

# Mississippi Course of Study

Getting Started with  
Online Learning

# Searching the Scriptures

“She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save the people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” (Matthew 1: 21-23, NRSV)

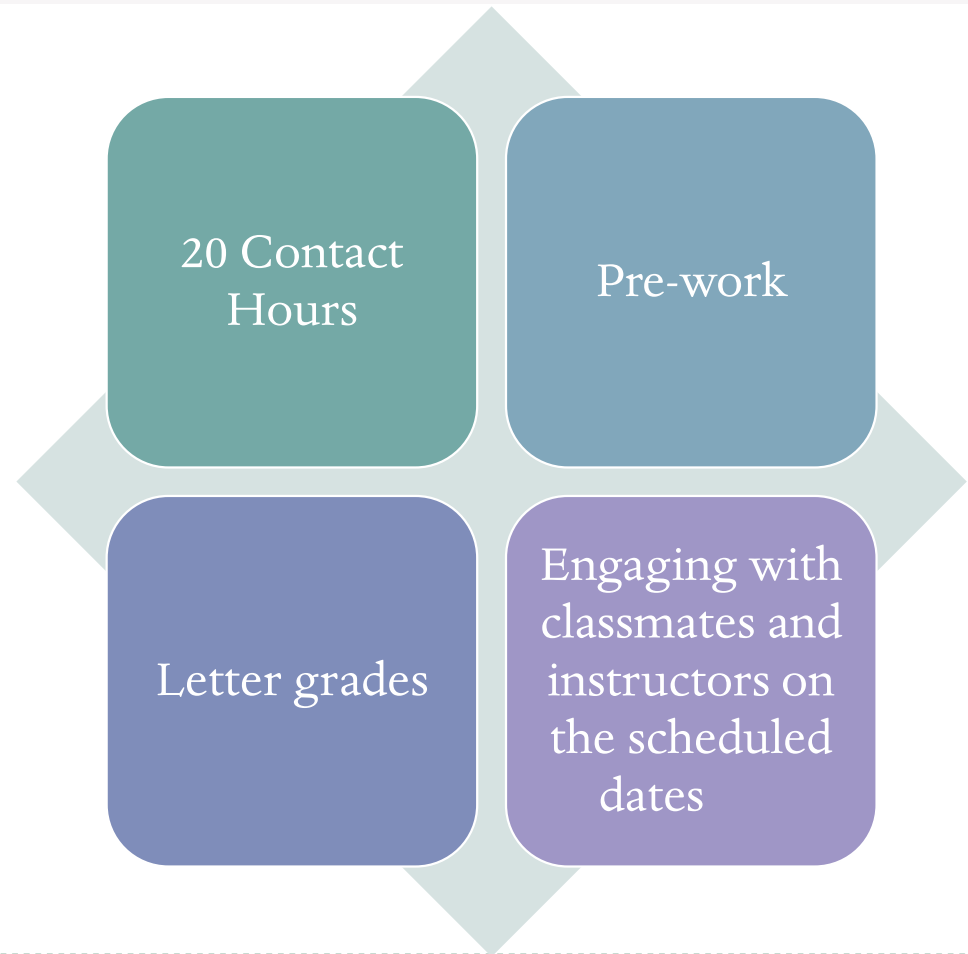
## Reflection:

- How has God been with you in 2020?

or

- What will you do in 2021 to open yourself more fully to God’s presence?

What stays the same?



What's different?

Five-week  
Course Term

Online  
synchronous  
learning

Online  
asynchronous  
learning

Platforms

# Five-Week Course Term

Minimum standard  
set by GBHEM

January 11, 2021 to  
February 13, 2021

Synchronous  
learning activities on  
Zoom/WebEx  
during our  
scheduled weekends

Asynchronous  
coursework on  
Course Connect  
before, after, and  
between  
synchronous  
sessions

# Online Synchronous Learning

Learning activities that take place “face to face” in real time via videoconferencing

“ . . . actual time spent on the task such as watching a live lecture or video as a group then engaging in whole or small group guided analysis and reflection.” (GBHEM)

A course can't be 100% synchronous

# Online Synchronous Learning

- “Segments should be 120 minutes maximum and should be layered with presentation or video lecture, discussion, and breaks.” (GBHEM)
- Segment length designed to avoid “Zoom fatigue” and consider the adult attention span.

