“It’s great to have so many opportunities provided on campus which foster meaningful fellowship for students whether married or single.”

Student Resources

Student Handbook
Behavioral and community standards are delineated in the Student Handbook, found at http://www.sbts.edu/current-students/policies/student-conduct/. Each student is responsible for knowing this material and abiding by all seminary policies and regulations of the most recent version.

ID Cards and Email
All students must have an ID card (the Shield Card) to use campus services. All students are assigned a student email account. Electronic mail is the primary means of communication for necessary information about classes, registration and other campus functions within the seminary community. Students are accountable for the contents of institutional communication received through their email account.

Student Activities
Student activities on campus are rich and varied. From chili cook-offs, to service projects at local homeless shelters, to hymn sings, to March Madness parties where you can cheer on your favorite basketball team, activities are designed for the specific interests and needs of students. In each seminary apartment building and residence hall, Resident Assistants actively engage students and their families to build a sense of community. The seminary exists to prepare well-rounded ministers of the gospel, and student activities encourage fellowship, leadership and mutual support. We want your experience outside the classroom to be as enriching as your experience inside the classroom.

Student Councils and Organizations
Representatives of the student body lead student councils and organizations. The student council seeks to facilitate the development of community, to enhance social interaction, and to communicate interests and concerns between the students, faculty, and staff.

There are various organizations for students with particular interests and talents with regular meetings on campus. All Boyce and Seminary students are encouraged to participate. A list of approved organizations is available from the Office of Enrollment Management & Student Life.

International Services
The Office of Student Success helps international students meet the legal and social challenges of living in America through assistance with legal identification, driver’s licenses, bank accounts, etc. The office regularly informs and advises on F-1 student visa matters, including employment authorization and income tax.

Disability Services
Southern Seminary is committed to making both campus facilities and degree programs accessible to students.

Accessibility is under continual review by the faculty and administration of the seminary.

Students who have accessibility or learning-related needs should contact the Office of Student Resources in order to determine how the seminary can assist in addressing those needs.

Counseling Services
Confidential counseling is provided for students and their family members through referrals authorized by the Dean of Students. Fees are based upon a sliding scale and subsidized by the seminary.

Health Insurance
Every student and student dependent is encouraged to have medical insurance while enrolled at Southern Seminary. The Office of Enrollment Management & Student Life has information available for students, including policies through GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Missions Opportunities
The Great Commission Center facilitates a variety of missions experiences for the seminary community. These opportunities include local outreach, short-term mission trips, and teaching opportunities for faculty. While the majority of SBTS mission trips occur during the summer months, the Great Commission Center sponsors and supports mission opportunities year-round. These mission trips also allow students to earn course credit for cross-cultural ministry experience. In recent years, hundreds of students and faculty have participated in SBTS mission trips to international contexts with the IMB, and in the US and Canada with NAMB.

Worship
Seminary worship is an integral facet of campus life. While classes are in session during each semester, the entire community gathers on Tuesday and Thursday in Alumni Chapel for an hour of worship and edification.

Campus Facilities

Clinic
The Seminary Clinic, staffed with three physicians and two nurses, is open on weekdays. The general medical clinic, as
a supplemental service to regular health care, is available at a minimal cost to all students and their immediate families, as well as to faculty and full-time staff.

Recreation and Fitness
The seminary’s health and recreation program is designed to provide structured and unstructured recreational activities that will contribute to the well-being and development of members in the seminary community. The Health and Recreation Center, located in the Honeycutt Campus Center, has game rooms, gymnasiums, racquetball courts, saunas, steam rooms, climbing wall, toddler pool, outside fountain pool, swimming pool, whirlpool, walking/running track, and conditioning room. The Seminary Lawn, the quadrangle of the seminary campus, is the site of recreational activities, including outdoor intramural sports.

Bookstore
LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention operates the campus bookstore, located in the Honeycutt Center. The bookstore carries all required textbooks as well as an extensive selection of theological books featuring a new academic title section and SBTS faculty author section. Students receive up to a 30% discount on nearly all required textbooks.

Library
The James P. Boyce Centennial Library, founded in 1859, provides premier research collections for Biblical, theological, Baptist, missions, music and other areas of study. Its collections contain over 390,000 volumes and over 1 million items including books, journals, minutes, music, pamphlets, microforms, and audiovisuals. These holdings rank the library among the top five seminary collections in North America.

