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This catalog contains the guidelines and policies endorsed by the Executive Pastors of New Beginnings Church for the purpose of aiding students in planning their enrollment and should not be considered a contractual agreement between New Beginnings Church or New Beginnings Bible School and the student. All program requirements, course contents, and other applicable regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the decision-making entities overseeing the School.

## A Message From Our Lead Pastor

In II Tim 2:2 The Apostle Paul makes this statement;

"You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

This is the command we strive to follow. New Beginnings Bible School has been created in order to raise up individuals from all walks of life to take the Word of God into every arena, into your family, your neighborhoods, your work place and in every facet of church life.

We desire to equip you starting with the basics of the Christian faith, progressively bringing you into more and more illumination into the Word of God.

We believe the best way to empower this generation of believers living in these turbulent times is to train them to be effective ministers, ready and able to bring the hope that is found in Christ Jesus to everyone God puts in their path.

In preparation for these Last Days, Paul wrote to Timothy;

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (II Tim 3: 16-17)

Welcome to this new adventure. Let us help make you that person who is complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Together for the Harvest,
Pastor Joe Sorce
Lead Pastor of New Beginnings Church

## A Message from our Dean

Dear Prospective Student:

I love what Paul wrote to his prodigy Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15. The Amplified rendering of this verse reads as follows: "Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman tested by trial who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth." The opening word in that verse is the Greek word "spoudason." It is translated here as "study" but it can be more accurately translated as "Be speedily diligent".

When I read that verse, it says to me that Paul was conveying something important to Timothy and I'd like you to take the same to heart as you consider NBBS. It says that we are to hasten our attention to the Lord our God. That implies a commitment right now. The Lord, therefore, is not someone we should have placed on a "back burner" of our lives. The Lord is someone Who should be foremost in everything we think, say, and do. That is what I believe each student here at New Beginnings Bible School is doing.

I encourage you to take that first step of faith to move outside your comfort zone and commit your time and resources to learn and grow. God has a dynamic and unique plan for your life and your personal ministry. The apostle Peter reminds us that we have been chosen, that we may declare the praises of Him who called (us) out of darkness in His wonderful light. But in order to declare this we like Timothy must be "speedily diligent" to the Lord.

Take hold of the call that our Father has placed on you and truly commit to the Lord. I am confident that NBBS will play a vital and powerful role in preparing you and equipping you for the call of God that you have been sensing. Thank you in advance for answering that call.

Prayerfully.

Dr. Gerard A. Ball

Dean, New Beginnings Bible School

# **New Beginnings Bible School**

## **What Defines Us**

## **Our Philosophy Of Education**

Our students are Believers in Jesus Christ and have come together to enrich their ministry skills, become deeper students of the Word, and mature in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our students strive to accomplish this by recognizing that our Father has revealed to us His truth through Jesus Christ in nature, history, and above all through His Word, the Bible. Thus, we can hold that the Scriptures are the authoritative Word of God in their original texts, and as such are central to any quest for knowledge or relationship with the Triune Godhead. This is the guiding force for our educational philosophy.

What Are The Requirements? To be considered for placement as a student at New Beginnings Bible School, one must have submitted <u>all</u> the following:

Potential Students must read this Handbook.

Potential Students must print, fill out and submit a New Beginnings Bible School Application (contained herein).

Potential Students must print and sign a "Statement of Truth and Hold Harmless" Form.

All Applications must be submitted with the designated Application Fee.

Potential Students must have their Pastor or Senior Church Representative submit a completed New Beginnings Bible School Personal Recommendation Form.

All students must agree to the policies regarding **Internship** while attending New Beginnings Bible School

All Students must sign, signifying they agree and will abide by New Beginnings Church **Tenants of Faith**.

All teachers must agree to teach from a Creation-Science viewpoint (which means a Creator God who created in six literal days) and in accordance with Biblical texts and values.

Acceptance: New Beginnings Bible School Office will notify applicants as to their status before each registration period closes and the start of classes.

## **New Beginnings Bible School Mission Statement**

At New Beginnings Bible School our mission Statement is "**Educate**, **Equip**, and **Enrich Our Students**." This is to prepare them for Christian Ministry through quality academic programs and hands-on ministry service.

We accomplish this by holding to God's Word, Academic Excellence, Christian Foundations, and Moral Integrity.

New Beginnings Bible School is part of the Teaching Ministry of New Beginnings Church and as such we hold to Biblical core values. Therefore, NBBS holds to a Christian worldview as we utilize Bible-based curriculum for teaching, edifying, and building up our students.

Although NBBS may enroll a diversity of students with regards to their individual faith walk, all must agree to conduct themselves in agreement with the New Beginnings Tenants of Faith. Our Tenants of Faith are what unite us and allows us the freedom to work together in a Godly manner, in the power of prayer, and under the leading of the Holy Spirit.

With that in mind, one's continued enrollment in the New Beginnings Bible School is contingent upon one's acceptance of the New Beginnings' Tenants of Faith, a signed Personal Commitment Form, and the outcome of one's personal prayer life.

## **General Information**

## **Institutional Objectives**

**New Beginnings Bible School** is a ministry training center that exists to provide for our students a Biblically based and theologically sound preparation to equip the same in becoming Spirit-empowered Christians and transformational leaders in their local church and beyond.

## **School Objectives**

To fulfill the stated Mission Statement, New Beginnings Bible School is committed to:

- 1. Imparting to our students a recognition of the authority of the Scriptures and providing them with a solid knowledge of the Bible and its principles
- 2. Assist our students in developing a Biblical and balanced Christ-centered theology.
- Increase the student's awareness and appreciation for a Spirit-filled Christ-centered community of Believers
- Equip our students with the basic skills for evangelism and ministry
- 5. Provide instruction, nurture, and personal enrichment leading to the student's personal development
- 6. Increase our student's Biblical knowledge with a goal of cultivating a lifestyle that is centered on the Scriptures
- 7. Prepare our students for servant leadership in their local church, their local community, and beyond
- 8. Help cultivate within our students a thirst for the "things of God" and the Spirit-driven discernment that accompanies Biblical knowledge and Biblical truth. NBBS operates in a competent and effective manner so as to maintain a recognized standing of good stewardship of all God-given resources with which we have been entrusted

#### **School Outcomes**

In agreement with our Mission Statement and our School Objectives, New Beginnings Bible School expects certain **Outcomes** to be demonstrated by our students and ultimately by our graduates. These Outcomes are built on specific measurable objectives. These provide a basis for assessing a student's progress and the school's effectiveness in fulfilling our mission commitments.

