

Bible and Ministry Majors

The Bible and Ministry programs of study prepare students to pursue graduate studies in a broad range of fields as well as to prepare them to work with children, youth, and families in a variety of organizations both in the United States and other cross-cultural contexts.

The Bible and Ministry Discipline

The Bible and Ministry department offers two degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology or Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministries. The B.S. in Christian Ministries offers three areas of concentration: Church and Culture and Youth and Family. Students in the Christian Ministries major should select an area of concentration that reflects their specialized interest.

The Bible and Theology program is designed to prepare students to enter theological seminaries or graduate schools of religion. This major requires the use of the Greek New Testament by the senior year and a senior thesis and provides instruction and mentoring from a distinctively Reformed perspective.

The Christian Ministries major concentrations provide necessary biblical, theoretical, and practical skills. Each concentration provides a balance of instruction in biblical studies, ministry and education leadership, worldview studies, counseling, communication, and understanding of people of varying ages within a cultural context that is rooted in a Reformed theology.

Why Study Bible and Ministry at Montreat College?

Montreat College provides a unique mentoring environment that facilitates interaction between students and faculty both in and outside the classroom context. The department's commitment to exploring the relationship between faith and learning, alongside the relevance of the Christian faith for all disciplines of study, provides learners with a rich liberal arts experience to prepare them for graduate study or a wide range of occupations. The departmental faculty challenges students academically, assisting them in wrestling with the spiritual and practical implications of the subject matter. The full-time faculty is complemented by part-time and adjunct faculty who share the College's and department's mission, providing specific expertise to enhance the educational experience.

After Graduation

Students who graduate with a degree from the Bible and Ministry department are free to pursue a wide spectrum of career choices. Some students enter the ministry by continuing their education in seminary and/or seeking ordination by their denomination. Others build on the knowledge and skills they acquired from the Bible and Ministry majors by entering careers in education, law, criminal justice, psychology, and counseling. Regardless of what goals are chosen, Bible and Ministry majors prepare one for a career and a lifestyle guided by Biblical faith.

Bible and Theology Major

Requirements for a Major in Bible and Theology

Degree Component

- Completion of the General Education Core (55 credits)
 - Completion of the General Education Competencies
 - Completion of the Bible and Theology Major Requirements (48 credits)
 - Completion of required electives to bring total up to 120 credits (17 credits)
 - Completion of 27 credits at the 300-level or above
 - Pass the Bible and Ministry departmental exam with a score of 75 or better**
 - Completion of 120 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0 (two terms and 32 credit hours must be completed at Montreat College)
- **The departmental exam will be given at the beginning of the senior year and offered at the end of each semester.

Bible and Theology Major Required Courses (36 credits)

- BB 201 Old Testament Theology (3)
- BB 202 New Testament Theology (3)
- BB 211 Christian Doctrine (3)
- BB 305 Biblical Interpretation (3)
- GR 201 New Testament Greek I (3)
- GR 202 New Testament Greek II (3)
- GR 303 Greek Grammar and Syntax (3)
- GR 304 Greek Exegesis (3)
- HS 353 History of Christianity (3)
- PH 201 Introduction to Philosophy (3)
- PH 321 Contemporary Theologies (3)
- PH 403 Philosophy of Religion & Apologetics (3)

Bible and Theology Major Optional Courses (12 credits)

Choose 4 courses from the following:

- BB 208 Gospels (3)
- BB 209 Epistles (3)
- BB 302 Romans (3)
- BB 303 Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament (3)
- BB 306 World Religions (3)
- BB 308 Apocalyptic Literature (3)
- BB 351 Biblical Studies Abroad (3)
- PH 210 Logic (3)
- PH 301 Ethics (3)

Four Year Plan: Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology			
Freshman Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
IS 102 Foundations of Faith and Learning	2	CS 102 Computer Applications and Concepts	3
BB 101 Survey of Old Testament	3	BB 102 Survey of New Testament	3
EN 101 English Composition	3	EN 102 English Composition II	3
HS 101 History of World Civilization I	3	HS 102 History of World Civilization II	3
Gen-Ed Natural Science	4	Gen-Ed Natural Science	3
	15		15
Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
BB 201 Old Testament Theology	3	BB 202 New Testament Theology	3
BB 200+ level Optional Course for major	3	BB 211 Christian Doctrine	3
Gen-Ed Social Science	3	Gen-Ed Mathematics	3
Gen-Ed Literature	3	Gen-Ed Oral Competency	3
GR 201 Elementary Greek I	3	GR 202 Elementary Greek II	3
Physical Education Course	1	Physical Education Course	1
	16		16
Junior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
BB 200+ level Optional Course for major	3	BB 200+ level Optional Course for major	3
BB 305 Biblical Interpretation	3	PH 201 Introduction to Philosophy	3
HS 353 History of Christianity	3	PH 321 Contemporary Theologies	3
Gen-Ed Humanities	3	Gen-Ed Humanities	3
GR 303 Greek Grammar & Syntax	3	GR 304 Greek Exegesis	3
	15		15
<i>Completion of the General Education competencies by the end of the junior year.</i>			
Senior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Gen-Ed Humanities	3	PH 403 Philosophy of Religion & Apologetics	3
BB 200+ level Optional Course for major	3	Elective	3
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Elective	2	IS 461 Seminar on Faith and Life	2
	14		14
<i>Completion of 27 credits at the 300-level or above. Completion of the Departmental Exam by the end of the Senior Year.</i>			
Total hours required for degree:			120

Bible and Theology Minor

Requirements for a Minor in Bible and Theology (18 credits)

12 credits from Bible and Theology or Greek

6 credits from Christian Ministries

At least 12 of the 18 credits must be at the 300- or 400-level

The Bible and Theology minor is designed to assist students to strengthen their understanding of the Bible and explore the relationship between it and their major discipline. It seeks to prepare students to be biblically informed agents of renewal and reconciliation in the world.