



IABC West Texas District

Student Handbook



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Welcome Message

Dear Students,

We are delighted to welcome you to the International Apostolic Bible College West Texas District! Whether you are beginning or continuing your classes at our college. We are excited to have you as students knowing that we are about to embark on a new chapter of learning and growing, both educational and spiritual.

At IABC West Texas District, we respect our students and understand that each of you have individual wants and needs. We believe that learning can only be fostered from a sense of mutual respect, guidance, and direction, and we do our best to uphold those values in everything we do. Our focus is to provide our students with the right support system that will guide them on the path to success in their ministries.

All members of our faculty strive every day to support our students in an enthusiastic and dynamic way so that, in this way, each of you can exceed your personal expectations. The student will find in each of our courses, essential tools that will help him solve the challenges that Christianity is facing in our days. We empower students to read, understand, and trust the Bible, and to be firmly grounded in the truth that we find on it. Once again, we welcome you to our Bible College wishing you the best of success in your academic education and ministries.

Sincerely,

IABC WEST TEXAS DISTRICT FACULTY



Mission & Philosophy

Mission

Our Bible College has focused its efforts on the mission of equipping the leaders of our beloved district, whether they are pastors, ministers, deacons, and/or faithful members of our congregations. The great commission given by our Lord Jesus Christ in Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" demands of the church an adequate and profound preparation of the sacred scriptures. It is with this commission in mind that the West Texas District Bible College has taken on the task of preparing dynamic classes and materials that respond to the challenges that the church is facing in our days. In our courses, each student can grow in their theological knowledge and will discover new tools that will help them search in a broader way, the holy scriptures, so that they can fulfill in a more effective way the call that God has given them.

Philosophy

Engaging Students with Profound Experiences

At IABC West Texas District, we respect our students and understand that each of them has individual wants and needs. We believe that learning can only be fostered from a feeling of mutual respect, guidance, and direction, and we do our very best to maintain those values in everything we do. Our unique approach supplies our students with the proper support system that will help lead them down the path to success.



Core Commitment

Purpose And Values

1. We are committed to our Lord Jesus Christ and his teachings, which are found in the Gospel that he himself preached.
2. We believe that the Bible is the inerrant word of God, and that it is divinely inspired.
3. We believe in the Oneness of God, and that outside of Him there are no other gods.
4. We believe that God should be loved with all heart, soul, mind, and strength, while pursuing excellence in spiritual, academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities, always doing everything for the glory of God.
5. We profess that the Bible is the law given by God to men and that no other law or rule is above what God has established in His sacred scriptures.
6. We profess and practice baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. We teach our students to read, study, believe, and preach God's word.
8. We believe in holiness, and that without it, no one will see the Lord.
9. We empower students to read, understand, and trust the Bible, and to be firmly grounded in the truth that we find on it.
10. We teach students to think critically, speak and write clearly and effectively, use technology effectively, develop interpersonal skills, and pursue personal and professional ethics through biblical literacy and integration.
11. We provide opportunities for students to serve and promote a culture of lifelong commitment to servant-leadership.



Brief History

From its beginning, The Apostolic Assembly has had the need to train its ministers and leaders. During the first convention in 1925, which was held in San Bernardino, California, it was immediately noticeable to our founders that ample time needed to be given to the study of different issues. This practice was maintained for many conventions, as these respective acts demonstrate. President Antonio C. Nava and Benjamin Cantu were burdened to provide some type of formal education to their pastors and ministers. Pastors Leonardo Sepulveda, Ernesto Cantu, and others-initiated bible college projects, but these were economically limited.

In 1966, under the direction of pastor Eleazar Rodriguez, the National Apostolic Bible College was founded in Hayward, California. There he works with much success for many years. Many of his graduates served faithfully as pastors. Others continue to serve in different functions as teachers, leaders, or bishops. In 1978, the NABC was moved to San Jose, California. Where its rector was bishop Daniel Jauhall. The National Apostolic Bible College was then moved to facilities of the Apostolic Assembly in Ontario, California. There, its rector was bishop Richard Almaraz, the Secretary of Christian Education at the time.

Bishop Samuel Valverde, the Secretary of Christian Education from 1990 to 1998, directed the NABC during his service, and implemented an experimental program called "Apostolic Institute of Ministries. A specific contribution of this period was the realization of different intensive courses for pastors of all districts. By the end of 1980s, different districts began to realize educational programs for their pastors to address the need to better equip ministers and leaders.

From 1998 to 2006, bishop Luciano Montes, who served these years as Secretary of Christian Education, prompted the formation of a Bible College in every district, under the authority of the NABC, with the aid of bishop Marcos Zacarias. This was another very important step to take biblical preparation to the whole nation. In the beginning of 2007, Secretary of Christian Education, bishop Ismael Martin del Campo traced out the following goals:

- A)** To recognize the international outreach of the college, the name was changed from National Apostolic Bible College to "INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC BIBLE COLLEGE" (IABC).
- B)** The goal was established to have 40 manuals for the complete Bachelor's in Theology program to be written by apostolic teachers and pastors.
- C)** Steps were taken so that the IABC graduates could continue in post-graduate studies at fully accredited institutes. This is now a present reality through the accord signed with some of these seminaries.



