

DSLE 541 FOUNDATIONS OF BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY SPRING 2022

Southern Union

GENERAL CLASS INFORMATION

Class location: Southern Union Southern Union/OCFLFL Class time/day: 1/16 (6pm-9pm) 1/17-1/20 (8am-5:30pm)

Credits offered: 3

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT

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Class web **LearningHub**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the meaning of biblical Christianity and its relationship to faith and practice, giving special attention to spiritual growth through prayer, fasting, study of the Bible, journaling, stewardship, meditation, and personal retreats. The lectures form a paradigm of spiritual growth and maturity that would affect both the individual and the church. The course aims to develop a functional biblical definition of spiritual foundations fostering a greater desire for knowing and serving God.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Reading

- Bunyan, J. *El Progreso del Peregrino*. New Kensington: Whitaker House, PA 2013. (Clásico de la Literatura, siglo XVII. Lectura requerida)
- Dick, Dan R. & Miller, B. (2011). Equipped for Every Good Work, Building a Gifts-Based Church. Wipf & Stock Pub.
- Machado, A. (2017). Creados para Adorar. Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Recommended Reading

- Heath, Chip & Heath, Dan. *The Power of Moments. Why Certain Experiences Have Extraordinary Impact.* Simon & Schuster, 2017.
- McNeal, Reggie. (2000). A Work of Heart: Understanding How God Shapes Spiritual Leaders. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Cole, N. (1999). Cultivating a Life for God: Multiplying Disciples Through Life Transformation Groups. ChurchSmart/ CMA Resourses. (También en español en formato electrónico, 2012)
- Habermas, Ronald T. (2008). *Introduction to Chistian Educacation and Formation*. Zondervan: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

OUTCOMES

Program Outcomes

- 1. Upon completion of this course, students will understand the biblical foundations and practices of devotional theology.
- 2. Understand the psychological, and sociological foundations for growth in the Christian life.
- 3. Know the Seventh-day Adventist contributions to spiritual growth and spiritual disciplines in a more holistic approach.
- 4. Understand that the depth of their relationship with God will be expressed in their relationships with others.

Learning Outcomes for this Class

- 1. The student will be able to identify their present devotional needs—based on their temperament and interests, the nature of learning, and areas of their lives where growth is needed.
- 2. Skillfully practice basic Christian spiritual disciplines.
- 3. Participate effectively in spiritual retreats and small groups for spiritual growth

Student Learning Outcomes. The student should be able to:

Renew and commit to a personal devotional and spiritual life with Jesus, develop a consistent plan of growth through spiritual disciplines resulting in a deeper relationship with God.

TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Month	Day	Class Topic	Assignments Due Dates
		Syllabus review	Turn in required reading
		Course introduction	reports.
		• In search of real transformation. Is it	Mail one MSW document by
		possible to be different?	electronic file before 6 pm to
	16	 What spirituality is NOT 	allan.machado@floridaconfere
		 Ten truths about spiritual 	nce.com
		transformation	and post in the LearningHub
		• Jesus grew holistically (He. 5: 7-10)	an electronic MSW document.
		Paul spiritual journey	1
		General definition in relation to spiritual	Devotional
		growth topics.	Group discussion
		• Sin	
		• Repentance	
		• Confession	
		• Forgiveness	
		Worship and communion	
	17/18	Soteriology more as a relationship then V newledge.	
		than Knowledge	
		The difference between the biblical concept gracity versus ginesky.	
January		concept gnosis versus ginosko	
2022		Maturity versus perfectionism The influence of the Hely Spirit in	
		The influence of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.	
		70 11 1 11 1	
		True worship and spiritual growthIn spirit and in truth	
		In spirit and in truthCreated to worship, created to grow	
		spiritually	
		Worship, its true meaning	
		Worship, its true meaningWorship as a lifestyle	
		 Worship as a mestyle Worship acceptable to God 	
		Spiritual disciplines	Devocional
		• Fasting	Group discussion
		Biblical fasting "The fast that	
		God chooses" (Is. 58)	
		- Purpose of fasting	
		Benefits of periodical fasting	
	19	Fasting could be more than	
		ceasing eating	
		Prayer	
		Jesus and prayer	
		Seven elements of efficient	
		prayer	