- 1. Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- 2. Demonstrate an ongoing life that reflects the fruit of the Spirit
- 3. Demonstrate the authority of the Scriptures as written in their lifestyle
- 4. Demonstrate strong knowledge of the Scriptures and an increasing capacity to apply its principles to their lives
- 5. Demonstrate a commitment to the Biblical mandate to "go and make disciples" and an ability to share their faith
- 6. Demonstrate a commitment to their local church and to serve there
- 7. Demonstrate an ever-increasing ability to effectively communicate the above in both oral and written arenas
- 8. Demonstrate an ability to interpret and integrate Biblical knowledge
- 9. Demonstrate a commitment to learning and Spirit led growth

# New Beginnings Bible School Classes, Coursework, and Materials

At NBBS all academic classes are comprehensive, and the teachers may assign a full week's worth of work during any given week. If you enroll in a class at the NBBS, it is recommended that you do not attempt an additional program at home or at another Bible school.

NBBS Instructors will assign homework and this will be part of what makes up your final grade for that class.

Writing will be an important part of NBBS courses. All papers will not only be graded on content but on presentation. It is strongly recommended that all papers follow a specific acceptable academic format. The format that NBBS recommends can be found in: "A Manual for Writers' ' by Kate L. Turabian and in the section "Writing Guide" contained in this Handbook.

New Beginnings Bible School can only benefit those who attend their classes, do the work required and submit the work to their instructors. If there is a consistent problem with a student being absent or unprepared without a valid reason, the Instructor will inform the Dean who will then take appropriate action as stated here in.

#### NBBS Instructors will:

- o Choose the texts where applicable
- o Direct the group and coursework
- o Assign homework
- o Assign grades or a proficiency rating

#### Students should:

- o Purchase the necessary books and supplies listed in course descriptions or as instructed. It is suggested that you wait to purchase your books until instructed to do so.
- o Schedule NBBS work regularly as part of your day.
- o Diligently apply yourself to all work assigned.
- o Make sure you complete and comprehend all written and reading assignments.
- o See that the work is completed to the BEST of your ability.

### Students should

- o Be familiar with the "Student Handbook".
- o Do their work neatly, completely, and in the manner prescribed by their instructor.
- o Come prepared with all books, supplies, and homework. Turn homework in on time.
- o Retrieve work from the instructor if a class has been missed.

## **Tenants of Faith**

(If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact NBC Executive Pastor, Joe Cappabianca.)

### **Our Standard - The Scriptures**

We believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God and the product of God-appointed men who spoke and wrote as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant, as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct. (2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:21)

#### God - The Godhead

We believe our God is One but manifested in three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - being co-equal. God the Father is greater than all. The Son, Jesus, is the Word made flesh, the only begotten son of the Father and He has existed with the Father from eternity. The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is our Helper, Comforter, Strengthener, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, and Standby. (*Philippians 2:6, John 14:28, John 1:14, John 1:11, John 1:18, John 15:26*)

#### Our Need - Man's Fall and Redemption

We believe man is a created being; made in the likeness and image of God. Through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world, and death was the result. Therefore, man is spiritually dead and separated from God. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sent to give His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God by providing us with salvation. Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the law, and it is by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, that we are saved. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father but by Him. (Romans 5:14, Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, 1 John 3:8, Ephesians 2:8, John 14:6)

## **Eternal Life - Being Born of the Spirit**

We believe in order to be saved and receive eternal life; Jesus said every person must be born again. The New Birth is necessary to all men, and when experienced, produces eternal life. For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life. (2 Corinthians 7:10, 1 John 5:12, John 3:3-5, John 3:16)

#### **Divine Power - Being Filled with the Spirit**

We believe every believer should be "born of" the Spirit and subsequently "filled with" the Holy Spirit. This is also known as The Baptism in the Holy Spirit, receiving the Spirit or being filled with the Spirit. This is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers and is received by faith, subsequent to the New Birth. Being filled with the Spirit gives a believer power to be a witness for Christ, and is the entry point for the supernatural, victorious life. The Bible teaches that this experience is received by faith and is often evidenced by the accompanying supernatural gifts of the Spirit, including speaking in tongues. (Matt. 3:11, John 14:16,17, Acts 1:8, 2:4,38, 19:1-7, Eph 5:18)

### Going Public - Water Baptism

We believe Jesus commanded all believers to go public with their faith through water baptism, by immersion. Water baptism is a public declaration of the internal work of God in the heart and life of a believer. This is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. (Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12, Acts 8:36-39)

#### **Real Growth - Sanctification**

We believe the true Christian life is evidenced by the godly fruit of the Spirit that is developed and produced in the life of a believer. This process of sanctification leads to a genuine, holy, Christ-like life and is a definite, yet progressive, work of grace. This process begins at the time of the new birth and continues throughout our Christian life. (Hebrews 12:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 2 Peter 3:18, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Philippians 3:12-14, 1 Corinthians 1:30)

## **Blessings - Divine Healing**

We believe that Jesus desires the abundant life for all believers who walk in the light of His Word. This includes many blessings- spirit, soul, and body. God promises to forgive all our sins and to heal all our diseases. Therefore, we believe that health and healing for the mental, emotional, and physical ills of the human mind and body are available by the power of God. (John 10:10, Psalm 103:3, Mark 16:18, James 5:14-25, 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 8:17, Isaiah 53:4-5)

### Things to Come - The Return Of Our Lord

We believe in the physical, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ. When He comes, the dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds (what we refer to as the Rapture), to meet the Lord in the air. After this rapture event, we believe the Tribulation, a period of 7 years, will take place on earth. Following the Tribulation, Jesus shall return to the Earth as King of kings, the Lord of lords. Believers will return with Him and will reign with Christ on earth for a thousand years during what is known as the Millennial Reign of Christ. (Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17, Revelation 20:6)

