

## Houston Extension Site

### *Crossover Bible Fellowship Campus:*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. *What is an Extension Site?*

Extension sites allow Moody Bible Institute to extend its education to those who desire an in-classroom experience, but are not near a Moody campus, or desire a more flexible learning schedule.

Extension Sites allow students to access a Moody education at a location near them—students can work toward a certificate, associate or bachelor's degree.

### 2. *What are the Admissions requirements?*

- Students must apply for admission to Moody Bible Institute prior to enrolling in courses.
- Students also have the option to apply as a non-degree-seeking student. This allows them to complete up to 15 credit hours before they must apply to a degree program.
- Students who have not registered for a course in the past 18 months will need to re-apply to Moody Bible Institute.

### 3. *What are the benefits of an Extension Site?*

As with traditional education models, students typically relocate to a college or university and then relocate again after completing a degree. Beyond the obvious conveniences of not needing to relocate to find new housing, jobs, and community, in Biblical higher education this requires students to leave their local church and/or place of ministry during their education. Moody Extension Sites position students to continue serving and being shepherded in their local church as they pursue their degree, allowing them to apply their studies immediately into their local church and community contexts. It is our hope, that this also allows the church leadership over each student to be more intimately involved in the education, maturation, and leadership progression of the students. We strive to specifically structure Extension Sites to make room for this. We believe this strengthens both the individual student experience but also strengthens the local church.

The students attending Extension Sites are also typically living and serving together in the same city or region, even if not a part of the same local churches. This can be an excellent mode of building strong “kingdom relationships” and learning from other perspectives and strengths of those serving Christ in your region.

#### 4. How much do Extension Site courses cost?

You will be responsible for any and all tuition and fees associated with coursework. For most students, **Extension Sites costs less than the traditional Chicago, main campus B.A. program**. The overall cost of the program is less than the yearly cost for attending the main campus in Chicago which is approximately \$12,000 annually. Below is the breakdown of all costs:

Tuition:	\$300 per credit hour
Semester fees:	\$30 per semester
Books:	\$30-150 per course (This is not an official number- it can be higher or lower depending on the course and where students purchase books)

#### Example of full year of costs:

Tuition:	30 credits x \$300 per credit hour = \$9,000
Semester fees:	Fall + Spring = \$60
Books:	10 courses x (\$30- 150) = \$300-\$1,500 annually
Financial Aid:	\$0-\$5,730 toward tuition cost

To help with the costs of attending Moody, students are encouraged to apply for the Federal Pell Grant by going to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The Federal Pell grant does not require repayment, but could require completion of a process called verification, should your FAFSA be selected. For the 2014-2015 award year the Pell grant can range from \$0 - \$5,730 and is based on the Family's Expected Contribution (EFC) calculated from the information you enter on the FAFSA.

If you have served in the Armed Forces and have educational benefits available you may be eligible to use those benefits, refer to <http://www.moody.edu/distance-learning/veterans-benefits/> for more information. Another option to help with the cost of a Moody education is participating in Moody's payment plan, more information is available at <http://www.mycollegepaymentplan.com/moodydl>.

#### 5. What do Moody's courses look like for Extension Site students?

Extension Site students will take courses on their local Extension Site campus one day a week. Because Extension Sites are a part of Moody Distance Learning, students also have the benefit of our online portal. Classes will meet at the Extension Site, but courses will also all still be "hosted" online and structured after our online program, allowing you all the advantages and flexibility of online learning while not sacrificing the on-campus classroom experience with a professor. Some students may even wish to take some of their courses online for various reasons while primarily taking their classes through the Extension Site.

Both Moody's Extension Site and online courses are 8-weeks in length and are comprised of reading assignments, weekly discussions, and various tests and assignments such as papers. Students will take no more than 2-3 courses at one time. Many courses utilize audio and video to supplement student learning. Once registered you will access your courses via Blackboard (Bb), Moody's Learning Management System (LMS), at <http://blackboard.moody.edu>.

#### 6. What is a Mentor?

The mentoring aspect is a unique feature of Extension Sites. We require each student to find a mentor in your local church. The mentor is one who can walk alongside you as you pursue your degree, speak into your life, process with you, encourage you, challenge you, and even help you find ways to put what you are learning into action. A pastor or leader at your church is typically best suited for this role.

