

# STUDENT HANDBOOK

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# **WELCOME!**

Welcome to the International Apostolic Bible College at South Texas District! We are glad you have chosen to be a part of this Bible College. We are committed to journey with you as you discover the calling on your life - and then educate, empower, and position you to fulfill that call.

We encourage you to make the most of the educational opportunities, relationship connections, spiritual growth, and ministry experiences that this college has to offer. Professors, Instructors, staff, and fellow students will be a valuable support system as you navigate this season and grow into the incredible leader God has intended.

At I.A.B.C., we seek to develop a Christian church of Kingdom-minded, Jesus-focused men and women who are committed to demonstrating Biblical qualities of honor, unity, peace, grace, and integrity in all we do (1 Timothy 4:12-16). To support such health within our church, we maintain certain standards, policies, and procedures, which are provided in this Student Handbook and serve to develop a culture in which students can grow in maturity, wisdom, and knowledge. Our standards reflect our affiliation and alignment with the doctrine and perspectives of the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus. All students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the standards in this Student Handbook, which serves as a covenant between members of our Bible College.

May we be a church marked by honor, committed to growth, and passionately devoted to impacting the world!

## **STATEMENT OF BELIEF**

International Apostolic Bible College, an institution of the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus Christian Education Department

We believe in the following doctrinal principles

1. THE CHURCH
2. THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD
3. JESUS CHRIST
4. THE HOLY SPIRIT
5. BAPTISM IN WATER
6. THE LORD'S SUPPER
7. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST
8. THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND UNJUST
9. THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH AND THE MILLENNIUM
10. THE FINAL JUDGMENT
11. DIVINE HEALING
12. HOLINESS
13. MATRIMONY
14. CHURCH AND STATE
15. MILITARY SERVICE
16. THE SIN UNTO DEATH
17. ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF THE CHURCH
18. THE MINISTERIAL BODY

## **OUR MISSION**

Equip pastors, ministers, and leaders in making disciples. Offer tools to implement the different ministries of the local church, to edify the Body of Christ.

## **OUR VISION**

Achieve education excellence, through an administrative and academic regulation.

## **CORE VALUES**

The following core values express our finest aspirations and serve as guiding principles in the pursuit of our mission to equip people for effective Christian ministry. We commit ourselves to reflect the following values.

### **Learning and Instruction**

We acknowledge the inspired truth of Scripture as the reference point for our educational process. We seek to develop lifelong learners with a Christian world view. We are committed to academic and professional excellence. We desire to achieve balance in our curriculum through the integration of intellectual, spiritual, and practical studies.

### **Development of the Person**

We hold that theological education involves shaping the whole person. Therefore, we value the development of moral and ethical integrity, physical and emotional health, and spiritual maturity, all as the demonstration of character through a holy lifestyle.

### **Service and Mission**

We prepare students to engage in practical ministry. We value the demonstration of leadership and servanthood to meet the spiritual and social needs of our world. We encourage interdependence with local

churches and diverse ministry contexts where our students can utilize their gifts and graces for service to the church and to the world



**Bishop Marco Zacarias**  
**Lead Supervisor of I.A.B.C.**

Praise the Lord,

We invite you to join our Bible College, if you are currently attending, continue. If God asked him what gift you desire, as in the case of King Solomon, he asked for wisdom to lead the people, unfortunately he did not ask for the right thing, did not ask for wisdom to address him-self, and wisdom to guide others.

Through Bible College our priority as teachers is to train you for these two things mentioned above, someone said God's people perish for lack of knowledge.

There are testimonies from students who have said, I am twenty-five years old in church, and here in this first year I learned what I had never learned before.

Our mission is to train people who want to delve into topics that are not touched in the local churches, come and join us will be happy to receive you.

