
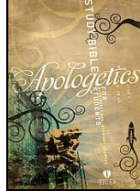
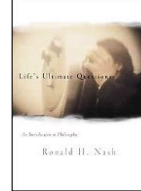
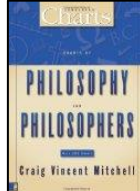
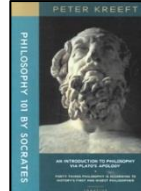
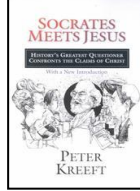
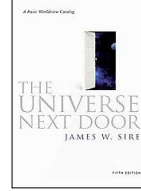
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Introduction to Philosophy – Life’s Ultimate Questions		
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Course Description		
<p>This course focuses on how to apply and teach philosophy. Topics include logic, metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, anthropology, philosophy of religion, science, postmodernism and worldviews. Students will create visual projects and applications for transformational discipleship and leadership.</p>		
Course Design		
<p>This 14-week course is designed to equip pastors, church planters, and next-generation leaders with Bible knowledge, Christian character, servant leadership, and disciple-making skills with the goal of life change. It addresses the learning styles of adults through active discussion, charts, visuals, Internet resources, team-building, and presentations. To ensure transfer of credit, changes to this course syllabus must be approved by both Equip Biblical Institute and Southern California Seminary. Over 1,200 leaders have completed EBI courses. <i>Suggestions for improving course design are appreciated.</i></p>		
Required Textbooks		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Apologetics Study Bible for Students</i>. Holman Christian Standard Bible. Notes by Sean McDowell. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2010. CBD 9781433614835 2. Dr. Ronald H. Nash. <i>Life’s Ultimate Questions. An Introduction to Philosophy</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1999. CBD 9780310223641 3. Dr. Peter Kreeft. <i>Philosophy 101 by Socrates</i>. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2002. CBD 9780898709254 		
 		
Additional Books for Pastors, Leaders, and Advanced Students		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Dr. James S. Sire. <i>The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog</i>, 5th ed. IVP Academic, 2009. CBD 9780830838509 5. Dr. Craig Vincent Mitchell. <i>Charts of Philosophy and Philosophers</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2007. CBD 9780310270928 6. Dr. Peter Kreeft. <i>Socrates Meets Jesus: History’s Great Questioner Confronts the Claims of Christ</i>. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 2002. CBD 9780830823383 		
 		
Internet Resources - http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/ * 4truth.net * bible.org * blueletterbible.org * carm.org/apologetics * gotquestions.org * jeremiahstudybible.com * leestobel.com * www.namb.net * wayofthemaster.com/ *		
 		
Professors – Click here to receive the Notes by email. The intent of this course is to equip you with the Word of God, to strengthen your character and integrity, and to develop your relational and servant-leadership skills for the glory of God.		

Learning Outcomes

- The student who successfully completes this course will be able to implement 2 Timothy 2:2:
1. Apply and teach philosophical thinking about life’s ultimate questions.
 2. Apply and teach the six conceptual systems of philosophy.
 3. Apply and teach the law of non-contradiction.
 4. Apply and teach the possible worlds.
 5. Apply and teach concerning absolute truth.
 6. Apply and teach the evidence for the existence and nature of God.
 7. Apply and teach how to apply metaphysics and ethics.
 8. Apply and teach about human nature.
 9. Participate in a group or individual presentation, mini-sermon, project, PowerPoint, mind-map, visuals, webpage, or YouTube video on a chapter in one of the textbooks.
 10. Type a 10- to 15-page term paper titled “Applications from Philosophy for Leadership and Character Development.”
 11. Coach other leaders to develop Christian character through our identity in Christ, gratitude for the Gospel, the spiritual disciplines, personal revival, the fruit of the Spirit, and the seven virtues with the goal of transformational discipleship.