	 How to spend an hour in prayer 	
	 "My house shall be called a 	
	house of prayer." Church prayer	
	ministry	
	The study of the Bible	
	 The Word of God. Solid 	
	foundation	
	 EGW and the preeminence of 	
	the Word	
	 Relationship with God and the 	
	study of the Bible	
	 A church founded on the Word 	
	(Sola Scriptura)	
	Daily Bible reading plan	
	Journaling	
	How to make a daily journal	
	Write with your heart	
	Write with your heartFind time to write	
	Prind time to writeDaily reflections on the Word	
	 Practical tools to make a daily journal 	
	Stewardship	
	God is the owner of everything	
	 God is the owner of everything God honors our faithfulness 	
	When we give, we are transformed as others benefit	
	Give without expecting	
	anything	
	Being faithful must be the	
	priority of your life	
	- The joy of giving	
	Teaching by example	
	Meditation	
	 To meditate in Jesus should be 	
	our first daily priority	
	The merit of silence	
	 Learning to listen to God 	
	Reflection at days end	
	Personal Retreats	
	Take charge renewals	
	(vacations)	
	 Take time for spiritual retreats 	
	(at least once a month	
	 Remember the Sabbath day 	
	 Find time during the day to 	
	grow in a specific spiritual	
	discipline	
	 Find time during the day to 	
	disconnect in healthy and	
	physical activities	
20	Spiritual inventory (Questionnaire)	Spiritual Retreat
20	Personal core values	Group Discussion

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	 Spiritual maturity and true transformation The Holy Spirit's ten answers The super seven Designing a "Rule of Life" Self-assessment of spiritual maturity Spiritual retreat What is a spiritual retreat? 	
	Retreat objectivesGod's presence in my past, present and future	
	 The prayer walks and the promises of God Meditate on the Word A joyful heart Reflections 	
April		Post intensive project due April 17. Mail one MSW document by electronic file before 6 pm to allan.machado@floridaconfere nce.com and post in the LearningHub an electronic MSW document.
May		Late assignments receive no more than a B + by 6 pm by May 16.
June		Late assignments receive no more than a C+ by 6 pm by June 16.
July		172 days from the first day of class, Student who have not completed all intensive requirements by July 10, will receive a F and will need to repeat the class.

GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

Course description by hours

• Lectures/Guided Studies

• Reading

Project

(3 Credits)

45 hours

20 hours

20 hours (guided hours)

- Post intensive project
- Total

60 hours

145 hours

Criteria for Grades

A. *Punctual attendance* at all classes is required

- Students exceeding 10% of total course appointments will need a written excuse from the dean's office.
- Absences not due to illness also need written approval from the dean's office.

B. Reading report—30 points

- Students need to invest a minimum of 45 hours reading for this class.
- 20 hours reading should be from several of the required books (see list above) **pre-intensive**. A four-page report should be submitted **of at least 3 books** with the following information: (a) the name of the student, (b) the author and title(s) of the book(s) read, and (c) the number of hours read.
- This report is due on **January 16, 2022**—The first day of class.
- There is a 5-point deduction for submitting this report late.

C. Post Intensive Project—70 points

• Students need to write an essay of minimum 25 pages in 5 chapters. It should be turned in by **April 16**. This paper will describe the experiences of the post intensive project regarding the development of one or more of the spiritual disciplines.

Course assignment description

Please, consider the following steps for requirements during intensive and when writing the book reports and essay.

Requisitos previos al intensivo

- 1. Leer **20 horas** de los libros recomendados arriba.
- 2. Este requisito cuenta por **30 puntos** del puntaje total del curso y debe ser entregado el primer día de clase—*enero 16, 2022*. Informes que se entreguen tarde serán penalizados con 5 puntos.
- 3. Los informes deberán entregarse por escrito y cada reporte debe contener los siguientes componentes:
 - a) Nombre del alumno
 - b) Título del libro y nombre del autor
 - c) Número de horas leídas
 - d) Mención del tema o asunto que trata
 - e) Principales ideas de la lectura
 - f) Resumen, síntesis o reseña del texto
 - g) Opinión del contenido de la lectura
 - h) Conclusiones de la lectura.

4. Debe entregarse por lo menos 3 reportes de los libros recomendados arriba con un mínimo de 4 páginas por reporte. (Siga el formato del "*Book Report*" anexado al final del prontuario.

