

QEP Executive Summary

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The College of Biblical Studies—Houston (CBS) is expanding its existing Stewardship course to include a competency-based education (CBE) format. This course, designed to prepare students for their college experience, particularly at a Bible college, has already proven beneficial in helping students persist in their studies, manage their finances more effectively, and grow spiritually. As CBS broadens its CBE offerings, students will now be able to access the same valuable instruction in their preferred learning format.

οἰκονόμος

1. house-distributor (manager)
2. overseer, fiscal agent
3. (fig.) preacher (of the Gospel)



The "Steward Your College Experience" course focuses on developing essential academic skills such as time management, locus of control, note-taking, test-taking, and critical thinking. CBS has collaborated with college readiness experts Marsha Fralick and Seth Batiste to create a customized version of their "College & Career Success" textbook for this course. Additionally, the course addresses financial literacy, helping students understand the financial realities of college life and the long-term implications of their educational choices. This aspect is particularly important for CBS students, who have reported high levels of stress related to managing their finances.

Aligned with the CBS mission to glorify God by educating and equipping multi-ethnic Christian leaders, the course prepares students for the spiritual challenges of Bible college. It promotes spiritual practices for growth, preventing stagnation. The CBE format is a three-credit, one-semester course where students can demonstrate existing competencies. If mastery is shown, they can proceed to the capstone project; otherwise, the instructor provides targeted instruction. All students complete the capstone project to demonstrate mastery. This initiative aims to equip students with a biblical perspective on stewarding their education, time, finances, and spiritual growth, preparing them for success in college and beyond.