7. *Who will be teaching my classes?*

All courses are taught by Moody Bible Institute approved adjunct faculty. The professors will be local professors who we put through the same vetting process as our faculty here in Chicago. Your professors are experts in their respective fields, as well as having experience in various ministry settings.

8. *When do courses begin and how do I register?*

The semester will begin on August 19th. Students first need to apply by going to <http://www.moody.edu/distance-learning/apply-undergrad/>. Please also email us at [extensions@moody.edu](mailto:extensions@moody.edu) and let us know that you are a new student and which Extension Site you plan to take courses at. We will then notify you regularly or key details and dates that apply to your area.

9. *What courses will I take as part of Extension Sites?*

All courses taken in the Extension Site will fulfill requirements in the BS in Ministry Leadership which can be found here: <http://www.moody.edu/distance-learning/bs-ministry-leadership/>. The credit can also be transferred to other schools if you choose not to attend Moody at a later date. It is our desire to offer all the courses in the degree program on campus at each Extension Site, but this is contingent on filling the classes with students. While we do not anticipate this happening, if at any point we are no longer able to fill classes at the Extension Site, students will be able to complete any and all remaining courses online.

**This is the tentative schedule of courses for the first year:**

### **Learning the Scriptures**

<b>GSU 1107</b> Foundations of Learning	3
<b>GSU 1115</b> The Story and Structure of the Bible	3

### **Understanding Biblical and Modern Times**

<b>ED 3340</b> Marriage and Family Systems	3
<b>PS 4463</b> Cultural Dynamics of Congregational Ministry	3
<b>PS 4410</b> The Church and the Community	3

### **Managing the Ministry**

<b>PS 3382</b> The Care of the Ministry Leader's Soul	3
<b>PS 3310</b> The Church and Its Ministries	3
<b>PS 3342</b> Ministry Leadership and Staff Relationships	3

### **Communicating the Gospel**

<b>BI 2201</b> Interpreting Scripture	3
<b>BI 4406</b> Interpreting Romans for Teaching	3

10. *I have transfer credits from Advanced Placement, other colleges, or dual credit coursework. What should I do?*

If you have credits from courses that you feel may exempt you from any of the courses in the BS in Ministry Leadership, you should contact the Academic Records office at 312.329.2087 or [advising@moody.edu](mailto:advising@moody.edu) and request a preliminary transfer credit evaluation for BSML major.

11. *How much time should I expect to spend courses in a given week?*

This is an estimate and depends on the individual, but generally courses are designed to require 3-4 hours a week per credit hour. Each course should thus require 10-15 hours a week to complete over an 8 week timeframe.

12. *Where can I find information about books for courses?*

You will be taking Moody's "online" courses on campus. Therefore, to find required texts for your courses you need to look for the online courses textbooks which are listed at <http://www.moody.edu/books>. Please ensure that you order the correct edition of the text as the course syllabus is keyed to the version listed. We are currently updated our booklist with our updated curriculum. Therefore the booklist will not be updated until July 15. Please wait until this date to order books.

13. *Can I talk to someone about this?*

Yes. Please feel free to go ahead and call us if you'd like to speak with us immediately. If you are not yet an admitted student please contact us at [admissions@moody.edu](mailto:admissions@moody.edu) or call us at 1-800-588-8344. If you are already an admitted student, please contact us at [mdlc@moody.edu](mailto:mdlc@moody.edu) or call 1-800-758-6352.

14. *How do I sign up?*

First apply to Moody by going to <http://www.moody.edu/distance-learning/apply-undergrad/>. If you have issues or questions with the application, please contact us at the numbers above.

**TIMELINE OF KEY DATES:**

<p><b>Now →</b> <i>Apply to Moody</i></p>	<p><b>July 15 →</b> <i>Information and Orientation to Houston Extension Site at Crossover Bible Fellowship</i></p>	<p><b>Aug 1 →</b> <i>Be sure to order books and pay for class (Tuition due by start of class)</i></p>	<p><b>Aug 19</b> <i>Classes begin</i></p>
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