Requisitos durante el intensivo

- Asistencia puntual a todas las clases.
- El curso de Fundamentos Bíblicos de Crecimiento Espiritual envuelve el estudio y desarrollo de conceptos básicos de crecimiento/madurez espiritual, la participación interactiva durante la clase y completar los proyectos asignados durante el intensivo.
- Retiro Espiritual. La mejor forma de descubrir las áreas en las que podemos crecer es a través del desarrollo de las disciplinas espirituales. Cada estudiante debe participar del retiro espiritual. Este retiro espiritual es requisito inexcusable de la clase. Los detalles del retiro se discutirán durante la clase. Este tomará lugar el miércoles 19 de enero en la mañana.
- Presentación del proyecto del grupo. Parte esencial del crecimiento espiritual es la *koinonia*. Cada estudiante será parte de un pequeño grupo de apoyo y crecimiento. Se reunirán para orar, estudiar la Palabra, y preparar y presentar el proyecto asignado durante la clase.

Proyecto posterior al intensivo

Escribir una monografía con un mínimo de 25 páginas compuesta por 5 capítulos. La monografía debe ser entregada para *abril 17, 2022*. Este requisito cuenta por **70 puntos** del puntaje total y deberá enviarse en un archivo electrónico (MSWord). Documentos que se entreguen después de esa fecha serán penalizados con 10 puntos.

El proyecto trata de desarrollar, profundizar y poner en práctica las siguientes disciplinas espirituales: ayuno, oración, estudio de la Palabra, diario personal (*journaling*), mayordomía, meditación y retiros personales. El proyecto debe desarrollarse idealmente con una disciplina espiritual que no sea parte de la rutina devocional del alumno. En otras palabras, el proyecto debe estar basado en alguna disciplina espiritual que no sea practicada con regularidad por el alumno.

- Capítulo 1 (3-5 páginas). Escoger una disciplina espiritual entre todas las estudiadas que pueda ayudar en el crecimiento y madurez espiritual del alumno. El área de crecimiento personal será definida durante el retiro espiritual que tomará lugar durante el intensivo. Describir la importancia de crecer en el área específica y cómo impactaría el ministerio.
- Capítulo 2 (6-8 páginas). Desarrollar el fundamento teológico sobre la disciplina espiritual escogida. ¿Qué dice la Palabra sobre el tema?
- Capítulo 3 (6-8 páginas) ¿Qué dice la literatura contemporánea del tema? Usar las fuentes citadas en la bibliografía. Citar por lo menos 10 autores diferentes. La Biblia no cuenta como fuente en este capítulo y EGWcuenta sólo por una fuente.

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- Capítulo 4 (6-8 páginas). Desarrollo del plan de crecimiento espiritual. Poner en práctica la disciplina espiritual escogida. Describir el plan con detalles y llevar un diario con reflexiones y resoluciones que puedan ayudar al momento de escribir la conclusión.
- Capítulo 5 (3-5 páginas). Conclusión. ¿Cómo ayudó el estudio teológico y la investigación literaria al entendimiento general del tema? ¿Cuán beneficioso fue el proyecto en el crecimiento espiritual del alumno? Testimonio personal basado en las reflexiones y resoluciones tomadas durante el proyecto.

Nota:

- Los informes deberán escribirse a doble espacio y de acuerdo con las reglas establecidas en el libro: Andrews University Standards for Written Work—Este libro puede bajarse de nuestra página: http://www.andrews.edu/grad/documents/andrews-university-standards-for-written-work-as-of-october-2011.pdf
- La monografía debe tener la primera página o "cover page" con el título y la información del estudiante, la página de contenido por capítulos y al final del documento, la bibliografía. Todo esto en formato *Turabian*.
- Cada monografía será calificada tomando en cuenta el siguiente criterio:

	70 Puntos
Investigación	<u>10</u> puntos
Formato	5 puntos
Organización	5 puntos
Contenido	50 puntos

Assessment Summary	Points
Reading	30
Post intensive project	<u>70</u>
Total	100

Grading Scale

A (95-100%)	B (83-86%)	C (73-76%)
A- (90-94%)	B- (80-82%)	C- (70-72%)
B + (87-89%)	C + (77-79%)	D (60-69%)