Methods of Instruction

Instruction emphasizes active learning, problem-based learning, project-based learning, presentation-based learning, team-based learning, reflection, discussion, interactive lecture, collaboration, visuals, term papers, and exams, with the goal of long-term and real-world learning that results in life-change and leadership skills. The major pedagogical premise of this course is that students should be treated like the servant-leaders they are becoming.

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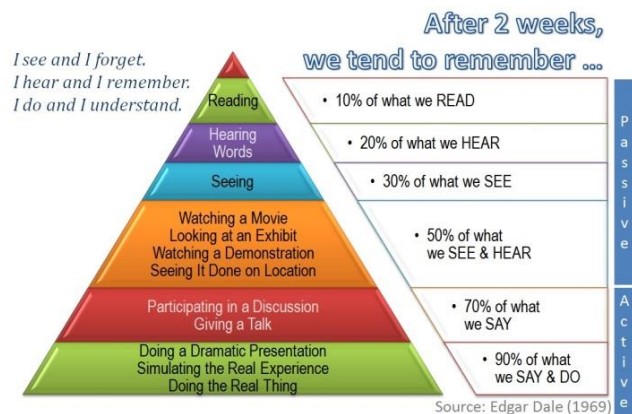
Accelerated Adult Learning Strategies

Authentic learning involves observation, interpretation, and application. The goal of *balanced instruction* is to address the learning strengths of adult learners, including verbal, visual, musical, logical, kinesthetic, reflective, interpersonal, natural, and spiritual. *Student-centered instruction* is most effective when it impacts the mind, will, and emotions.

TEAM-based Active Learning Principles

Students are encouraged to study in teams to develop application skills, leadership/relational skills, and presentations. Students are not to give answers to co-learners, but help them learn how to find the answers. **TEAM = Together Everyone Accomplishes More.**

The Cone of Learning



Student Requirements

First, answer the **questions** in the **portfolio** before class. This will assist student-leaders in focusing on core information and developing the time-on-task study skills and writing skills essential to effective learning and long-term memory. Each student must do his or her own work.

Second, maintain the **journal** in the portfolio. (1) What is God teaching you in this session? (2) How are you going to apply these concepts to your life, family, and ministry? (3) How can your church apply these concepts to making disciples and developing leaders? This will assist student-leaders in developing reflection, application, and decision-making skills essential to spiritual growth.

Third, participate in the **discussion** of the questions and applications in the portfolio during class. Through discussion students learn from one another and sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron. This will assist student-leaders in developing the relational, speaking, and creative/critical thinking skills essential to effective teaching and servant-leadership.

Fourth, complete the **midterm exam**. This will assist student-leaders in developing long-term memory through multiple reviews of the core material.

Fifth, participate in an individual or **group presentation** on one of the chapters in the textbooks. The ability to make engaging presentations will multiply your influence, leadership, teaching, and preaching. Discuss applications found in that book. This presentation can be a PowerPoint, drama, role-play, charts, or drawings. This will assist student-leaders in developing the creative/critical thinking and teamwork skills essential to effective teaching and servant-leadership. Week 13

Sixth, type a 10- to 15-page **term paper** titled "Applications from Philosophy for Leadership and Character Development." The ability to write well will multiply your influence, leadership, teaching, and preaching. Footnote all the ideas, paraphrases, and direct quotes in your paper, whether from books or the Internet. Font should be Times New Roman 12. Include illustrations and charts. This will assist student-leaders in developing the creative/critical thinking and writing skills essential to effective biblical teaching, preaching, and servant-leadership. Week 13

Seventh, complete the **final exam** in the portfolio. This will assist student-leaders in developing long-term memory through multiple reviews of the core material and in focusing on transformational leadership and teaching skills. Week 14

Course Objective Is Life Change

Our mission is to bring glory to God by assisting local churches to equip believers to live and minister biblically based on the inerrant Word of God. This equipping includes Bible knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills. The objective is to take student-leaders from where they are and move them to where they need to be. Students will learn how (1) to read with their brains; (2) to remember what they have read; (3) to sharpen their thoughts through journaling; (4) to speak effectively before others; (5) to work as learning teams of leaders; and (6) to biblically apply what they are learning to life, family, and ministry.