# Synchronous Learning: Some examples

“Live” lectures

Discussion

Group work

Demonstrations

Exams



# Online Asynchronous Learning

- ♦ Coursework that you complete online on Course Connect at a time you choose within a timeframe set by your instructor
- ♦ A course cannot be 100% asynchronous
- ♦ Coursework before, between, and after synchronous sessions
- ♦ Examples
  - ♦ Interacting with classmates and instructors through forums (discussion boards)
  - ♦ Watching videos
  - ♦ Viewing recorded lectures
  - ♦ Listening to podcasts

## Delivery Platforms

Zoom or WebEx for  
synchronous  
teaching/learning

Course Connect for  
asynchronous  
coursework

An opportunity  
for growth

Active, self-directed  
learning

Time management

Organization

A call to prayer

Procrastination

Isolation

Uncertainty / anxiety

# Support for You

- ♦ COS 2021 Practice Course for Online Learners
  - ♦ Using the Discussion Forum
  - ♦ Engaging a Video
  - ♦ Joining a WebEx meeting
  - ♦ Uploading a paper
  - ♦ Uploading a video
- ♦ If you have questions email Ruby ([ministry@millsaps.edu](mailto:ministry@millsaps.edu)) or Sherry ([johnssa@millsaps.edu](mailto:johnssa@millsaps.edu))

# Before calling in to Zoom or WebEx

- Minimize background noise
- Turn your phone to silent or vibrate; do not place it near your computer or tablet
- Get family off the internet

# Before calling in to Zoom or WebEx

- ♦ Sit facing a window (natural light is better than artificial)
- ♦ Prop your laptop / tablet on books so that you are looking directly into your camera
- ♦ Do everything you would do before an in-person class—go to the bathroom, have a drink nearby, prepare your space

# When you get on the call . . .

- ♦ Turn on your video
- ♦ Turn off your microphone (only unmute when speaking)
- ♦ Locate the participant box (make sure your name appears the way you want it to; if it doesn't, edit it)
- ♦ Locate the chat box



# During the call . . .

- ♦ Use nonverbal response functions to get the teacher's attention for a question
- ♦ Use the chat function

# Accessing Course Connect

Go to Mississippi Course of Study landing page, scroll down to “Taking an online course and need to access Course Connect? [Click here.](#)”

Or use this link:

<https://courses.millsaps.edu/login/index.php>

# Signing in to Course Connect

- Your username is your email handle (the part of your email address that precedes @)
- If you have already taken an online Course of Study class, you may use your current password.
  - The password for first-time users is Majors1890!

# Course Connect Sign-in

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `libguides.millsaps.edu/courseconnectstudents/basics`. The page title is "MILLSAPS COLLEGE" in a large, purple, serif font. Below the title, the breadcrumb navigation reads "Millsaps College / LibGuides / Course Connect--For Students / The Basics". The main heading is "Course Connect--For Students: The Basics". A search bar is located on the right side of the page. A navigation menu includes "Home", "The Basics" (highlighted), "Assignments", "Forums", "Quizzes", "Grades", "Policies", and "FAQs".

The main content area is titled "How to Log In" and contains the following text: "To log into Course Connect, go to [courses.millsaps.edu](https://courses.millsaps.edu)." Below this is a large image of a laptop keyboard with a semi-transparent login form overlaid. The form includes the following elements:

- Millsaps College logo and "COURSE CONNECT the millsaps course management system" text.
- Username and Password input fields.
- A "Remember username" checkbox.
- A purple "Log in" button.
- Links for "Forgot your username or password?", "Cookies must be enabled in your browser", and "Some courses may allow guest access".
- A "Log in as a guest" button.
- Options to "Log in using your account on:" with buttons for Microsoft and OpenID Connect.

Below the image, the text reads: "Enter your Millsaps login credentials." Underneath, there is a "Trouble logging in?" section with two bullet points:

- Only use your Millsaps username (email handle) in the username field. Do not type in "@millsaps.edu" after your username.
- Your Course Connect login is the same credentials you use for Major Portal or your email. If you need to change your password, follow the procedure to change your Millsaps password.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar with "Type here to search", several application icons, and the system tray with the time "11:40 AM" and date "9/3/2020".

# Course Connect Dashboard

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Course Connect dashboard for a user named Sherry Johnson. The browser's address bar shows the URL [courses.millsaps.edu/my/](https://courses.millsaps.edu/my/). The dashboard layout includes a left-hand navigation menu with options like 'Dashboard', 'Site home', 'Calendar', 'Private files', and 'My courses'. The main content area features a user profile for Sherry Johnson and a 'Course tabbed overview' section with tabs for 'Favorites' and 'Courses'. Under the 'Courses' tab, a single course titled 'Course Connect Practice Course' is listed. On the right side, there is a 'Main menu' with links to 'Help for Students', 'Help for Faculty', 'Faculty Course Request Form', and 'The Writing Center'. Below this, contact information for the 'Millsaps-Wilson Library' and 'ITS Helpdesk' is provided, including email addresses and phone numbers. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 10:44 AM on 9/3/2020.