RUBRIC FOR ASSESSING THE CASE STUDY

Criteria Category	Outstanding	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory	Score
Title Page	Includes: 1) institution's name, 2) title, 3) name of the course, 4) course period, 5) name of the student, 6) date submitted, 7) follows AU Standards for Written work (AUSWW). Shows 0 errors.	Misses 1 of the 7 components.	Misses 2 of the 7 components.	Misses 3 components.	Misses more than 3 components.	
Introduction/ Overview	The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and purpose of the paper, and previews the structure of the paper.	Introduction states the main topic and purpose of the paper and previews its structure.	States the main topic and purpose of the paper but does not adequately preview its structure.	States the main topic and purpose of the paper but does not adequately preview its structure.	There is no clear introduction or main topic, and the structure of the paper is missing.	
Content	Content is focused, ideas are well developed, and transitions are used to enhance ideas. Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting sentences. Meets paper length requirements. Uses recently published sources and exceeds the use of sources and number of pages recommended.	Content is focused. Good transitions. Paragraph development is present. Meets paper length requirement. Uses a minimum of 15 sources published in the past 10 years.	Content is focused. Transitions are deficient. Paragraph development is present but not perfected. Meets paper length requirements.	Content is not well focused. Transitions and paragraphs are weak. Does not meet paper length requirements	The paper is written and completely out of focus.	
Project Description	Project is described in detail. Protocols to be followed are presented. Specific aspects of the organization, implementation, and evaluation are	Project is well described. Some details regarding protocols, organization, implementation, and evaluation of the project are	Project is satisfactorily described and meets paper length.	Project is poorly described and does not meet number of pages.	The report misses entire sections of the project description. Does not meet paper length.	

	offered. Meets paper	missing. Meets			
	length requirements.	length.			
Organization	Report provides a table of contents, and is organized using different subhead levels, following AUSWW. Subheadings are exceptionally well-worded and reflect upon the main subject. Exceeds all organizational specifications stated in the syllabus.	Table of contents and subheading levels follow AUSWW Standards. Subtitles reflect upon the subject, but wording need can be improved.	Paper provides a table of contents and is organized using different subheading level. However, do not follow AU standards of written work.	Paper provides first level headings, but headings do not clearly reflect upon the subject. No table of contents. Does not follow all specifications stated in the syllabus and AUSWW.	Does not provide a table of contents and is not divided under headings and subheadings. Does not follow organizational specifications stated in the syllabus and AUSWW.
Format/ Style	All text and reference following specification from AUSWW. Syntax and semantics are outstanding. Models language and style. No errors in punctuation, spelling, and sentence formation.	Follows consistently AUSWW with minor flaws. Syntax and semantics is very good. No major errors in style.	Follows consistently all format AUSWW. Syntax and semantics are good. Few errors in style.	Follows inconsistently some AUSWW. Syntax and semantics is poor.	Does not follow AUSWW. Syntax and semantics are deficient.
Conclusion	Conclusion is engaging and provides an outstanding overview of the project and personal reflections on projected implementation. Exceeds expectations.	Conclusion restates the purpose, gives a good summary, and provides personal opinions about the outcome.	Conclusion restates the purpose and satisfactorily summarizes results Lacks personal reflection on projected implementation.	Conclusion attempts to summarize the trust of the project but is ambiguous. Lacks personal reflection.	Conclusion fails to summarize and to express personal reflection on the project.
Total Score	F				

Formato a seguir para el "Book Report"

Student Name:

Instructor:

Class: DSRE 541 – Foundations of Biblical Spirituality

Book Report

"MARGIN, Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded lives" by Richard A. Swenson

If your life is overloaded with work, family demands, church activities, and of course,

stress, "Margin" is one of the best books you can read in order be aware of those indispensable elements necessary to find balance in four key areas, good health, financial accountability, relationships, and spiritual stability. It is difficult to define "margin" without practical examples of the daily life so the author in simple words puts it like this: "Margin is having breath at the top of the staircase, money left at the end of the month, and sanity left at the end of adolescence." In other words, margin is the space that once existed between ourselves and our limits. It is

something held in reserve for contingencies or unanticipated situations. On the other hand, living

a marginless life is basically running on empty not for a short period of time, but always.