The library can be accessed through the seminary web page at www.sbts.edu. Either on campus or remotely, students can access online data-bases, hundreds of journals, and other full-text materials from the library’s web site. The library also supports wireless access throughout the building enabling all research areas access to the Internet and electronic resources.

Through its collections and services the library furthers the educational and ministry goals of students and faculty.

Computer Stations
Thirty computer workstations are located on the first and second floors of the James P. Boyce Centennial Library. Two of the workstations are set up for Korean language. All stations are equipped with the Microsoft Office and Corel WordPerfect Suites. Greek and Hebrew language programs are available for research and tutorials, as well as other biblical research programs including Bible Works. Specialized printing software (Calendar Creator and Print Shop) is also available. All workstations are connected to three network laser printers / copiers. Scanning is available in the library and color printing and faxing are also available at the 5th and Broadway campus store. Southern also offers a campus-wide wireless high-speed Internet service to which students can attach their personal computers at no charge.

Fifth and Broadway
The campus store takes its name from the former downtown location on the corner of Fifth and Broadway. Services available include the convenience store, Production Services, and the Post Office. Fifth and Broadway sells snacks, household items, office supplies, and more. The wide selection of logo items includes clothing and accessories.

Though the Shield Card Office is no longer at Fifth & Broadway, students and staff can still add money to their card at this location.

Production Services provides duplication and finish work for professional color prints, black and white prints, binding, and laminating, as well as, organizes Greek and Hebrew cards, prints church bulletins, and binds class notes. Special event printing for weddings and more is also available.

The Post Office offers most services available through USPS, such as domestic and international shipping, money orders, and registered mail. Though 5th & Broadway does not process passport applications, they do offer a passport photo service. UPS, FedEx, and DHL services are also available. Additionally, most students living in campus housing obtain a box at check in. Off-campus students may rent a box on a space available basis.

Edgar’s
Edgar’s is named after the late Edgar Young Mullins (also known as E.Y. Mullins), fourth president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1899 to 1928. The store exists to provide reasonably-priced, good quality clothing and accessories for students and staff. Edgar’s inventory includes suits, shirts, ties, bags, wallets, watches, desk stationery, shaving accessories and fine writing instruments.

Dining Services
Southern Seminary offers multiple dining options. The Dining Hall offers students, staff, and guests all-you-care-to-eat food court options. These include a soup & salad bar, hot entrees, a grill and a daily rotation of “to order” items. We also feature Founders’ Café, which offers gourmet coffees, fresh pastries, pizzas, calzones, and sandwiches. As a conference and retreat destination, Southern Seminary Dining Services offers professional catering with menus including simple snacks for a team of twenty and formal banquets for 200 or more.

The Legacy Hotel
Serving as a site to host conferences, seminars, and retreats, the Legacy Hotel is integral to the continuing mission of Southern Seminary. The Legacy Hotel features state-of-the-art meeting rooms, which comfortably accommodate up to 200 people, with overnight accommodations in 69 guest rooms, including 35 two-room suites.

For non-resident students, reduced rates are offered on a daily, half-week, weekly, and extended stay basis, especially to D.Min., Ed.D., and J-Term students. Detailed rates and reservation information can be obtained by calling 1-877-444-SBTS.
Event Productions
Event Planners in the Event Productions office work to facilitate and host retreats, conferences, meetings, and other events for external clients, as well as on campus departments.

This office also seeks to plan new events and conferences with constituents of the Southern Baptist Convention and other Christian organizations. Events may be scheduled by contacting the Event Productions office, at 502-897-4072.

Campus Police
The Campus Police Department is responsible for all aspects of safety and security on the Seminary and Boyce College campuses as well as all other property owned by the Seminary. The department is comprised of sworn police officers who have full powers of arrest on the Seminary property.

Seminary police officers are trained and equipped for emergency responses and are trained in First Aid and CPR.

The Campus Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays.

The department utilizes a computer aided dispatch center and a campus radio system to ensure the quickest response possible to calls for service. This same center is able to monitor much of the campus by way of closed circuit television and officers regularly patrol the campus on foot, bicycles, ATV and by marked vehicle. The Campus Police Department maintains a close working relationship with the main law enforcement agency serving metro Louisville.

While the safety and security of the campus community is the primary goal of the department, our members also provide other services including parking control, issuing Shield Cards and parking permits, key control, escorts upon request and training on topics such as personal safety and crime prevention.