#### Final Destination - Hell and Eternal Retribution

We believe that a person who physically dies without accepting and confessing Jesus Christ as Lord is hopelessly and eternally lost. This person will spend eternity in hell and the Lake of Fire, and therefore, has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel and repenting. (Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 19:20)

### **Christian Marriage**

We believe that the Bible describes marriage as involving one man and one woman and has been instituted by God. We believe God intends sexual intimacy to occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. God loves every person, no matter what their sexual gender, views, experience or orientation may be. His desire is that every person on the planet comes into a personal relationship with him, continues to grow, and be conformed to his image. (Titus 1:6, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13) (Man and Woman as determined by God at birth at the chromosome level)

## **NBBS Sample Courses & Descriptions**

## The following is a sample list of courses.

## This list may be updated during the school year.

#### **Believer's Authority**

Through the Believer's Authority course the student will come to understand such topics as: what is authority, where did it come from, who has it, why does the Believer need authority, how to walk in authority, authority over what, fear doesn't support our authority, and much more.

#### **Biblical Worldview**

Biblical WorldView is a course that will assist the student in beginning to understand the world's perspective of the Bible specifically and Christians generally. The student will gain an understanding that the world does not understand Christ nor His followers because they see each through unrepentant and sin tainted eyes which is not condemnation but affirmation of the fact.

### **Ephesians**

The Ephesians course will, among other things, explore the six-fold role of the Christian Church. The student will come to understand that role depicted as a body, a temple, a mystery, a new man, a bride, and a soldier.

## **Evangelism**

The Evangelism course is designed to strengthen our intimacy with our Heavenly Father and to help us effectively share the Gospel with others in our present-day culture. Bringing the Gospel is not just for a select few "Pastors", but it is every Christian's responsibility to extend salvation to every person he or she encounters.

#### **Foundations of Faith**

The subject of Faith is one of the most important doctrines in the Bible since we receive our Salvation by Faith in the name of Jesus. Faith is that force that God has given to mankind by which mankind may overcome the adversities of living in a cursed world.

#### The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit course is an eight week in-depth study of the Third Person of the Triune GodHead. Some of the Topics we will cover are: Characteristics of the Holy Spirit, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, attributes of the Holy Spirit and much more.

#### How to Study the Bible

How to Study the Bible is a course that offers essential insights into the Bible. Through this class students will gain the knowledge to assist them in clarifying their doctrines and help them to better grasp the meaning of the Scriptures and their application.

#### Life Skills for Leaders

Many times, people of God are called to leadership only to have their ministry ship-wrecked due to their unknowingly moving into areas that they were never called to. This class will help the future leader prepare for their calling by helping them become aware of the "pit-falls."

#### **Foundations of Love**

In a world governed by a sociological view of love and it's being brought to bear with little or no fore-thought, Love 101 will help bring the student back to center. That center includes: a Biblical understanding of love, God's love for man, the love of Jesus and the spiritual implications

### **Foundations of Prayer**

As we move into ministry roles, it is our obligation for us to cultivate a dynamic prayer life. Prayer 101 will help lead the student in that direction through such topics as: Asking, Speaking, Seeking, Knocking, Binding, Thanking and much more.

## **Spiritual Growth**

The Spiritual Growth Class will help students see the need to build a Christ-like character. This is an important facet as the student moves into ministry so that others will see Christ and experience the goodness of the Lord through the outreach. Just as a good earthly father desires his children to grow and mature, the Father God desires His children to do likewise. For this to be done, the children are given responsibilities. It is our responsibility to purpose in our hearts to develop a Christ-like character that produces fruit that lasts.

#### The Blood Covenant

From the stories recorded for us of Adam and Eve, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the "New Covenant", Malcom Smith exposes the symbolism of the covenant as foundational to God's redemptive relationship with man. Through The Blood Covenant, the student will explore what relationship looks like through the lens of the covenant and experience a renewed appreciation for our Father's loving-kindness toward us.

#### The Book of Acts

Having recorded the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in the Gospel bearing his name, Luke now turns his attention to and relates for the student the works of the risen, ascended, and glorified Christ through his church. Acts shows the dramatic spread of Christianity from Jerusalem to Judea, to Samaria, to Rome, and "to the ends of the earth" through the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### The Name of Jesus

Around the time that Jesus was born the name "Jesus" or more accurately "Yeshua" was a common name. People being people and much like people of today certain names become more popular than others. What made Jesus' name different, of note or special than all the other "Yeshuas"? Through this course the student will come to understand the fullness associated with the name of "Jesus."

## The Twenty-First Century Christian - Eschatology

The Great Commission was recorded for us in Mark 16: 15-20. These are the signs also for the modern day Christian, who should be a lighthouse to others, walking in the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit, healing the sick, casting out demons, preaching salvation to the lost, and Jesus' revelation for today. Acts 28: 30-31 teaches us that there is no ending to that and it is still being written, will you be included?

#### This New Life

Our Christian life started as "little children" in the family of our heavenly Father. We soon begin to grow by feeding on the Word of God. We then move towards what the Bible calls "young men" (both sexes are implied). Finally God wants us to "soar" in the Spirit. I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Through this class the student will follow the development of the man and woman of God.