Bishop Marco A. Zacarías



**Juan Animas Jr**  
**Director of I.A.B.C.**

Praise the Lord,

I would like to take a moment to extend a personal invitation to you to attend our International Apostolic Bible College here in Donna, Texas. We are happy to let you know about an exciting opportunity to deepen and broaden your knowledge and practical strategies growing through the sharing and understanding of God's word.

The Word of God declares in 2 Peter 3:18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever, amen."

This Student Handbook is designed to aid you during your experience at I.A.B.C. and communicate general and spiritual information regarding student life. It is anticipated that this will encourage order and harmony among students and college personnel. It is intended to inform all the students of the morality, character convictions and expectations of this institution.

I join with Bishop Zacarias in welcoming you to I.A.B.C. My hope and prayer for the coming year is that you will find a place of involvement and ministry.

## **Degree Programs**

Through the years IABC has been encouraging and inspiring many people who desired to learn more about God's will in our lives. Our wish and purpose with these courses is to equip for ministry through teaching, network and ministry.

We currently offer two degree programs for preparation in ministry or further education.

### ***Associate's Degree***

The Associate degree is an undergraduate degree awarded upon completion of 20 courses of study lasting two years. The Associate degree is composed basic biblical studies which prepare the student for ministry or further education.

### ***Bachelor's Degree***

A bachelor's degree is earned for undergraduate courses of study that requires the completion of 40 courses.

International Apostolic Bible College is a comprehensive college an Associate in Christian Education or Theology, Bachelor’s in Christian Education or Theology. The programs are set in two distinct forms, Ministerial and non-Ministerial.

We offer English and Spanish courses. Teachings are LIVE by Instructors. Twice a year we offer correspondence courses where the student has the opportunity to complete the assignments at their own personal pace.

## COURSES

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>SECOND YEAR</b>
<p>Introduction to Hermeneutics            Introduction to Spiritual Authority            Spiritual Disciplines            Constitution            Apostolic Doctrines and Disciplines I            Doctrines and Disciplines II            Apostolic Doctrines and Disciplines III            Orientation to Theological Studies            Church Growth</p>	<p>Acts of the Apostles            Church Administration            History of the Apostolic Assembly            Bible Overview I            Bible Overview II            Apostolic Leadership            Contemporary Religious Movements            The Ministry of Teaching            Praise and Worship            Elective/Optative</p>

**THIRD YEAR**

Christian Ethics  
Inductive on Romans  
Introduction to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
Building Strong Families  
History of the Church I  
History of the Church II  
Urbanity and Ethics for Ministers and Leaders  
Ministry of Counseling  
Exegetical Methods  
Elective/Optative

**FOURTH YEAR**

Pastoral Theology  
Pastoral Epistles  
Integral Healing I  
Integral Healing II  
Symposium  
Psalms I  
Psalms II  
Prison's Ministry  
Introduction to the History of Israel  
Elective/Optative

**INSTRUCTORS*****PASTORAL STAFF***

Bishop Marco Zacarias

Pastor Alfredo González

Pastor Rogelio Anzaldúa

Pastor Daniel Martínez

Pastor Marcos Olvera

Pastor Isaias Del la Rosa

Pastor Hector Lugo

Pastor Ines Balladares

Pastor Jesse Gutierrez

### ***MINISTERIAL STAFF***

Minister Juan Animas Jr

Minister Mauro Sierra III

### ***OTHER LEADERS***

Dr. Dora Zacarias

Amador Gutierrez

*Betsaida Hernandez*

## **I.A.B.C. CAMPUS**

Our district has grown from one location to three. We have campuses in Laredo and Edinburg, Texas. Our two satellite sites are smaller in size than our full campus in Donna, Texas. These extension sites focus on providing classroom space and student services that are convenient and close to home.

1. New Life Temple- 702 Murphey Av., Donna, Texas (Main site)
2. Centro de Avivamiento – 2507 Santa Clara St., Laredo, Texas

3. Iglesia Apostolica Luz y Salvacion – 501 E. Mahl St., Edinburg, Texas

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

I.A.B.C. encourages students in their clothing choices to exercise responsible freedom while representing themselves as image-bearers of God. Honor, wisdom, and purity should be the filters of discretion regarding the choice of dress for everyone. The following guidelines reflect a commitment to our core values of the dignity of the individual, biblical teachings and Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus.