Housing and Residence Life
Living on campus at Southern Seminary – whether in the residence halls or apartments – offers several advantages for students and families coming to Louisville. Competitive pricing, thriving community, and the convenience of being within walking distance to classes and on-campus amenities make living on-campus attractive to the nearly 1,000 students and family members who call Southern home. All of the residence halls and apartments include complimentary high-speed internet, cable, and 24-hour security. Additionally, all students and family members enjoy access to the seminary’s tremendous Health and Recreation Center.

As servants of Christ, the Residence Life Team strives to maintain the unity of the Spirit by daily living out Christ’s example of sacrificial love. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is represented by students of 41 different countries and all 50 states. Though ethnically and culturally diverse, there is unity in Christ. The vision of the Residence Life Program is a seminary community where residents and families experience mutual sanctification, encouragement, and spiritual refinement through regular Christian fellowship.

In order to apply for on-campus housing, please apply at http://www.sbts.edu/housing. A $25 non-refundable application fee is required to apply for all on-campus housing and is payable online. Although confirmation cannot be made until officially accepted for admission, students are encouraged to submit the application for housing early in the admissions process.

Residence Halls
Carver, Manly, Mullins, Sampey, Whitsitt, and Williams Halls offer single and multiple-occupancy rooms for single students or married students not accompanied by families. Amenities include board meal plan, lounges, community kitchens, free laundry facilities, cable TV, high-speed internet, and 24-hour security.

Meal plans are included in the Room and Board charges for students living in the dormitories and are available upon request for apartment residents. Meal plans can be utilized at any of the three dining areas on campus: The Dining Hall, Founder’s Café, and Boyce Café. Students can choose a meal plan with “flex dollars” – a declining balance included in the Room and Board charge that can be convenient for coffee or snacks between classes.

The Dining Hall offers a “green-on-the-go” program that allows students to use their meal plan for carry-out meals – good for those days with back-to-back classes or a busy work schedule.

Apartments
Southern offers a wide variety of apartment living options in Fuller, Foster, Grinstead, and Springdale Apartments. Whether you desire 1 or 2 bedrooms, 1 or 2 bathrooms, carpet or hardwood, new or vintage, we have options for you. All apartment rates include cable TV, internet, and 24-hour security.

Furnished Apartments
One and two-bedroom apartments are available for short-term stays and for missionaries on furlough. Each apartment is completely furnished and contains all necessary housewares such as dishes and linens. Cable TV, internet, and laundry facilities are available to all guests. Email Student Housing for rates and more information.

Commuter Housing
Commuter space is available on a weekly basis for $125 per week or on a semester-long basis for $25 per night. A limited number of bed spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional information is available upon request. For booking, please email housing@sbts.edu.
Employment

Church
The location of several hundred churches within commuting distance of the seminary campus allows ministry involvement to be an integral part of a student’s seminary experience. Many of these congregations provide opportunities for students to gain practical experience in ministry while attending seminary. Students serve as pastors, or in music ministries, youth ministries, Christian education, and a variety of other leadership positions. Although the seminary does not guarantee placement in church staff positions, it does offer assistance with ministry employment searches through the Ministry Connections Office in the Center for Student Success.

The Ministry Connections Office assists students and alumni by providing guidance for resume preparation, resources for employment searches, and a website where churches and ministries regularly post ministry opportunities at sbts.experience.com. Current students and registered alumni may utilize this site to search for ministry opportunities and to post their resume for churches to view. The Ministry Connections Office also hosts various ministries on campus throughout the school year and strives to serve as a bridge between the students of Southern Seminary and the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. The office can be contacted by phone at 800-626-5525, extension 4680, or via email at ministryconnections@sbts.edu.

Louisville Employment
Many seminary students and student spouses find employment, either on campus or off campus, with the aid of the Human Resources Office. Qualified applicants with good job experience and work skills are in demand for positions at the seminary. Human Resources takes applications, interviews, and refers students and student spouses to appropriate positions within the seminary. The Human Resources office accepts applications for employment with the seminary at any time during office hours. Applications should be updated at the beginning of each semester.

Human Resources also offers assistance for students and student spouses who wish to find off-campus employment in the Louisville area. The Employment Opportunities Bulletin provides a weekly list of jobs, full or part-time positions, from various organizations nearby. The listing is available through Moodle.

Final employment arrangements seldom can be made prior to the applicant’s arrival in Louisville, but applications for on-campus work are accepted before students arrive in Louisville. Applicants are encouraged to visit prior to their arrival and make themselves available for in-person interviews.