Accelerated Adult Learning Techniques

Adults learn in unique ways and so this course incorporates multiple learning styles. According to the **Cone of Learning**, writing, discussing, and applying concepts are the keys to accelerated adult learning. The portfolio is foundational to learning because students remember more of what they write, discuss, and apply. By applying these principles of champion learners, students will experience transformational growth. Welcome to the accelerated disciple-making process!

Session	Date	Professor Responsibilities	Student Responsibilities
1		<p>Introduction Worldview Thinking Naturalism Go over this syllabus and the portfolio. Preview the study guides for the exams. Discuss the appendix. Discuss portfolio questions and journal applications. Demonstrate how to get the most out of the Topical Index in the <i>Jeremiah Study Bible</i>, the <i>Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary</i>, and the textbooks. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters. View <i>God's Not Dead</i> DVD. Review in class: www.4truth.net, https://bible.org/, http://carm.org/apologetics, www.gotquestions.org/, http://leestrobels.com/, www.theopedia.com/. It is imperative that professors help students improve their term papers and character through coaching, feedback, encouragement, examples, and rubrics. These are crucial learning and leadership skills. Go over the Transformational Discipleship Covenant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Print 457 Introduction to Philosophy portfolio and notes. <input type="checkbox"/> Pay the honorarium to the director. <input type="checkbox"/> Skim the textbooks and be prepared to discuss how these books are unique as learning tools. <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapters 1-2 in <i>Life's Ultimate Questions</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore http://www.4truth.net/ for 15 minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore the Internet resources on this topic at www.4truth.net, https://bible.org/, http://carm.org/apologetics, www.gotquestions.org/, http://leestrobels.com/, www.theopedia.com/. <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio questions and journal applications in preparation for the discussion and group activity. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin writing the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Read the <i>Baptist Faith and Message</i> in Resources at http://www.sbc.net. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
2		<p>Plato Aristotle Welcome guests and encourage students to share what they have learned so far. Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters. Remind students how being a chosen generation, royal priests, a holy nation, and God's special people impacts our discipleship and life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapters 3-4 in <i>Life's Ultimate Questions</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore http://www.4truth.net/ for 15 minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Make or update a reach list of every unchurched person that you know. <input type="checkbox"/> Go on an evangelistic visit during the course with your pastor, deacon, church leader, Sunday school worker, or friend. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples. <input type="checkbox"/> Invite friends and apprentice disciples

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		philosophy.	to see how the course works.
3		<p>Plotinus Augustine Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapters 5-6 in <i>Life's Ultimate Questions</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore http://leestobel.com/ for 15 minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for those on your reach list. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
4		<p>Aquinas The Law of Non-contradiction Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapters 7-8 in <i>Life's Ultimate Questions</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore http://carm.org/apologetics <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for those on your reach list. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
5		<p>Possible Worlds Whatever Happened to Truth? Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapters 9-10 in <i>Life's Ultimate Questions</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore http://carm.org/apologetics <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for those on your reach list. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
6		<p>A Tale of Two Systems Epistemology III Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters. Review for the midterm exam.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapters 11-12 in <i>Life's Ultimate Questions</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore resources at www.gotquestions.org/Christian-apologetics.html <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for those on your reach list. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
7		<p>Midterm Exam Give the midterm exam.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide in the notes to prepare for the midterm exam. Four hours of study are