## SECOND YEAR Calendar 2025 Revised Sept. 3, 2024

## Student and Teacher Orientation Saturday January 18th, 2025

1st Quarter First Day of Class: Thursday, January 23

1st Quarter Ends: Thursday, March 13

1st Quarter Exams: Thursday, March 20

Skip Week: Thursday: March 27

2nd Quarter First Day of Class: Thursday, April 3

**Easter Recess: Thursday April 24th: No Classes** 

2nd Quarter Ends: Thursday, May 29

2nd Quarter Exams: Thursday, June 5

Skip Week: Thursday, June 12

3rd Quarter First Day of Class: Thursday, June 19

July 4th Independence Week: No Classes

3rd Quarter Ends: Thursday, August 14

Skip Week: Adventure Camp August 21

**3rd Quarter Exams:** Tuesday, August 28

4th Quarter First Day of Class: Thursday, Sept 4

4th Quarter Ends: Thursday, October 23

4th Quarter Exams: Thursday, October 30



## FIRST YEAR Calendar 2025 Revised Sept 3, 2024

## Student and Teacher Orientation Saturday January 18th, 2025

1st Quarter First Day of Class: Tuesday, January 21

1st Quarter Ends: Tuesday, March 08

1st Quarter Exams: Tuesday, March 18

Skip Week: Tuesday, March 25

2nd Quarter First Day of Class: Tuesday, April 1

Easter Recess: Tuesday, April 22: No Classes

2nd Quarter Ends: Tuesday, May 27

2nd Quarter Exams: Tuesday, June 3

Skip Week: Tuesday, June 10

**3rd Quarter First Day of Class:** Tuesday, June 17

July 1st Independence Holiday: No Classes

3rd Quarter Ends: Tuesday, August 8

**Skip Week: Adventure Camp August 19th** 

3rd Quarter Exams: Tuesday, August 26

Skip Week: Tuesday, August 20

4th Quarter First Day of Class: Tuesday, September 2

4th Quarter Ends: Tuesday, October 21

4th Quarter Exams: Tuesday, October 28

## Withdrawal Schedule 2025

1st Quarter First Day of Class: Week of January 21

Last Day for Automatic Withdraw: Friday February 7

Last Day to Withdraw WI or WF: Friday February 21

1st Quarter Ends: Week of March 17

1st Quarter Exams: Week of March 28

2nd Quarter First Day of Class: Week of April 1

Last Day for Automatic Withdraw: Friday, April 15

Last Day to Withdraw WI or WF: Friday, April 22

2nd Quarter Ends: Week of May 27

2nd Quarter Exams: Week of Tuesday, May 28

3rd Quarter First Day of Class: Week of June 11

Last Day for Automatic Withdraw: Friday, June 28

Last Day to Withdraw WI or WF: Friday, July 12

3rd Quarter Ends: Week of Aug 6

3rd Quarter Exams: Week of August 13

4th Quarter First Day of Class: Week of August 29

Last Day for Automatic Withdraw: Friday, September 13

Last Day to Withdraw WI or WF: Friday, September 20

4th Quarter Ends: Week of October 15

4th Quarter Exams: Week of October 22

WI = Withdrawal Incomplete

WF = Withdrawal Failure

# **Tuition Refund Schedule 2025**

Winter '25	Spring '25	Summer '25	Fall '25
Jan.23 – Feb. 2 100 % Refund	Feb 25 - March 1 50% Refund		
Feb 3 - 10 100% Refund	March 2 forward - no Refund		
Feb. 11 - 17 75 % Refund			
Feb 18 - 24 75%			

Percentages are of <u>Total PAID</u> not % of total Tuition.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

## Please read carefully and follow all directions.

## **Step 1:** Print the NBBS application.

Please write legibly. DO NOT submit your application without including <u>all</u> of the listed application requirements. (See Application Requirements contained herein) Any Incomplete Application will not be processed.

Once completed, place your application in a large manila envelope. Write your full name and 'NBBS Application' on the outside of the envelope.

Option 1: Hand Carry - You can bring the envelope to our Info Desk at any of our campuses during services and give it to one of our Info Desk Volunteers.

Or you can bring it to our Main Campus Church Offices between 9am and 5pm Tuesday through Friday. Our church office is located at our Brick Campus at 236 Brick Blvd.

Option 2: USPS - You can mail your documents to New Beginnings Bible School, 236 Brick Blvd., Brick, NJ 08723

## No Applications will be accepted via email.

2.) **Step 2:** Print the Pastoral Recommendation Form and give it to your Pastor to complete and for that Pastor to submit to NBBS. Instructions are included on that form that must be followed exactly.

If you have any questions about NBBS or the application process, please email Dr Gerry Ball, Dean at **gerry@newbeginningsnj.org** or call **732-451-0777 Ext: 119** 

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Pastoral Recommendation	·				



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Today's Date is:\_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Requirements**

- 1. Attach a CURRENT 2" x 2" photo. Head and shoulders only.
  - 2. Enclose the \$35.00 nonrefundable Application Fee.

\*\*<u>Do not submit application without PHOTO</u>

\*\*A passport picture is recommended

\*\*All of the following must be completed before your application is

processed.

3. Answer ALL questions. If a question does not apply, write "DNA"

\*\*Your application may be returned if any area is left blank.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AS AN ORIGINAL.- PHOTOSTATIC, FACSIMILES OR EMAIL COPIES WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

**Personal Info** PLEASE PRINT YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME. This is how your name will appear on your student ID and all correspondence.

Name (first)		(middle)			
(last)		-			
Present Address					
City	State	ZIP			
Home Phone	Cell Phone				
E-Mail					
Sex (circle one) Male Female	Date of Birth		Age		

## **Family Info**

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Will your s	pouse or fiancé(	e) be attending NBBS? (	Y)/(N)	
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their positi	on of leadership	in the church.)		
Name of C	hurch			
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State	ZIP	Phone	Email	
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Are you a i	member? Yes/No	Do you attend regul	arly? Yes/No	
If you have	e attended your	present church less than	one year, state the reason and include the name of your fo	rmer
church, pas	stor, and dates of	f attendance		

In what church activities are you currently involved? In what church activities were you formerly involved? How
long? From/To
If you are <u>not</u> currently involved in your local church, please BRIEFLY explain why not
Enrollment Information
How did you hear about NBBS (please check all the apply)
Church Announcement; website; radio; postcard; email;
friend/family; social media; one on one encouragement
Why do you want to attend NBBS? (State briefly. If you need more space, please use the back of this page
Date you were saved: Month Day Year Were you raised in a Christian home? (Y) (N Briefly state how you know you are save

