



# STARK COLLEGE & SEMINARY

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**YOU ARE AT THE  
RIGHT PLACE AT  
THE RIGHT TIME.**



**DR. TONY CELELLI  
PRESIDENT**



# BE A CONFIDENT MINISTRY LEADER

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## Answer God's call on your life.

At Stark College and Seminary, we know that you want to be a confident ministry leader. In order to do that, you need Biblical training.

The problem is, there is a lot you don't know, which makes you feel fear and doubt about your ability to serve. We believe every Christ-follower has a call to serve God.

We understand the insecurities you feel when serving, which is why we are an accredited institution with a proven track record of training men and women for service. All of our classes are taught by faculty who serve in the local church.



## ALL SCS CLASSES ARE TAUGHT BY FACULTY WHO SERVE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH.

When you schedule an appointment at Stark College & Seminary you have taken the first step toward answering God's call.

Tell us about yourself and your call, and we will connect you to the right ministry program.

So you can stop feeling unprepared and hesitant, and instead discover your calling, get equipped, and lead.



# MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAMS

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**SCS has the right program,  
no matter where you are in  
your educational journey.**

## **Certificate in Ministry**

- Entry level courses for ministry preparation

## **Diploma in Ministry**

- Expand your training with focused Biblical studies

## **Bachelor of Arts in Ministry**

- Traditional "college degree"

## **Master of Arts in Ministry**

- Prepares students to enter vocational ministry in any ministry capacity

Stark College & Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (5850 T C Lee Blvd., Suite 130, Orlando, FL 32822; phone 407-207-0808; ABHE.org) to grant certificates and degrees at the Associate, Baccalaureate, and Master levels.

# TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

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Every SCS Student is eligible for financial assistance.



## PROGRAM

## PRICE

Certificate	\$100* / HR
Diploma	\$150* / HR
Bachelor	\$200* / HR
Graduate	\$250* / HR

\*STARK COLLEGE & SEMINARY'S BASIC TUITION RATE IS \$640 PER CREDIT HOUR BEFORE DISCOUNTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE APPLIED.

## 100% OF STUDENTS WHO APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID

SCS is dedicated to providing each student with the opportunity to achieve their academic goals.

Financial Aid options include the Ministry Partner Program, Scholarships, and Texas Baptist Ministerial Financial Assistance. SCS is also a GI Bill approved Institution of Higher Learning.

**TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID, VISIT [STARK.EDU/FINANCIAL](http://STARK.EDU/FINANCIAL)**

**SPRING 2021  
CLASS  
SCHEDULES**



**2021 Spring (January 19th - May 13th)  
Certificate Program**



**Online**

THEO 1301.OC	Introduction to Christian Thought Chapel	Nichols, K Tarver, E	Online Online	Online Online
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**Video**

**Monday**

CHST 1302.VC	Introduction to Christianity	Garcia, A	4:00-6:45 PM	Video
THEO 1102.VCMo	Theological Research & Writing	Dunn, J	6:00-6:50 PM	Video
BIBL 1304.VCMo	Methods of Biblical Interpretation	Dunn, J	7:00-9:45 PM	Video
BIBL 1302.VC	New Testament Survey	Eiben, K	7:00-9:45 PM	Video

**Tuesday**

THEO 1102.VCTu	Theological Research and Writing	Nichols, K	6:00-6:50 PM	Video
BIBL 1304.VCTu	Methods in Biblical Interpretation	Pagayon, P	7:00-9:45 PM	Video
MNST 2301.VCh	Spiritual Formation	Garcia, A	7:00-9:45 PM	Video/Hybrid
THEO 1302.VCh	Introduction to Christian Ethics	Nichols, K	7:00-9:45 PM	Video/Hybrid

**Thursday**

BIBL 1301.VCh	Old Testament Survey	Gonzalez-Moreno, C	7:00-9:45 PM	Video/Hybrid
BIBL 1302.VCh	New Testament Survey	Pagayon, P	7:00-9:45 PM	Video/Hybrid
MNST 2301.VC	Spiritual Formation	Williams, F	7:00-9:45 PM	Video

