

Quality Enhancement Plan
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

*Fostering the academic and spiritual disciplines necessary for student success
among first-year undergraduate students*

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Southern) has developed a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to improve student success among first-year undergraduate students by fostering academic and spiritual disciplines necessary for their flourishing. Through its ongoing institutional effectiveness and planning processes, Southern identified undergraduate student success as a critical area for focused improvement. A broad-based team of faculty, administrators, students, and alumni helped identify this topic and have shaped this plan.

Southern's undergraduate unit is named Boyce College. The plan centers on introducing a first-semester student success course to help incoming students learn, and begin to integrate, select spiritual disciplines and academic practices that should help students succeed at Boyce College. Southern has identified specific learning outcomes associated with this course as well as student success metrics to measure student retention and persistence.

Beginning in fall 2023, Southern will implement a first-year student success course for its students at Boyce College, tracking retention, persistence, and achievement of learning outcomes focused on spiritual and academic disciplines the school believes to be necessary for first-year student success.

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