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## **Personal History**

Attention: If you have completed NBC Next Move 1.0 and 2.0, currently serve on a Volunteer Team, and are a member in good standing here at New Beginnings Church – Please disregard this Personal History Section. For all others: Please answer the Personal History Section honestly and accurately. Your acceptance to NBBS does not depend on this information. It merely will serve the purpose of assisting us in determining how we may minister to you. Have you ever used any form of tobacco products? If so, when did you last use them? Have you ever used alcohol? If so, when did you last use it? Have you ever used illegal or recreational drugs? If "yes" How long did you use them? When did you last use them? If you answered yes to any of the above questions and use has occurred within the past year, please give an explanation including dates and details on the back of this page. Have you ever been arrested? Yes / No When \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_ Why\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been convicted for a criminal charge? Yes / No When Where Why Have you ever been incarcerated? Yes / No When \_\_\_\_\_ Why\_\_\_\_\_ Date Released Have you ever been placed on probation? Yes / No When \_\_\_\_\_ Why\_\_\_\_\_ Date Released Have you ever been accused or investigated for child abuse, child neglect, or child molestation? Yes / No Have you ever been accused or investigated for spousal abuse? Yes / No

If yes to any of the above, please give the details on the back of this page.

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## **Statement of Truth and Hold Harmless**

I understand that all items submitted to New Begi	nnings Bible School as part of the application process become the
private internal property of New Beginnings Bib	le School and cannot be returned or copied. I also understand that
all information contained herein will be held in th	e strictest confidence by New Beginnings Bible School.
(Signature)	Date
I hereby state that all the information contained in	this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.
If New Beginnings Bible School is notified or ma	de aware that any of the information contained herein is false, it
will be grounds for immediate dismissal as determ	nined by New Beginnings Bible School with no refund or
recourse on my part or on my behalf. By signing b	pelow, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless New
Beginnings Bible School, its directors, Pastors, an	d all those associated with New Beginnings Bible School or New
Beginnings Church for any damages whether real	or perceived due to any statements contained herein that may
later prove to be false statements and thus lead to	my dismissal.
(Signature)	Date

**END OF NEW BEGINNINGS BIBLE SCHOOL APPLICATION** 



## PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

FOR THE APPLICANT: PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM AND PROVIDE IT TO YOUR PASTOR WITH A STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE to NBBS 236 Brick Blvd, Brick, NJ 08723.

#### THIS FORM CANNOT BE SUBMITTED DIGITALLY.

DEAR PASTOR: DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE APPLICANT

**ONCE COMPLETED, PLEASE MAIL TO:** 

NBBS 236 Brick Blvd, Brick, NJ 08723 ATT: NBBS Application Dept.

This is the end of Section "A"

Applicant: Please fill Section "A" only
Section "A": Applicant's Full Name:
For admission for the school year of
APPLICANT: PLEASE <u>READ</u> AND <u>SIGN</u> BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM.
I understand that this confidential statement/form will be submitted to New Beginnings Bible School. I also understand that its contents will not be shared with me under any circumstances. I hereby waive my right to see this form and the confidential statements contained herein.  Applicant's Signature.
Name of EVALUATOR:

**Section "B":** Dear Evaluator: Each applicant to New Beginnings Bible School must submit a personal Recommendation Form. Serious consideration will be given to your comments. Please complete this form carefully and in private. Since we request a candid evaluation, we will hold your comments in the strictest confidence. We ask that this completed and signed form be mailed directly to NBBS at the address above <u>and not returned to the Applicant</u>.

- 1. How long have you known the applicant? Year(s) month(s)
- 2. **Has your relationship been**: Intense Very Close Close Casual Distant?
- 3. Please evaluate his/her personal character. (Please circle)

Excellent Good Fair Poor Unknown

4. How industrious is he/she as a student, worker, or volunteer (Please circle)?

Usually conscientious, Hard worker, Works harder than most students/workers,

Does about as much work as most others, Works less than most others,

Inconsistent work habits, Have no basis for judgment

- 5. From your personal knowledge of the individual, would you (please circle) ...
  - Highly recommend him/her as a qualified candidate for ministerial/leadership training
     Recommend him/her as a qualified candidate for ministerial/leadership training.
  - Recommend him/her with slight reservations as a candidate for ministerial/leadership training. Hesitate in recommending him/her for ministerial/leadership training.
  - Be unable to honestly recommend him/her as a qualified candidate for ministerial/leadership training.

(If you checked any of the last three in #5, please explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.)

- 6. Emotional Evaluation: (Please circle) Very Stable Stable Unstable Very Unstable
- 7. Does the applicant respond well to authority? (Yes) (No)

8. Have you ever known the applicant to engage in questionable moral conduct?							
(Yes) (No) (If you circled (Yes) please explain on a separate sheet of paper and							
attach to this form.)							
9. In a few words, how would you describe	the applicant's home life and/or marriage.						
Pastor's Signature:	Date:						
Please Print Your Name:							
Your Church or Institution:							
Your Phone Number							
Your Address							

PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM AND PROVIDE IT TO YOUR PASTOR. THIS FORM CANNOT BE COMPLETED DIGITALLY. THANK YOU! ~NBBS (End of Form)

#### **NBBS Dress Code**

At New Beginnings Bible School, we are training for servant-leadership roles in the local church and it is the wish of the School Administration that while attending class certain guidelines of dress are to be adhered to. The following are the NBBS Guidelines.

**HATS:** No caps or hats may be worn in class. Hooded sweatshirts as an outer jacket must be worn with the hood down while attending class.

**MEN: SHIRTS:** Shirts must be opaque with modest necklines. Dress styled sweatshirts or "Polo" style shirts are acceptable. No underclothing may be displayed. Sleeveless t-shirts and tank type shirts are not acceptable as these are considered under shirts. Shirts with buttons must be buttoned appropriately. Shirts must reach below the waistline, no bare stomachs. **PANTS:** Dress pants (Lees, Dockers, etc.), casual sweat or wind pants, and jeans are acceptable. Pants must be of full length and moderate cut. Pants must be worn with the waist above the hips. Ripped or tattered jeans or pants are unacceptable. SHORTS: Shorts are not permitted. Gym Clothes are for the Gym, Sports Uniforms are for the particular sport.