**Corpus Christi**

**Monday**

CHST 1302.CC	Introduction to Christianity	Garcia, A	4:00-6:45 PM	Traditional
BIBL 1302.CC	New Testament Survey	Eiben, K	7:00-9:45 PM	Traditional

**Tuesday**

THEO 1102.CC	Theological Research and Writing	Nichols, K	6:00-6:50 PM	Traditional
BIBL 1304.CC	Methods in Biblical Interpretation	Pagayon, P	7:00-9:45 PM	Blended

**McAllen**

**Monday**

CHST 1302.MC	Introduction to Christianity	Garcia, A	4:00-6:45 PM	Blended
BIBL 1302.MC	New Testament Survey	Eiben, K	7:00-9:45 PM	Blended

**Tuesday**

THEO 1102.MC	Theological Research and Writing	Nichols, K	6:00-6:50 PM	Blended
BIBL 1304.MC	Methods in Biblical Interpretation	Pagayon, P	7:00-9:45 PM	Traditional

**Wednesday** - \*Course taught at **BT Church** // [2001 Trenton Rd, McAllen, TX 78504](http://2001 Trenton Rd, McAllen, TX 78504)

THEO 1301.MC	Introduction to Christian Thought	Dupree, C	6:00-8:45 PM	Traditional
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**Crossroads** \*Courses taught at **Northside Baptist Church** // [4100 N Laurent St, Victoria, TX 77901](http://4100 N Laurent St, Victoria, TX 77901)

**Monday**

THEO 1102.CR	Theological Research & Writing	Dunn, J	6:00-6:50 PM	Traditional
BIBL 1304.CR	Methods of Biblical Interpretation	Dunn, J	7:00-9:45 PM	Traditional

**San Antonio** \*Course taught at **True Vision Church Northeast Campus** ([2826 Ackerman Rd, San Antonio, TX 78219](http://2826 Ackerman Rd, San Antonio, TX 78219))  
and **Resurrection Baptist Church Schertz Campus** ([1002 E. Live Oak Road, Schertz, TX 78154](http://1002 E. Live Oak Road, Schertz, TX 78154))

**Thursday**

MNST 2301.SA	Spiritual Formation	Williams, F	7:00-9:45 PM	Traditional
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## Course Descriptions

**BIBL 1301 Old Testament Survey (3 semester hours)** Foundational issues of Old Testament history and interpretation; consideration given to the entire Old Testament.

*\*Course serves as a prerequisite toward the Master of Arts in Ministry.*

**BIBL 1302 New Testament Survey (3 semester hours)** Life and teachings of Jesus in the Gospels, expansion of early Christianity in Acts, teachings of the Pauline Epistles, General Epistles, and Revelation.

*\*Course serves as a prerequisite toward the Master of Arts in Ministry.*

**BIBL 1304 Methods in Biblical Interpretation (3 semester hours)** Introduction to biblical analysis, canonicity, transmission, and interpretation. **Prerequisite: Co-enrollment in THEO 1102.**

*\*Course serves as a prerequisite toward the Master of Arts in Ministry.*

**CHST 1301 Introduction to Christianity (3 semester hours)** Major historical and theological developments from the first century to present.

*\*Course serves as a prerequisite toward the Master of Arts in Ministry.*

**MNST 2301 Spiritual Formation (3 semester hours)** Experiential study of factors impacting formation of a minister's spiritual life; development of a ministry of spiritual direction in the church.

**THEO 1102 Theological Research and Writing (1 semester hour)** Introduction to theological research and writing skills; emphasis on choosing and narrowing a topic, utilizing theological library resources, implementation of research, note taking, organizing a paper, and writing improvement; use of Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. **Prerequisite: Co-enrollment in BIBL 1304.**

**THEO 1301 Introduction to Christian Thought (3 semester hours)** A survey of the topical and historical key teachings of the Christian tradition such as the Trinity, nature of Christ, and salvation.