How to simplify our lives so that we can enjoy those irrelevant things nobody seems to enjoy anymore like energy at the end of the workday, time with family, checkbook in black, emotional stability (calm), sense of security, time to relax. The answer of our generation has been "progress". "Progress has given us unprecedented affluence, education, technology, and entertainment." Yet, something has gone wrong. Our cars are full of extras, our paycheck is bigger than ever, our washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers, and vacuum cleaners

¹ "Margin" Richard A. Swenson, page 13

² Ibid, Page 15

declare our prosperous culture. There has never been so much progress; nevertheless, at the end of the day we are exhausted, depress, worn-out. Therapists' offices are full, sleep is less, and depressant pills are part of our daily life.

Margin has been stolen away, and progress was the thief. There can be little doubt that the contemporary absence of margin is link to the march of progress. In general sense, those cultures with most progress are the same as those with the least margin. There are natural consequences of how progress sabotages margin. The author mentions a list of 5 of them:

- 1. Progress works by differentiating our environment, thus always give us more and more of everything faster and faster. The American definition of happiness is, after all, "more than I have now" and progress provides "more" in abundance.
- 2. The spontaneous flow of progress is toward increasing stress, change, complexity, speed, intensity, and overload.
- 3. All humans have physical, mental, emotional, and financial limits that are relatively fixed.
- 4. The profusion of progress is on a collision course with human limits. Once the threshold of these limits is exceeded, overload displaces margin.
- 5. On the unsaturated side of their limits, human can be open and expansive. On the saturated side of these limits, however, the rules of life totally change.

The author does not see progress as our enemy but for sure we need room to breathe, freedom to think and time to heal. "Discerning Christians have long known that God is not impressed with our wealth, education, or power. Nevertheless, we have labored eagerly in those fields. What if, instead, we were to measure our progress not by our wealth but by our virtue, not by our education but by our humility, and not by our power but by our meekness?"³

We really need to go back to a simpler and balanced lifestyle. The spiritually minded have long sought it as a way of giving importance to what really matters most, the lordship of

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³ Ibid, page 33

Christ. This means seeking God's kingdom first, thus giving over our plans, our expectations, our future, our family, our reputation, and our possessions to Him. "The simple life sounds attractive when you are in love with the Truth." Then, after you have freed yourself to pursue a different path, you will not desire more from your days on earth than simply to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God (1Tim. 6: 6).

The balanced life today seems inaccessible, too many activities, too many choices, too many decisions, too many commitments, too many expectations, too much change. Overloads, stress, complexity, all are unbalancing pressures. In essence, we need to recognize that everything begins with priorities. In order to find balance, we need to have our priorities well defined, and we need to find the strength to stay in the plan. Moreover, we need to understand that we are limited by our own finite condition. Although we belong to a culture that preaches that everything is possible, the reality is another. God gave us limitations to help us find balance. "We should work hard to please our Master, but we also rest confidently knowing that He understands our condition." ⁵

Part of living with margin is rest. We are a tired generation; we are sick of "hurry" we are burning up the engine. We are in need of rest: physical rest, emotional rest, and spiritual rest. God has instructed us that life is more than work. It includes relationships, worship, and of course, rest. Gordon Macdonald notes: "We do not rest because our work is done; we rest because God commanded it and created us to have a need for it." "When our bodies find rest, we feel refreshed. When our emotions find rest, our countenance is lifted. When we find spiritual rest, we find acceptance of God."

⁴ Ibid, Page 181

⁵ Ibid, Page 192

⁶ Ibid, Page 200

CLASS POLICIES

Classroom Seating

In order to facilitate learning everyone's name, please select a permanent seat until instructed otherwise.

Disability Accommodations

If you qualify for accommodation under the American Disabilities Act, please contact Student Success in Nethery Hall 100 (<u>disabilities@andrews.edu</u> or 269-471-6096) as soon as possible so that accommodations can be arranged.

Late Assignment Submission

All late assignments incur the penalties specified under the heading Grading and Assessment.

Additional Policies

During the preaching practicum, when students preach a sermon before their peer, the classroom door will be closed to avoid distractions to the preacher. Once closed, students will not be allowed into the classroom until the sermon ends.

Examinations

"Credit is not granted in courses unless the required examinations are completed by the student. Students are expected to follow the published examination schedule. In cases where the schedule requires a student to complete four exams in one day, arrangements may be made with the dean to complete one of the examinations at another time."