**WOMEN: SHIRTS AND BLOUSES:** Shirts and blouses must be opaque with modest necklines. A modest neckline is defined as when the hand (fingers together, as for the Pledge of Allegiance) is laid on the collarbone below the chin, the cloth is touched by the lowest finger. Dress sweatshirts or "Polo" style shirts are acceptable. Sleeveless blouses and t-shirts are acceptable but the shoulder must be at least three fingers wide. Shirts with buttons must be buttoned appropriately. Shirts must reach below the waistline, no bare stomachs.

DRESSES, SHIRTS, AND SLACKS: Dresses, skirts, and skorts are acceptable with an appropriate hemline. Hemlines must be below the fingertips (arms straight down at side) length or longer even if leggings or tights are worn underneath. Dresses must have modest necklines (see above definition). Tank style dresses and jumpers are unacceptable unless worn with a blouse or shirt. Dress slacks, casual sweatpants, wind pants, and jeans are acceptable. Ripped or tattered clothing is unacceptable. Leggings may be worn but only with a skirt or a top at least fingertip length that covers. SHORTS: Shorts are not acceptable. Gym Clothes are for the Gym, Sports Uniforms are for the particular sport. Midriffs must be covered at all times. When a student's arms are raised, no midriff skin should show. A tank top or a camisole may be worn underneath a shirt if the shirt is too short.

Non-compliance with the Dress Code will result in the student having to receive no credit for each day of non-compliance. The student will have to meet with the instructor and be able to demonstrate a willingness to wear appropriate clothing before being allowed to return to the classroom.

## **New Beginnings Bible School - Communication**

One of the most important aspects of a well-functioning school is excellent communication. That can only be achieved through the efforts of the NBBS in developing an excellent communication platform.

New Beginnings Bible School can be found on the NBC website and on the NBBS Student Portal. The NBBS Student Portal is the primary avenue to communicate with students. General Email is the secondary way NBBS communicates with students. Please make sure you have supplied the school with a valid email address and then check your emails at least once a day. If our leadership or instructors have made an effort to contact members via email, it is the student's responsibility to gain access to that information and to stay informed. (Initially, some email programs will identify NBBS mass emails as "spam" and route them to your spam folder. By clicking on the email and "dragging" it to your "primary" folder you will "teach" your email program to not send your email to your "spam" folder.)

NBBS posts messages on the NBBS Student Portal. This is where Bible School class instructors post instructions, assignments, grades and other important information.

The word processing program used for all New School Communications is Microsoft Word or Plain Text. All written files sent and posted are in Microsoft Word format (except those files which by nature need to be secured in which case they will be in Adobe PDF.) Students must submit all hard copy or digital documents in Microsoft Word format only. This is a .doc file format. No other word processing format will be accepted.

The New Beginnings Bible School Handbook: Each student is strongly urged to print a copy of this Handbook so that they can read it, refer to it, and be familiar with everything in it. The NBBS Handbook is on the NBBS website. This Handbook will address and answer most if not all of your issues and/or questions. Please refer to this Handbook as your primary resource for all questions regarding NBBS.

Snow/Adverse Weather Days: Whether NBBS will meet or not during snow or adverse weather conditions will rely strictly as to whether New Beginnings Church is open or delayed. Please check the website and/or listen to a local radio station for information. In the event of a snow day cancellation, the Dean will decide whether to continue to follow the schedule as published on the syllabus or move the class timetable up one week.

## **Grading and Attendance Policy**

## **Conventional Class Grading**

Your final grade will be determined based on:

A Final Exam

Your homework

Class participation

Test scores

Required reading

**Term Papers** 

Internship Reports

## Extra Credit

Extra credit will be available for some classes and at the discretion of the class instructor. It will be used to provide an opportunity to make up for the loss of points due to Final Exam results. The instructor's decisions regarding Extra Credit are final.

## **Grading**

Course final grades will be based on class participation, ministry journals, group discussions, test grades, term papers and practical ministry experience opportunities as reported via the Internship Reports.

#### **Attendance**

Due to the amount of information covered in each week's classes, attendance is a major part of an NBBS student's learning experience. Each <u>unexcused</u> absence within a given semester will cause a loss of 10% to the student's final grade.

An Excused Absence Form is available and can be submitted for approval. The Excused Absence Form can be downloaded from NBBS's website forms. The form must be completed, submitted within the same semester as the absence, and approved by the Dean for absences not to affect the student's final grade.

The Excused Absence Form states in part that an "Excused Absence" is defined as:

- 1. A death in the Family and/or the funeral arrangements
- 2. A Medical Emergency in the Immediate Family. (NBBS has extended this second definition to include a student or someone in the student's household being diagnosed with Covid.)

In all cases, all missing work must be submitted.

- One Absence deduct 10%
- Two Absences deduct 20%
- Three Absences deduct 30% recommended withdrawal
- Four Absences Withdrawal with failure

No Student will be considered for Graduation and Diploma unless he or she has a passing grade in all 16 classes. Students who do not have a passing grade in a particular course may take the course again at their own expense. The current fee for a course retake is \$50.

#### **TUITION**

## **Active Members\* of New Beginnings Church**

All Classes and Workbooks\*\* - \$800\*\*

\*New Beginnings defines an "Active Member" as someone who supports NBC as their home church through their attendance, volunteering, tithes and offerings, and have done so for the previous six months.

\*\*This includes Course Workbooks only. It does not include all books needed for a specific course

\*\*\*All costs listed are per school year (not per quarter)

## Payment plan:

First Payment - \$200.00 on or before January 25, 2025

Monthly payment - \$100.00 on or before February 25, 2025

Monthly payment - \$100.00 on or before March 25, 2025

Monthly payment - \$100.00 on or before April 25, 2025

Monthly payment - \$100.00 on or before May 25, 20225

Monthly Payment - \$100.00 on or before June 18, 2025

Final Payment - \$100.00 on or before July 25, 2025

Attention: Receive 10% discount for full tuition payment on or before February 25, 2025 Regular Price: \$800 with 10% discount \$720.00

First Payment January 25, 2024, \$200.00 Second and Final Payment February 25, 2025, \$520.00

## Non - Active Members\* of New Beginnings Church

All Classes and Workbooks\*\* - \$1200\*\*

\*New Beginnings defines an "Active Member" as someone who supports NBC as their home church through their attendance, volunteering, tithes and offerings and have done so for the previous six months. A "Non-Active Member" would be someone who does not meet this criteria.