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		<p>Preview the second half of the course. Coach students on how to improve their term papers. Make corrections to the term paper in class. Discuss who would benefit from the EBI leadership training program. Order textbooks for next semester. Request next semester portfolios and notes by email.</p>	<p>recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Make or update your list of next-generation leaders you can pray for, share with, encourage and disciple. <input type="checkbox"/> Pay for textbooks for the next courses. <input type="checkbox"/> Be involved in the small group and/or Sunday School ministry of your church.
8		<p>The Existence of God The Nature of God Metaphysics Welcome guests and encourage students to share what they have learned. Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapters 13-15 in <i>Life's Ultimate Questions</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore resources at www.wayofthemaster.com/ <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Pray with people on your reach list. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples <input type="checkbox"/> Invite your friends and apprentice disciples to see how the course works.
9		<p>Ethics I Ethics II Human Nature Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapters 16-18 in <i>Life's Ultimate Questions</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore resources at www.wayofthemaster.com/ <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Pray with people on your reach list. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
10		<p>Introduction The Apology of Socrates: Philosophy Defended Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapter 1 in <i>Philosophy 101</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore resources at www.4truth.net/ for 15 minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Let your light shine by doing acts of kindness for people on your list. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
11		<p>From the Euthyphro: Philosophy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapter 2 in <i>Philosophy 101</i>.

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		<p>Exemplified Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Explore www.4truth.net/ for 15 minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Let your light shine by doing acts of kindness for people on your list. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
12		<p>From the Phaedo: Philosophy Martyred Discuss portfolio questions and applications. Coach students on how to improve their term papers and philosophical thinking skills in class. Group Activity: Create a visual summary or mind-map of one of these chapters. Prepare for next week’s student presentations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study chapter 3 in <i>Philosophy 101</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore www.4truth.net/ for 15 minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> Type the answers to the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Invite someone on your list to come with you to small group or church. <input type="checkbox"/> Share what you are learning with your apprentice disciples.
13		<p>Student Presentations and Term Papers Welcome guests and disciples. Coach students on how to improve their presentations. Group activity: Peer-review and make corrections to the term paper in class. Review for final exam.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to participate in a group or individual presentations on a chapter in the books. <input type="checkbox"/> Bring a rough draft of your term paper for peer-review and corrections. <input type="checkbox"/> Invite your friends and apprentice disciple/s to watch student presentations.
14		<p>Final Exam and Course Evaluation Give final exam. Collect completed portfolio for review. Collect revised term paper for review. Students will debrief by sharing how they are using and sharing what they have learned. Discuss how to recruit students who would benefit from the EBI leadership training program. Distribute the textbooks, syllabi, portfolios, notes, and promotional materials for the next course. Time of fellowship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the study guide for the final exam. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the portfolio. <input type="checkbox"/> Revise the term paper. <input type="checkbox"/> Share and/or email your revised term paper to pastors, deacons, small-group leaders, and your apprentice disciples in order to multiply your ministry in obedience to 2 Timothy 2:2-3. <input type="checkbox"/> Learning is about teaching others. Pass on the baton of transformational discipleship by sharing what you are learning.

EBI holds to the *Baptist Faith and Message*. The inclusion of articles, books, or external links in this course does not imply that the opinions expressed represent the official position of EBI.

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Transfer of Credits to Southern California Seminary

Attendance Policy

Attending class on time is important to receive the most out of the course. Entering class late disrupts the learning process of all students. Students are permitted three absences for a 14-week semester course. For the semester (28 classroom hours plus 68 homework hours) courses, more than 10 minutes late is a *tardy*; more than 20 minutes late is an *absence*. Two tardies count as one absence. **College credit cannot be transferred to Southern California Seminary when a student misses four or more class sessions.** A grade of NC (No Credit) will be recorded when a student misses four sessions, does not complete coursework on time, or earns less than 700 points.

Class Time and Homework Policy

To transfer credits to Southern California Seminary, **each 2-unit course must include at least 28 hours of class time discussion and 68 hours of portfolio homework during the 14-week semester.** Courses with less than 28 hours of class time do not meet EBI requirements. Since "time plus focus equals learning," increased classroom time and active learning result in increased learning—and learning is the key to leadership and service. Courses start the week of January, May, and September. For maximum learning, **it is recommended that working students take 2 courses per semester or 6 courses per year.**

Late Work Policy

Completing work on time is an important habit for leaders to develop. Homework should be completed weekly before the class discussion and application. The grade for work that is between 1 and 7 days late is lowered by 20%. The grade for work that is between 8 and 14 days late is lowered by 40%. **Work that is over 14 days late will not be accepted.** Professors are to send to the EBI offices the grade sheet within 15 days of the end of each course so that transcripts can be updated each semester.