General Rules

1. All students must fill out an application of admission and a letter of recommendation signed by their respective pastor. By signing this application, students are committing to obey all rules and regulations of the IABC WTXD, including the submission to the 19 doctrinal points found in the constitution of the Apostolic Assembly.
2. To attend, we recommend that all students to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
3. All students must dress according to the apostolic doctrine and principles: • Casual Elegant • No Shorts on Men • No pants or short skirts on Women • No make-up • No jewelry • Ladies must wear veils • No bad Behavior on Class
4. The Instructor is the maximum authority during class time.
5. All students must be up to date with the payments of their classes. If any student is more than 2 months behind on their payments, they will be suspended until they cover the pending balance.
6. Students must pay all outstanding fees before graduating and receiving their diploma.
7. The Cost for the Graduation Diploma and Stole is \$140.00 dlls. The cost for the the Cap, Gown, and Tassel is \$60.00 dlls. (subject to change)
8. Attendance is mandatory for each class session of every course offered. Attendance is required for all students. Anyone taking a class online must be visible during class. Students can miss only two sessions (each night is a session) of any given course. Absences must be of an emergency nature to be approved by the instructor. Any student missing more than two sessions per course must consult with the director to regain the course.



COURSES

CREDITS

For a course to be accredited, students require the following:

1. Be up to date with the payments of his registration.
2. Be present in all 4 lessons of the accredited course. (Only 2 absences per course will be justified and only due to emergency.)
3. Turn in every Homework of the accredited course.
4. Be up to date with the payment of classes of the accredited course.
5. Be up to date with the payment of the book of the accredited course.
6. If a student cannot attend one or more courses of any given period, and he wants to recover that course, he will need proof that justifies why he stopped attending that course.
7. Only 3 missed courses can be recovered per period. If a student missed more than 3 courses of any given period, he would not qualify for graduation until he takes the missed courses on a regular period.
8. If a student is more than 4 consecutive months behind on the payments of his classes, books, and HomeWorks, he will be withdrawn from the program in which he was registered.
9. If for any reason, a student is unable to pay for his classes, but does not want to be removed from the program, he will need to speak to the administration of the Bible College to give a justified reason and to make payment arrangements for his classes.



IABC West Texas District

Courses Schedule 2024–2025

ASSOCIATE IN THEOLOGY

September 09, 16, 23 & 30
Spiritual Disciplines

October 07, 14, 21 & 28
Book of Acts

November 04, 11, 18 & 25
Bible Overview I

December 02, 09 & 16
Spiritual Authority

January 06, 13, 20 & 27
Bible Overview II

February 03, 10, 17 & 24
Constitution of the AAFCJ

March 03, 10, 17 & 24
Develop the Leader Within You

March 31/April 07, 14 & 21
Church Administration

April 28/May 05, 12 & 19
Edify the Church (Optional)

June 02, 09, 16 & 23
Strategy of Jesus

BACHELOR IN THEOLOGY

September 09, 16, 23 & 30
Exegetical Methods

October 07, 14, 21 & 28
Integral Christian Healing I

November 04, 11, 18 & 25
Psalms II

December 02, 09 & 16
Integral Christian Healing II

January 06, 13, 20 & 27
Introduction to Revelation

February 03, 10, 17 & 24
Church History I

March 03, 10, 17 & 24
Symposium: The Word

March 31/April 07, 14 & 21
Church History II

April 28/May 05, 12 & 19
Prison Ministry

June 02, 09, 16 & 23
Ministry of Counseling



Associate in Theology Program

OVERVIEW

This program is designed by the International Apostolic Bible College West Texas District for all those students who wish to begin their Associates in Theology studies.

Classes are accessible and dynamic for those seeking formal preparation in Theology. Our classes are full of biblical doctrine, values, and disciplines that our beloved AAFCJ practices and teaches. In these courses the student will be trained to read, understand, and trust the Bible, and to be firmly rooted in the truth we find in it.

The student will learn to think critically, to speak and write clearly and effectively, to develop interpersonal skills, to seek personal and professional ethics through biblical literacy and integration.

HOW IT WORKS

Program Length: 20 courses

Duration: 20 months

Course Length: 4 weeks

Format: 100% Online, (Zoom Video) (Synchronous Classes)

Hours: Every Monday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

TUITION COST

Registration Fee: \$50.00 dlls.

Classes: \$84.00 dlls. per course - Monthly (includes tuition & materials)

WHAT TO EXPECT

Courses will include video lectures by professors, feedback on homework assignments, discussion boards, and will include hands-on course assignments (video presentations, group projects, etc.)

WHO SHOULD ENROLL

All students interested in completing the A.A. program and are entering their 1st year of Bible College.



Bachelor in Theology Program

OVERVIEW

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Classes are accessible and dynamic for those seeking formal preparation in Theology. Our classes are full of biblical doctrine, values, and disciplines that our beloved AAFCJ practices and teaches. In these courses the student will be trained to read, understand, and trust the Bible, and to be firmly rooted in the truth we find in it.

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WHO SHOULD ENROLL

All students interested in completing the B.A. program and are entering their 3rd year of Bible College.



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