

IMPLEMENTING PATHWAY: *Institute Information & Guidelines*

SCHEDULE

Q: When and where should the institute class be held?

A: Pathway students take institute classes on Thursday evenings at a local institute facility or church meetinghouse.

Q: How long is the institute class?

A: The class generally lasts 90 minutes.

In order for Pathway students to receive BYU transfer credit, in-class time must total between 1,350-1,500 minutes per semester. (See “Credits & Transcripts” on pg. 2.)

Q: What are the semester start and end dates for Pathway institute students?

A: Pathway students typically take institute in accordance with the local institute’s established schedule, which generally differs from Pathway’s academic calendar. However, institutes may choose to align their calendars to Pathway’s if they desire.

PATHWAY ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall (mid Sept. – mid Dec.)
Winter (early Jan. – early April)
Spring* (mid April – late July)

**During spring semester, U.S./Canada Pathway students do not take institute; they take their religion class online through BYU-Idaho.*

For exact dates, go to: pathway.lds.org/Main/Admissions

Q: What is the typical schedule for Thursday evenings?

A: U.S. & CANADA

Institute Class 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Pathway Gathering 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL

Institute Class..... 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Pathway Gathering 8 – 9 p.m.

CURRICULUM

Q: What institute classes do Pathway students take?

A: Following is the recommended institute curriculum and schedule for Pathway students. International institutes may consider offering other classes and sequences in coordination with a Pathway area manager.

Fall Semester Book of Mormon 121
Winter Semester Book of Mormon 122
Spring Semester Teachings of the Living Prophets

Q: Do Pathway students have their own institute class?

A: When possible, Pathway students should be integrated into classes with other institute students. Doing so adds to the students’ experience and enhances the blessing of institute. This also increases the likelihood of students continuing to participate in institute after Pathway.

REGISTRATION & ATTENDANCE

Q: How do Pathway students sign up for institute?

A: It is recommended that students register for institute courses by going to their local institute’s web page at institute.lds.org. When this option is not available, students may sign up the first night of class, and the institute provides standard enrollment forms. Where applicable, all Pathway students age 18–30 should be declared in the Worldwide Institute and Seminary Enrollment system (WISE) as “seeking BYU Credit.”

Q: What is the institute attendance policy?

A: Students must have a minimum of 75 percent attendance. Attendance should be reported weekly to either the institute coordinator or institute support specialist/secretary (role sheets are available in WISE).

Students are permitted to complete make-up work for institute class absences. Make-up work, determined by the teacher, should be related to the work missed.

INSTRUCTORS

Q: Who teaches the institute class?

A: Ideally, classes are taught by a full-time Seminaries & Institute (S&I) instructor. When this is not possible, stake-called teachers or Pathway missionaries may be asked to teach under the direction, training, and supervision of the local S&I coordinator or institute director, who will often include them in monthly in-service trainings.

In non-native English-speaking countries, it is recommended that institute courses be taught in English.

Q: Do institute teachers need an educational background?

A: Yes. For students to receive BYU transfer credit for the class, the teacher must have one of the following:

1. At least a bachelor's degree
2. Equivalent experience certified by the S&I area director in writing (See S&I Policy Manual)

Q: Are there manuals for the institute class?

A: The Book of Mormon institute and student manual can be found at si.lds.org. After you login with your standard LDS Account username and password, select "Prepare a Lesson", then select "Manuals & Media Library."

Resources for improving teaching can also be found at si.lds.org by logging in with your standard LDS Account, then selecting "Improve Teaching."

CREDITS & TRANSCRIPTS

Q: How does a Pathway student earn BYU credit for institute classes?

A: First, institutes must offer the classes for "BYU transfer credit." Courses taken "for credit" and having a letter grade (A through C-) or pass (P) grade will be accepted by BYU-Idaho as transfer credit to fulfill content graduation requirements, but do not impact the student's BYU-Idaho GPA. To receive BYU credit, students must:

1. Have a minimum of 75 percent attendance
2. Complete assigned readings
3. Pass a final examination (of university level) with a score above 75 percent (See S&I Policy Manual)

Q: How do students get institute transcripts when applying to BYU-Idaho after Pathway?

A: When requested by students, the institute may print a "BYU" transcript in WISE, sign the transcript, and send it in a sealed envelope to:

Brigham Young University-Idaho
Admissions Office
Kimball Building 120-1615
Rexburg, ID 83460

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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