Portfolio Policy

To transfer credits from Equip Biblical Institute to Southern California Seminary, **students must present a complete portfolio of their course work.** The portfolio consists of the questions, journal applications and reflections, term papers, and exams for each course. Upon successful completion of the Associate of Biblical Studies, students may transfer **60-66 units** into the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree. If the portfolio for a course is not complete, the credits may not be transferable. Portfolios must be completed individually—not as couples. Answers to portfolio questions are subjective so each student must do his or her own work.

Grade Scale

Grade	Percent	Points
A	= 95-100%	950-1,000
A-	= 90-94%	900-949
B+	= 87-89%	870-899
B	= 84-86%	840-869
B-	= 80-83%	800-839
C+	= 77-79%	770-799
C	= 74-76%	740-769
C-	= 70-73%	700-739
NC	= Below 70%	0-699



Student Evaluation

	Percent	Points
Portfolio/Group Activities	55%	550
Midterm Exam	10%	100
Student Presentations	10%	100
Term Paper	15%	150
Final Exam	10%	100
Total	100%	1,000

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Midterm 7	Session 8	Session 9	Session 10	Session 11	Session 12	Presenta-tion 13	Term Paper 13	Final Exam 14	Points	Grade
50	50	50	50	50	50	100	50	50	50	50	50	100	150	100	1,000	ABC

Course Grading Rubric		
Grade	Requirements	✓
A	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 15-page paper with zero errors.	
A-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 12-page paper with 1 or 2 errors.	
B+	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 10- to 11-page paper with 3 or 4 errors.	
B	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 8- to 9-page paper with 5 or 6 errors.	
B-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and the 6- to 7-page paper with 7 or 8 errors.	
C+	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and essay are completed with few errors.	
C	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and essay are completed but need corrections.	
C-	Exams, portfolio, presentation, and essay need individual tutoring or peer coaching.	
NC	Students earn less than 700 points or miss more than 3 sessions.	
<p>It is possible to earn a “C” by writing an essay rather than a term paper, but it is necessary to write a term paper to earn an “A” or “B”. Writing clarifies one’s thoughts and is a key skill for an effective leader. Initially students may have difficulties in developing writing skills, but they will improve and gain confidence with each course they complete. It is important that professors help students improve their writing skills to maximize their thinking and leadership skills. Students should use the term paper rubric, sample term paper, and type-over template to write their term papers. Since students have different abilities, goals, responsibilities, and schedules, students can choose the grade for which they are aiming.</p>		
<p>Writing is one of the most important skills that a leader can develop. As part of the academic agreement with Southern California Seminary, to earn an "A" students are required to email or mail a copy of their academic work to the EBI Registrar. The goal is to catch students doing something right and affirming them. The objective is to recognize and analyze the best term papers and to prepare next generation leaders for university level education by helping them improve their writing skills, thinking skills, and leadership skills.</p>		
<p>The mission of Equip Biblical Institute is to bring glory to God by assisting local churches to equip believers of various cultures and languages to live and minister biblically based on the inerrant Word of God. This equipping includes building biblical knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills. The goal is to provide preaching and teaching resources, intentional leadership development, disciple-making materials, Skype courses, YouTube videos, charts, notes, and visuals to pastors and churches around the world. EBI is equipping the next generation of pastors and leaders to multiply their influence by training leaders, creating videos, and writing books.</p>		
<p>EBI is a religious exempt school and not accredited by the U. S. Department of Education; however, EBI Associate degrees are transferable to Southern California Seminary and other schools.</p>		
<p>As students take each course their brains will develop a multitude of new neural connections increasing their ability to read with comprehension, make practical applications from what they are learning, and improve their communication, leadership, and writing skills.</p>		