

Notice

Date: December 15, 2020
To: General Authorities; General Officers; Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents
From: Seminaries and Institutes of Religion
Subject: 2021 Seminary Changes—*Come, Follow Me* and Requirements



Beginning January 1, 2021, the following adjustments will be made to the seminary program:

Reading Requirement Changes

To receive credit for course completion, students must read in the current year's book of scripture at least 75 percent of the semester calendar days. This change emphasizes the importance for students to develop a habit of daily scripture study to help deepen their understanding and reliance on Jesus Christ, His teachings, and His Atonement.

Teachers should continue to encourage students to set personal reading goals and to read the text for the course, but this will no longer be a requirement for course credit.

Further Alignment with *Come, Follow Me*

Instead of the traditional 9-month pacing for the seminary course of study, lessons will now align with the 12-month suggested reading schedule for *Come, Follow Me*. For 2021, teachers will use the existing *Doctrine and Covenants and Church History Seminary Teacher Manual* for lesson materials. This adjustment means that students will not receive every lesson from the teacher manual in class, especially those lessons that fall on the *Come, Follow Me* calendar when school is not in session.

Training resources are now available to support program administrators and teachers in implementing these changes, including the [Quick-Start Guide to Daily Scripture Study Goals](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/go/5VJ) (ChurchofJesusChrist.org/go/5VJ).