\*\*This includes Course Workbooks only. It does not include all books needed for a specific course

\*\*\*All costs listed are per school year (not per quarter)

### Payment plan:

First Payment - \$300.00 on or before January 25, 2025

Monthly payment - \$200.00 on or before February 25, 2025

Monthly payment - \$200.00 on or before March 25, 2025

Monthly payment - \$200.00 on or before April 25, 2025

Monthly payment - \$100.00 on or before May 25, 2025

Monthly Payment - \$100.00 on or before June 25, 2025

Final Payment - \$100.00 on or before July 25, 2025

Attention: Receive 10% discount for full tuition payment on or before February 25, 2024 Regular Price: \$1200 with 10% discount \$1080.00

First Payment January 25, 2025, \$300.00 Second and Final Payment February 25, 2025, \$780.00

## **Writing Guide**

All papers, term and otherwise are to be submitted with a cover page, typed, double spaced, 12 point print and formatted.

All writing assignments are to be authored by the student whose name appears on the cover page. Papers authored by a "ghost writer" or an Al app will be considered cheating and will be dealt with appropriately.

Taken from "Center for Online Education" College Writing Guide

The writing required in your courses may be different than anything you've encountered before. English classes are taken in middle school, and sometimes in the early years of high school, provide the basics, but many students lose these skills before they begin classes later in life. In addition, for nontraditional students who haven't studied English in a while, making the transition to this style of writing can be difficult.

Our Instructors expect students to enter their courses with a certain level of writing skills. This Guide has been furnished to assist in refreshing your knowledge of basic grammar rules, and to understand what you need to know and apply in your classes when turning in writing assignments. This resource can also serve as a reference as you complete your first written assignments.

#### Types of Academic Writing

There are different writing styles, each with a different purpose or audience. There are situations in which one style will be more appropriate than another, and there is a variety of strategies you can use to approach the work. This section of our guide provides an overview of the writing types you will likely encounter as a student.

#### **ARGUMENT PAPERS**

Assignments that require you to support a position, claim or opinion involve a persuasive writing approach are "Argument Papers." These papers are framed with a thesis statement, which introduces a focused assertion. Examples include: "Fast food consumption is linked to heart disease in low-income communities," and "The chemicals used in pesticides pose the most significant threat to our health in the 21st century." The remainder of the paper provides a logical argument and relevant evidence that supports the claim presented in the thesis and as stated in the opening statement. Tips for writing argument papers include:

- Clearly describe the central issue, position, or premise.
- Provide evidence that supports the position presented in your thesis statement. Develop a conclusion based on the evidence you provided.

#### RESEARCH PAPERS

Research papers can take multiple forms, depending on the <u>purpose</u> and specific requirements of your class assignment. This format can be used to describe the methods used in your own research, present the results of a research project, and describe the research that has already been completed in an area of interest. Some assignments require a combination of these approaches. These papers typically include formal sections, such as an introduction, review of existing research literature, analysis, discussion of results, and conclusion. Tips for <u>writing research papers include</u>:

- Develop a clear and focused research question, hypothesis, thesis, or topic. Identify relevant sources, including previous research reports.
- Analyze the results found in your sources.
- Describe how results answer your research question, prove or disprove your hypothesis, support your thesis or expand knowledge of your topic.



## **EXPOSITORY PAPERS**

The majority of the papers that you will be asked to submit here at New Beginnings Bible School will be of the style of "Expository Papers." Similar to argument and persuasive essays, expository papers require you to research an idea, concept, or in most cases a Biblical passage or topic and provide supporting evidence. This type of writing includes a thesis statement, as well as the logical presentation of sources that address the idea you are exploring in your paper. A five-paragraph format is typical for expository essays: (1) introduction paragraph, (2-4) three body paragraphs, (5) conclusion paragraph. This form of writing is often used to evaluate your knowledge and can be included in exams. Tips for writing expository papers include:

- <u>Determine the approach required for the assignment: compare and contrast,</u> cause and effect, procedure or process.
- Write a concise thesis statement that presents your topic, but does not include opinion. Research existing information about your topic.
- Provide objective evidence and relevant information found in your research.
- <u>Provide a conclusion that connects supporting information with the thesis statement.</u>

#### **EXAM ESSAYS**

Instructors often use <u>written exams</u> to measure your knowledge of a specific topic, understanding of a complex concept or comprehension of course reading and resources. These essays can include components of argument and persuasion, research and exposition, as directed by your instructor. The first step in preparation for essay exams is to complete all of your course reading assignments, participate in discussions and organize your notes and study time. This should take place throughout the course, not just in time for the exam date. Tips for <u>exam essay writing</u> include:

- Read the exam question carefully; look for keywords such as "compare" and "criticize" to direct your approach.
- Create a rough outline that sets up the scope and sequence of your essay, as well as critical concepts and sources you should include.
- Develop a response that presents a clear main point or argument and organized supporting points.
- Monitor your progress if the written exam is timed.

## **Common Writing Pitfalls**

The proper use of grammar increases the clarity of your writing and creates an easy flow of words and ideas for the reader to follow. Common problems occur when using the passive voice, incorrect punctuation and confusing word options. The examples in this section provide easy-to-remember tips to avoid these errors in your own writing.

#### ACTIVE VS. PASSIVE VOICE

Active voice is generally preferred in most forms of writing. It places emphasis on the subject of a sentence and the action taking place. Active voice usually requires fewer words than passive voice and communicates action more clearly to the reader.

- Passive: It was decided by the administration that new databases must be added to the library.
- Active: The administration decided that the library must add new databases.

#### **PUNCTUATION**

Some of the most common forms of punctuation are listed below, along with tips for putting them to use.

#### Comma

Commas divide sentences into separate components, which improves readability, creates a pause, and connects thoughts. They may be used with conjunctions (e.g., and, but, for, so), to separate items in a series, or to emphasize a phrase or clause.