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Class Attendance

Regular attendance at all classes, laboratories and other academic appointments is required for each student. Faculty members are expected to keep regular attendance records. The syllabus notifies students of the attendance requirements.

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Teacher Tardiness

"Teachers have the responsibility of getting to class on time. If a teacher is detained and will be late, the teacher must send a message to the class with directions. If after 10 minutes no message has been received, students may leave without penalty. If teacher tardiness persists, students have the right to notify the department chair, or if the teacher is the department chair, to notify the dean."

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Class Absences

"Whenever the number of absences exceeds 20% (10% for graduate classes) of the total course appointments, the teacher may give a failing grade. Merely being absent from campus does not exempt the student from this policy. Absences recorded because of late registration, suspension,

and early/late vacation leaves are not excused. The class work missed may be made up only if the teacher allows. Three tardies are equal to one absence.

Registered students are considered class members until they file a Change of Registration form in the Office of Academic records."

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Excused Absences

"Excuses for absences due to illness are granted by the teacher. Proof of illness is required. Residence hall students are required to see a nurse on the first day of any illness which interferes with class attendance. Non-residence hall students should show written verification of illness obtained from their own physician. Excuses for absences not due to illness are issued directly to the dean's office. Excused absences do not remove the student's responsibility to complete all requirements of a course. Class work is made up by permission of the teacher."

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Academic Integrity

"In harmony with the mission statement (p.18), Andrews University expects that students will demonstrate the ability to think clearly for themselves and exhibit personal and moral integrity in every sphere of life. Thus, students are expected to display honesty in all academic matters.

Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) the following acts: falsifying official documents; plagiarizing, which includes copying others' published work, and/or failing to give credit properly to other authors and creators; misusing copyrighted material and/or violating licensing agreements (actions that may result in legal action in addition to disciplinary action taken by the University); using media from any source or medium, including the Internet (e.g., print, visual images, music) with the intent to mislead, deceive or defraud; presenting another's work as one's own (e.g. placement exams, homework, assignments); using material during a quiz or examination other than those specifically allowed by the teacher or program; stealing, accepting, or studying from stolen quizzes or examination materials; copying from another student during a regular or take-home test or quiz; assisting another in acts of academic dishonesty (e.g., falsifying attendance records, providing unauthorized course materials).

Andrews University takes seriously all acts of academic dishonesty. Such acts as described above are subject to incremental discipline for multiple offenses and severe penalties for some offenses. These acts are tracked in the office of the Provost. Repeated and/or flagrant offenses will be referred to the Committee for Academic Integrity for recommendations on further penalties. Consequences may include denial of admission, revocation of admission, warning from a teacher with or without formal documentation, warning from a chair or academic dean with formal documentation, receipt of a reduced or failing grade with or without notation of the reason on the transcript, suspension or dismissal from the course, suspension or dismissal from the program, expulsion from the university, or degree cancellation. Disciplinary action may be retroactive if academic dishonesty becomes apparent after the student leaves the course, program or university

Departments or faculty members may publish additional, perhaps more stringent, penalties for academic dishonesty in specific programs or courses."

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Emergency Protocol

Andrews University takes the safety of its student seriously. Signs identifying emergency protocol are posted throughout buildings. Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting that specific location. It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during any evacuation or sheltering emergency.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Pr. Allan Machado currently serves as the President in the Florida Conference. He has served the church in various places and capacities, including as pastor, Youth Leader Director, Volunteer Lay Ministry Coordinator, Vice President for the Florida Conference Spanish-language Ministries, Assistant to the President for Strategic Planning and Senior Management for Communication and Executive Secretary.

Pr. Machado holds a DMin in Pastoral Ministry from Andrews University and serves as an adjunct professor in the University's Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Pr. Machado is currently working on the thesis for his second doctorate, Phd with emphasis in Religious Education. He is also the author of "Creados para Adorar," "Transformación: Metamorfosis Espiritual Bíblica," and "Transformation: Biblical Spiritual Metamorphosis."

His desire is to serve Christ Jesus in the advancement of the gospel for the glory of God and has dedicated his life to proclaiming with passion the love of God and His saving grace. His greatest pride and joy is his personal relationship with God, and the love of his wife Elsa and their children Alan, Erich, and Tatiana.

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