*\*Course serves as a prerequisite toward the Master of Arts in Ministry.*

**THEO 1302 Introduction to Christian Ethics (3 semester hours)** Examination of key aspects of Christian moral theology including virtues, the role of scripture, and the church, and exploration of key topics in areas such as politics, sexuality, medicine, and economics.

### Tuition per Semester Hour

Certificate\*      \$100 per hour

Audit Rate\*      \$65 per hour

### Registration Dates and Fees

Spring Registration (Nov 3rd - Jan 26th)      Free

Drop Fee      \$40

Payment Deadlines      Jan 4th, Feb 1st, Mar 1st, Apr 1st

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### SCS Financial Aid - Due Dec 16th

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### Veterans

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**2021 Spring (January 19th - May 13th)**  
**Diploma and Bachelor Programs**



**Online**

FOUN 2201.OC/MNST 4301.OC	Capstone	Gonzalez-Moreno, C	Online	Online
MNST 2311.OC/4311.OC	History of Missions	Dunn, J	Online	Online
	Chapel	Tarver, E	Online	Online

**Video**

**Monday**

LEAD 1301.VC	Foundations of Christian Leadership	Stapper, C	1:00-3:45 PM	Video
GREK 4302.VC	Intermediate Greek II	Miranda, T	7:00-9:45 PM	Video

**Tuesday**

MNST 3343.VC	Introduction to Evangelism	Garcia, A	9:00-11:45 AM	Video
MNST 2323.VC	Principles of Christian Worship	Sanchez, R	1:00-3:45 PM	Video
MNST 4370.VC	Christian Worship			

**Thursday**

CHST/MNST 5304.VC	Legacy & History of the Black Church	Williams, F	8:30-11:15 AM	Video
BIBL 2303.VC/4303.VC	Old Testament Prophets	Gonzalez-Moreno, C	1:00-3:45 PM	Video
MNST 5303.VC	Ministering to the Margins	Miranda, T	7:00-9:45 PM	Video

**Corpus Christi**

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MNST 4370.CC	Christian Worship			

**Thursday**

CHST/MNST 5304.CC	Legacy & History of the Black Church	Williams, F	8:30-11:15 AM	Blended
MNST 5303.CC	Ministering to the Margins	Miranda, T	7:00-9:45 PM	Traditional

**McAllen**

**Monday**

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**BIBL 2302/4303 Old Testament Prophets (3 semester hours; Diploma/Bachelor)** Intensive study of the books of: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the twelve minor prophets. Attention is given to the background, content, and interpretation of each book. *Prerequisites: BIBL 1304 or consent of instructor.*

**CHST/MNST 5304 Legacy and History of the Black Church (3 semester hours; Bachelor)** Examines and interprets the history of the Black Church. The role of the Black Church in the Black community will be emphasized along with the contributions to and distinctives within American Protestantism that the Black Church offers.

**FOUN 2201/MNST 4301 Capstone (Diploma-2 semester hours; Bachelor-3 semester hours)** Overview of the knowledge expected of graduating students in the major and may also address employment and opportunities for continuing their education. Taken in the student's last semester of the Diploma or Bachelor program.

**GREK 4302 (3 semester hours; Bachelor)** Review of forms. Syntax, prose compositions, and special selections from the New Testament. *Prerequisite: GREK 2401, 2402.*

**LEAD 1301 Foundations of Leadership (3 semester hours; Diploma)** Theories; ethics, values, character development, diversity, and behavior.

**MNST 2311/4311 History of Missions (3 semester hours; Diploma/Bachelor)** Study of the rise and development of missions from the time of Christ through the modern missionary movement until the present. Emphasis will be given to outstanding missionaries and movements.

**MNST 2323 Principles of Christian Worship (3 semester hours; Diploma)** Study of the public worship experience of the church - the theological/historical foundations and its practical expression.

