunities that allow their people to be exposed to courses regardless of their desire to earn academic credit.