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Apps Gmail YouTube Maps

Course Connect Sherry Johnson

Dashboard

- Site home
- Calendar
- Private files

My courses

- Practicing Skills

Sherry Johnson

Customize this page

Course tabbed overview

Favorites Courses

- ☆ Course Connect Practice Course

Main menu

We recommend that you use the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, or Safari for the best user experience

- Help for Students
- Help for Faculty
- Faculty Course Request Form
- The Writing Center

**Millsaps-Wilson Library**

**Questions about Course Connect? Contact Us!**

Millsaps-Wilson Library:

- librarian@millsaps.edu
- 601-974-1073

ITS Helpdesk:

- helpdesk@millsaps.edu
- 601-974-1144

Type here to search

10:44 AM 9/3/2020

# Course Connect Course Page

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Course Connect interface for a 'Summer COS Practice Course'. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'courses.millsaps.edu/course/view.php?id=3993'. The page features a left-hand navigation menu with options like 'Participants', 'Badges', 'Competencies', 'Grades', and various topics. The main content area is titled 'Summer COS Practice Course' and includes sections for 'Announcements', 'Introductions' (with a sub-item 'Becoming Acquainted--or Reacquainted'), 'Engaging With A Video' (with a sub-item 'Creating our Zoom Classroom'), and 'Uploading A Paper' (with a sub-item 'Here's How to Upload a Paper'). A 'Your progress' indicator is visible in the top right of the main content area. On the right side, there is a 'Main menu' with links for 'Help for Students', 'Help for Faculty', 'Faculty Course Request Form', and 'The Writing Center'. Below this, contact information for the 'Millsaps-Wilson Library' is provided, including an email address and phone numbers. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:32 AM on 10/5/2020.

Browser tabs: Bing, Staff Resources, Course: Summer COS Practice C..., Exile - YouTube, Zoom video tutorials - Zoom He..., Online Classroom Video Etiquet..., New Tab

Browser address bar: courses.millsaps.edu/course/view.php?id=3993

Course Connect header: Sherry Johnson

Course Title: Summer COS Practice Course

Dashboard / My courses / Summer COS Practice Course

Left sidebar menu:

- Summer COS Practice Course
- Participants
- Badges
- Competencies
- Grades
- General
- Introductions
- Engaging With A Video
- Uploading A Paper
- Uploading A Video
- Closing Thoughts
- Topic 6
- Topic 7
- Topic 8
- Topic 9
- Topic 10
- Topic 11
- Topic 12
- Topic 13

Main content area:

- Announcements
- Introductions
  - Becoming Acquainted--or Reacquainted
- Engaging With A Video
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Your progress

Main menu:

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Windows taskbar: Type here to search, 8:32 AM 10/5/2020

# Course Connect Course Page

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Course Connect interface for the 'COS 2021 Practice Course for Online Learners'. The browser tabs include 'Bing', 'Staff Resources', 'Course: COS 2021 Practice Course', and 'New Tab'. The address bar shows the URL 'courses.millsaps.edu/course/view.php?id=4358'. The user is logged in as 'Sherry Johnson'.

The course page features a left-hand navigation menu with the following items:

- Participants
- Badges
- Competencies
- Grades
- General
- Using the Discussion Forum/Introductions
- Engaging with a Video
- Joining a WebEx Meeting
- Uploading a Paper
- Uploading a Video
- Closing thoughts
- Topic 7
- Topic 8
- Topic 9
- Topic 10
- Topic 11
- Topic 12

The main content area is titled 'COS 2021 Practice Course for Online Learners' and includes a breadcrumb trail: 'Dashboard / My courses / COS 2021 Practice Course for Online Learners'. A 'Your progress' indicator is visible in the top right of the main area.

The main content area is divided into sections:

- Announcements**: A section with a blue speech bubble icon.
- Using the Discussion Forum/Introductions**: A section with a blue speech bubble icon and a progress indicator (checkbox).
- Engaging with a Video**: A section with a blue speech bubble icon and a progress indicator (checkbox).
- Joining a WebEx Meeting**: A section with a blue speech bubble icon and a progress indicator (checkbox).

The right-hand side of the page contains a 'Main menu' with the following items:

- Help for Students
- Help for Faculty and Staff
- Faculty Course Request Form
- The Writing Center
- Millsaps College Library

Below the main menu, there is a section for 'Questions about Course Connect? Contact Us!' with the following contact information:

- Millsaps-Wilson Library: librarian@millsaps.edu
- ITS Helpdesk: help@millsaps.edu

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar with the text 'Type here to search', the system tray with the date '12/11/2020' and time '7:41 PM', and various application icons.

# Got Questions?

- To learn more . . .  
about signing in and navigating Course Connect  
<https://libguides.millsaps.edu/courseconnectstudents/basics>
- about using the discussion forum <https://libguides.millsaps.edu/courseconnectstudents/forums>
- Contact:
- Ruby Medlin [ministry@millsaps.edu](mailto:ministry@millsaps.edu)
- Sherry Johnson [johnssa@millsaps.edu](mailto:johnssa@millsaps.edu)
- 601-974-1488



# Next steps . . .

- ♦ Questions?
- ♦ What do you need from our office to be successful with online Course of Study?
- ♦ How can we help each other?