**MNST 3343 Introduction to Evangelism (3 semester hours; Bachelor)** Intensive study of evangelism and its message including methods particularly related to the educational organizations.

**MNST 4370 Christian Worship (3 semester hours; Bachelor)** Study of the public worship experience within the church. Attention will be given to the theological foundation of worship, its historical antecedents and practical expression.

**MNST 5303 Ministering to the Margins (3 semester hours; Bachelor)** A study of the ministerial, theological, philosophical, and ethical insight to bear upon contemporary moral and cultural issues for marginalized groups.

### Tuition per Semester Hour

Diploma         \$150 per hour\*

Bachelor        \$200 per hour\*

Audit Rate     \$65 per hour\*

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### Texas Baptist Ministerial Financial Assistance (BGCT) - Due Jan 26th

\*Students must be enrolled in the SCS Bachelor of Arts in Ministry program.

**First-Year Certification Application:** <https://stark.edu/wp-content/uploads/BGCT-First-Year.pdf>.

**Renewal Application:** <https://stark.edu/wp-content/uploads/BGCT-Renewal-Form.pdf>

#### **Award amounts:**

- Freshman and Sophomore - \$50 per hour
- Junior and Senior - \$75 per hour

### Veterans

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**2021 Spring (January 19th - May 13th)  
Graduate Program**

**See Certificate Schedule for prerequisite course offerings**

**Online**

MNST 6101.OC	Capstone	Miranda, T	Online	Online
	Chapel	Tarver, E	Online	Online

**Video**

**Thursday**

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BIBL/THEO 6304.VC	Pentateuch	Lyles, R	1:00-3:45 PM	Video
BIBL 6344.VC	Interpreting the NT II	Hughhins, K	4:00-6:45 PM	Video
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# **READY TO GET STARTED?**

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- 2. SCHEDULE A FREE MINISTRY  
CONSULTATION**
- 3. MEET WITH A MEMBER OF OUR  
TEAM TO FIND THE RIGHT  
PROGRAM**





# MY STORY: ERIC TARVER

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## **Eric Tarver is the Pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Beeville, Texas.**

After graduating high school, many of my friends went straight to college. My path was a little different.

A fellow pastor introduced me to SCS and "forced" me to take classes, and after taking a single class, it felt like God had lit something within me. Before I knew it, I completed my Certificate in Ministry, and I was not finished nor satisfied. I had to keep going.

After completing my Diploma in Ministry, I was able to transfer my credit hours to complete my undergraduate degree with another Texas Baptist college.

The choice to return to SCS and complete my Master's degree was a direct result of prayer, and guidance from God. Dr. Celessi, SCS president, often makes the statement that SCS professors are "practitioner – scholars" meaning they are not just teaching to teach, but they are teaching what they practice and preach daily. Their dedication to the local church and community has given my education a whole new practical dimension that directly impacts how I pastor my own church, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Beeville, Texas. It is refreshing to put into practice what I have learned these past few years.

I will always be thankful God called me to spend my time pursuing an education at Stark College & Seminary.

# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. CELESTE GONZALEZ- MORENO

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Dr. Gonzalez-Moreno is the  
Acting Director of Diploma  
and Bachelor Programs



Dr. Gonzalez-Moreno first felt called to teaching when she received her Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and English from The University of Texas at Austin. This calling matured as she pursued a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a Doctorate in Theological Studies from Regent University where she wrote her dissertation about the significance of the “ostrich” and war horse in the animal discourse of Job 38:39 – 39:30. Her area of expertise is the Old Testament, especially the “Divine Speeches” in the book of Job including the role of Leviathan and Behemoth.

## **DR. GONZALEZ-MORENO'S AREA OF EXPERTISE IS THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

“I greatly enjoy deep theological discussions with students and witnessing that ‘aha’ moment that happens when students realize something that they had not previously considered,” says Dr. Gonzalez-Moreno.

Dr. Gonzalez-Moreno is a member of The Family Church in McAllen.



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