

Develop Your Own College Alternative
With a little help from the Biblical Concourse
A Brief Introduction

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Are you looking for a college alternative which is consistent with your family and church values? Perhaps something that can fit seamlessly with your Christian or public high school experience?

It is quite natural, practical and Biblical for a college student to develop their own college alternative under the supervision of their parents, church leaders, and professional mentors.

There is no need to send a young person away from home, or be limited to online course selections, when there is encouragement and help to develop your own courses and curriculum and portfolio of accomplishments.

Besides providing students with the resources to assemble into their own college curriculum, the Concourse provides a “college experience” with the social networking, inspirational, technical, and knowledge resources expected from institutional higher education.

This enables students to stay home and involve their families and churches in their learning and craft new creative and Biblical directions for their careers, uninhibited by the higher education establishment and in collaboration with desired employers.

How it Works

1. Parents and students are first encouraged to understand the current status and effects of institutional higher education on family and faith in our times.
2. The student submits an application.
3. The Concourse office gathers and informs the student of complementary Concourse teachers, friends, courses, libraries, resources, Journal, conferences, internships, meetings, projects, outreaches, and centers which the student may want to use in the development of their curriculum.
4. The student forms a review board comprised of a parent, pastor, and professional in his or her field of interest. The function of this review board is similar to the function of the traditional graduate school committee and accreditation board combined.
5. The student in collaboration with his review board develops a scope and sequence for his first year of college.
6. The student proceeds to accomplish his first year of study and choose complementary Concourse campus and other involvements.
7. At the end of each year, the review board provides feedback, direction and general assessment of student accomplishments, as needed, with review board members cycling in and out as their expertise is helpful to the student.

8. The student completes his higher education goals and demonstrates competency through his resume, curriculum vita, portfolio, work experiences, apprenticeships and or entrepreneurships that were incorporated into their years of study.

Why Should Parents Consider the Biblical Concourse?

The short answer is: Christianity, family, money, and the future of our culture. It is well known that secular higher education in our day is promoting anti-Christian ideas, and that students who attend Christian college are leaving the faith at higher rates than those who attend secular universities. It is time to challenge the cultural norms that have removed Christianity from the marketplace and separated families.

Would you like to participate in the Biblical Concourse?

Send an email to the office@BiblicalConcourse.com and ask for the student application or call 701-263-4574.

What does it cost?

The one time student application fee is 3 ounces of silver. To learn why we are moving to silver as a monetary unit please visit: <http://biblicalconcourse.com/silver.htm>. The overall cost of completing one's education is estimated to be one tenth of a four-year public in-state resident college or one 20th of a four-year private resident in-state college. This approximation is based on the 2003-4 Annual Survey of Colleges by The College Board and the Concourse student spending \$2,000 per year for Concourse courses and communications plus \$800 on books and supplies. No federal funds are used to support the Concourse and student work experiences can be embedded in each curriculum which eliminates the need for loans.

More Information

Be sure to read the introductory articles published in Home School Digest and on the web at:

Why Not Bring Higher Education All the Way Home?
<http://biblicalconcourse.com/whynotbringhighereducation.php>

What is a Home University?
<http://biblicalconcourse.com/WhatHomeUniversity.pdf>

The Snare of College Accreditation
<http://biblicalconcourse.com/accreditation.pdf>

Shorter article on Accreditation at: <http://biblicalconcourse.com/accreditation.php>

Dr. Bartlett's Brief Biography: <http://biblicalconcourse.com/bio/bartlett.php>