#### Examples:

- Most students enjoyed the guest speaker, but faculty members said the presentation was inappropriate.
- Before classes begin, you must complete the orientation tutorial, order your textbooks, post an introduction and read the syllabus.
- Dr. Williams, who won last year's teaching award, offers that course in the spring semester every year.

#### Colon

A colon is primarily used to introduce something in a sentence, but it can also draw attention to a list, example, quotation, noun, or phrase.

#### Examples:

- The course syllabus includes assignment instructions, due dates, instructor contact information, and grading policies.
- The library was as expected: quiet and full of resources.
- The provost set the policy in her statement: "Academic integrity is expected in all courses, and plagiarism cases will be reported to my office immediately."

#### Semicolon

Semicolons separate items in a list when one or more of the items includes a comma. They are also used to join two sentences or independent clauses.

#### Examples:

- The professor said there was a lack of reading comprehension; attention to detail and creative, thoughtful responses.
- She enrolled in classes today; too many require expensive textbooks.

#### Hyphen

Hyphen guidelines are not as strict as those for other types of punctuation. Primary use includes connecting two words to create a compound adjective when they come before a noun in a sentence. They are also used with some prefixes.

#### Examples:

• As a well-known expert in ancient history, Dr. Williams has the best-attended classes in the department.

• Student protests on college campuses increased in the mid-1970s.

#### <u>Apostrophe</u>

Apostrophes and the letter  s' are used to indicate possessive nouns. This is different than creating a plural noun with only the  s.'

#### Examples:

- The professor's textbooks are now available at the bookstore.
- Each student has an online appointment with the library's reference expert.

#### Period

Periods are used to end sentences and in some abbreviations. Check your style guide (e.g., APA, MLA) for more specific instructions on abbreviations, since the rules vary.

#### Examples:

- A complete thought can be expressed in a single sentence.
- She was going to interview with Consolidated Cogs, Inc., however, they did not offer the benefits, etc. she needed.

#### WORDS TO WATCH

Many students struggle with some of the most common punctuation and grammar mistakes. Review the words listed below, along with tips for proper usage.

#### They're, their, there

These words all sound the same but have different meanings. *They're* is the contraction of *they* and *are*; *their* is possessive (as in, it belongs to them) and *there* is a location (as in, here or there).

#### Examples:

- They're going to be glad they discussed the project with a reference librarian. Their project earned an A!
- I'll meet you at the library but won't park there.

#### Two, too, to

These words all sound the same, but have different meanings. *Two* is a number (as in, one, two, three). *Too* is used to say "also" or as an alternative to "very." *To* is a preposition (which often indicated movement) or as part of an infinitive (e.g., to write).

#### Examples:

• I just ordered two more textbooks.

- She needs textbooks, too. They are getting too expensive!
- I will go to the bookstore to buy my textbooks.

#### Its, it's

Its is a possessive pronoun. It's is the contraction of it and is. If you get confused in your writing, try replacing the word you want with "his" or "her." If you can do this, use its (without an apostrophe).

#### Examples:

- The library kept its doors closed during the holidays.
- It's time to go home for the holidays!

#### Weather, whether

*Weather* is a reference to the atmosphere and conditions like rain and snow. *Whether* introduces alternatives and is similar to the word "if."

#### Examples:

- The weather forecast calls for rain; bring your umbrella!
- She's deciding whether she should take that class in the spring or summer

#### A lot

The use of *alot* is usually considered an error. Use *a lot* (two separate words) to indicate a large number or many.

#### Example:

• The new library database includes a lot of new journals.

#### **GRAMMAR RESOURCES**

For additional assistance with grammar and punctuation, try the following writing tools and resources:

- Grammarly
- Hemingway App
- University of Chicago Writing Program
- Ginger Grammar Checker
- Pasadena City College Grammar Handouts

#### **Citations**

Citations provide a way for you to give attribution to the authors that inform your writing and help you avoid plagiarism. Citations should give credit to those whose ideas or concepts you include in your work, direct quotations, and paraphrasing. Style guides provide a structured way to format citations so that they are consistent and verifiable. There are many style guides to choose from, but the three presented in this section of our guide are widely used by colleges and universities. Check with your instructors to make sure you are using the preferred style guide in your classes.



<u>The Chicago Manual of Style</u> is published by the University of Chicago and is currently in its 16th edition. It is often required for students in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. This guide is one of the most comprehensive writing manuals, providing detailed formatting instructions for a wide variety of writing situations. See the examples below:

#### Book

King, Stephen. 2015. The Bazaar of Bad Dreams. New York: Scribner.

Journal

Allen, Darryl E., and Jo Lacy Idlebird. 2014. "Depreciation's Effect on Capital Budgeting Metrics Needs More Educator Focus." *American Journal of Business Research* 7: 45-51. Accessed November 24, 2015.

https://www.questia.com/read/1P3-3725860091/depreciation-s-effect-on-capital-budgeting-metrics.

#### Video

Saint Mary's University, Twickenham. "Research Methods for Educational Enquiry: Methodological Approaches for Small-scale Research." *YouTube* video, 1:06:12. July 5, 2012. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXljnAgijS0.

#### Website

History.com. 2009. "French Revolution." Accessed November 24, 2015. http://www.history.com/topics/ french-revolution.

#### In-text citation

(Author, year of publication, page number)

Students have difficulty computing capital recovery of investments (Allen and Idlebird 2014).

According to Allen and Idlebird (2014), "the format of the statement of cash flows did not affect students' accuracy" (45).

"The format of the statement of cash flows did not affect students' accuracy" (Allen and Idlebird 2014, 45).

#### Notes and bibliography

Chicago style includes two primary options for citing referenced works:

- author-date format (presented in the examples above)
- the notes and bibliography format (illustrated below)

Check with your instructor to see which Chicago approach is appropriate for your class assignments.

Notes are often abbreviated versions of the citations provided in a bibliography. Note the formatting differences in the following examples:

#### Note:

1. Stephen King, *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* (New York: Scribner, 2015), 100-101. 2. King, *Bazaar of Bad Dreams*, 100-101.

#### Bibliography:

King, Stephen. The Bazaar of Bad Dreams. New York: Scribner, 2015.