



How much does FI cost?

Tuition to attend Foundation Institute is \$1,500 for the year and includes textbooks. Students are responsible for all living expenses for their nine months in the program.



Will I have to find a job while at FI?

Depending on their financial circumstances, some students may need to work in order to pay for rent and other living expenses. For this reason, homework is minimal. Students will find that food service and retail jobs are relatively easy to find in the surrounding area.



What will my schedule look like if I have to work while being a full-time student?

Each year there are students who need to work in order to cover their monthly rent payment and various living expenses. Ultimately, the details of a student's work schedule are determined by the student and his or her employer and are therefore not subject to any input or recommendations we may have. Still, students are encouraged to set aside enough time in their week, if possible, to take advantage of the numerous social opportunities that Foundation Institute offers.

What is Foundation Institute?

Foundation Institute is an academic institution whose purpose is twofold: 1) to provide a biblical education to its students through a rigorous nine-month study of God's Word, and 2) to provide an environment that encourages students to grow their personal relationships with God and with their Church brethren (fellow students, faculty, ministry, local congregation).

Overall, it is our hope that every student will leave the Foundation Institute program with a clear understanding of the doctrines of the Holy Bible, a strong spiritual foundation for Christian living, and long-lasting friendships.



If a prospective student would like to save to cover the entire Foundation Institute experience, he or she should target a savings between \$7,000 to \$9,000 (excluding tuition).

What are the education/age requirements for attending?

The minimum educational requirement to attend Foundation Institute is a high school diploma (or GED). Those who are 18 years old by the end of Foundation Institute's first semester and have recently graduated are just as welcome to apply as those who are considerably older. (There is no maximum age for study at Foundation Institute.)

What am I required to bring to FI?

Students should pack as much as they will need to live away from home for nine months. That would include school-appropriate clothing and shoes, sabbath wear for weekly church services, recreational attire, twin-size bedding, towels, personal items and anything else he or she might need day-to-day. (There is one formal activity—the etiquette dinner—where the ladies may wish to wear a long gown.)

For class, students typically bring a laptop, Bible, notebooks, binders, highlighters and pens—the usual school supplies. All other class-related items are provided by the instructors on-site.

What classes does FI include in its curriculum?

Early Church History, Daniel and Revelation, Epistles of Paul, Comparative Religion, History of Ancient Israel, Fundamental Beliefs of the Church of God, General Epistles, Principles of Christianity, Service in the Church, Survey of the Gospels, The Major Prophets, The Minor Prophets, The Pentateuch, The Writings, Modern Church History



What is a day at FI like?

Classes typically begin at 8:30 or 9 a.m. and run until 4:20 p.m. Most classes are lecture-style, comparable to what one might find in a college setting. Students will spend each class listening, participating, following the class text on a laptop or other medium, referring to handouts, taking notes, asking questions and so on.

Between all classes there are 10-minute breaks.

Each day will include a 70-minute lunch break, during which students will often eat with the instructors.



What does the social side of FI look like?

In the apartment complex, students often host group meals, group study sessions, movie nights, swim days, cookouts and other recreational events.

Throughout the year, Foundation Institute also sponsors events such as field trips to attractions in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, attending a rodeo, a Super Bowl party, the "First Friday" gatherings (usually a Bible study and shared meal) and the annual etiquette dinner.

In addition to these activities, students are encouraged to participate in the many activities sponsored by the local congregations.



Do students have opportunities to participate in the work of the Church?

In the past, students have contributed through:

- Writing and editing blogs
- Contributing to other media projects
- Food preparation and service
- Serving in the local Dallas and Sherman congregations

Foundation Institute has four breaks:

- Feast of Tabernacles break
- Thanksgiving break
- Winter break
- Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread break

Foundation Institute is also closed on all holy days and major national holidays.

Does FI provide student housing?

Foundation Institute offers student housing. We lease apartments in a complex located about 7 miles away from the Foundation Institute classroom.

Each apartment accommodates three to four students and is move-in ready, furnished with furniture, appliances (including a washer and dryer), beds, kitchen utensils and cleaning supplies. Students supply their own linens, towels and personal items, and are also responsible for cleaning and maintaining their own apartments.

The apartment complex we use offers many amenities—including two swimming pools, a workout room, a clubhouse and a walking trail.

What can I expect to pay for rent and other living expenses while in the student apartments?

The following averages were derived from surveying current students and alumni on how much each student can expect to spend on a monthly basis:

Rent (including all utilities and Wi-Fi): \$380

Food, transportation and entertainment: \$300 to \$400

Again, these are only estimates.



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