Our desire is to enable students to make choices which honor God, others, and themselves by committing to promoting integrity and maintaining the highest standard in all areas including dress code and conduct:

- Well-groomed
- Modest apparel
- No Jewelry
  - In accordance with 1 Timothy 2:9 and 1 Peter 3:3, that includes rings, necklaces and earrings.

## **Men**

- Jeans or casual dressed (no torn pants)
- Dress – button up collared shirts with short or long sleeves OR Polo shirts but no T-Shirts
- No hats / caps in the classroom (only dining hall is allowed).

## **Women**

- Must wear a dress or blouse with a skirt with appropriate length in modesty (should cover knees).
- Polo shirts but no T-Shirts
- A veil is required in the classroom

## **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

In order to assure that students at I.A.B.C. are making satisfactory progress toward a life-style of Christian conduct and character, the college has instituted guidelines for conduct.

Guidelines for student conduct are few but important. Failure to live up to these guidelines may result in discipline, suspension, or dismissal.

1. Any conduct that could lead to physical injury or property damage.
2. The use of obscene or profane language.
3. The failure to act with financial responsibility for tuitions.
4. The use of substance use in any of its forms on or off campus.
5. The use of inappropriate content: material / information that might lead to unlawful or dangerous behavior.
6. Plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Students should neither participate in cheating nor encourage cheating by allowing it to go unreported.
7. Respect your instructors, staff and any other personnel.
8. Arrive on time, this will help reduce any interruptions or distractions. The Instructor has the authority to let a student attend class if he/she arrives late.
9. I.A.B.C. students must be members baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and be in full communion in their churches.
10. For registration as a student at CBAI must be at least 18 years of age AND must be approved by your Pastor.
11. All graduating students must submit payment for their diploma, at least two weeks in advance to the Director of I.A.B.C.
12. Non-Apostolic students are welcomed to I.A.B.C. with the understanding they must adhere to standards in place.

## **TIME AND LENGTH OF TEACHING COURSES**

- All Studies will operate from September – June
- 4 class meetings per month / per course.
- 10 credit hours per school year

- Students are expected to attend a minimum of three class meetings for each course to earn a passing grade (C or higher).
- Students are expected to attend the 2 ½ hours of lecture to earn full credit

## **GRADUATION**

- Graduation is an integral part of your studying; therefore, we encourage all students to be a part of what you have studied towards.
- Students will graduate at date and time allocated for the upcoming District Convention.
- We encourage all students to attend the commencement to receive your diplomas; however your attendance is not necessary but will be advisable to celebrate your achievements. Your diploma will be sent to you if you are absent from graduation ceremony.

## **PRICES AND PAYMENTS**

The total cost for one year at I.A.B.C. is \$800 plus \$50 for annual registration. The course with book included is \$80 per student / per

course / per month. That is not including travel and pocket money for dinner during break if you wish to eat there; it is optional ☺

### **What are the different options for financing my desire to attend?**

#### *Savings*

This is by far the best option for financing your education without having to think more about money. A good way to do this is by working and saving just before the start of the course. Students must pay the full amount by their second day of class. Tip: save \$20 per week.

#### *Support from your local church, family and friends*

Many churches are willing to support your education at International Apostolic Bible College, as your training and development is a gain for your church. Dare to ask your pastor for help. On top of this, it's normal that family and friends to support Bible College Students financially. This can be a one-time amount or a monthly arrangement. Try it!

2 Peter 3:18

But GROW in GRACE and in KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

## **STUDENT STORIES**



“I want to expand my knowledge on the word of God. I want to prepare myself for any circumstance there might be by learning more....is great that we as an organization we have a recognized Bible College” –  
*Omar Serna*