Bible and Religion (BB)

The Bible and Religion program of study prepares students to pursue graduate studies in a broad range of fields and work with children, youth, and families in a variety of organizations both in the United States and other cross-cultural contexts.

THE BIBLE AND RELIGION DISCIPLINE

The Bible and Religion major offers five areas of concentration: Biblical Scholarship, Christian Education, Cross-Cultural Studies, Ministerial Studies and Youth Ministry. Students should select an area of concentration that reflects their specialized interest.

Students who elect to concentrate in Biblical Scholarship, Cross-Cultural Studies, or Ministerial Studies will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. These programs are designed to prepare students to enter theological seminaries or graduate schools of religion. The Biblical Scholarship concentration requires the use of the Greek New Testament by the senior year and a senior thesis. The Cross-Cultural Studies concentration includes an overseas internship experience. These concentrations provide instruction and mentoring in the fields of Biblical and Cross-Cultural studies from a Reformational perspective.

Students choosing the Christian Education or Youth Ministry concentration can earn either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. These concentrations seek to provide the necessary theoretical and practical skills, which are complemented by an intensive off-campus supervised practical experience for those in the Christian Education and Youth Ministry concentrations. Students in the Christian Education concentration may opt to complete a senior thesis in lieu of the internship if they desire. Each concentration provides a balance of instruction in Biblical studies, educational leadership, worldview studies, counseling, communication, and understanding of people of varying ages within a cultural context from the perspective of a Reformational worldview.

WHY STUDY BIBLE AND RELIGION 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, and the relevance of the Christian faith for all disciplines of study, provides the student with a rich liberal arts experience and a solid foundation 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.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN BIBLE AND RELIGION**

A major in Bible and Religion requires the following components:

- **Completion of the General Education Core (53 hours)**
  - Bachelor of Arts: Successful completion of the intermediate level approved language (12 hours or equivalent)
  - Bachelor of Science: 12 semester hours chosen from the following courses: any AT course; any BL course; any BS course; any CH course; CS 102, 204; any ES course; MT 121 or above; any PC course. NOTE: These courses may not be applied to the general education core, the major, or the minor requirements.

- **Completion of the General Education Competency Requirements**

- **Required Major Courses (15 hours)**
  - BB 211 Christian Doctrine (3)
  - BB 302 Romans (3)
  - Choose 9 additional hours of BB courses at the 200 level or above

- **Completion of one of the Concentration options**

- **General electives to bring total to 126 semester hours.**

- **All Bible and Religion majors must take the Biblical, Religious, and Interdisciplinary Studies departmental exam prior to graduation.**

  **Biblical Scholarship Concentration (24 hours)**

The Biblical Scholarship Concentration (Bachelor of Arts) is composed of the following:

- BB 201 Old Testament Theology (3)
- BB 202 New Testament Theology (3)
- BB 208 Gospels (3)
- BB 209 Epistles (3)
- BB 303 Prophetic Literature (3)
- BB 305 Biblical Interpretation (3)
- BB 308 Apocalyptic Literature (3)
- BB 491 Senior Thesis (3)

Biblical Scholarship students must take two years of biblical languages to fulfill their B.A. language requirements:

- GR 201 New Testament Greek I (3)
- GR 202 New Testament Greek II (3)
- And
- GR 303 Greek Grammar and Syntax (3)
- GR 304 Greek Exegesis (3)

OR
Christian Education Concentration (29 hours)
The Christian Education Concentration (Bachelor of Arts or Science) is composed of the following:
   CE 202 Foundations and History of Christian Education (3)
   CE 303 Discipleship and Lifestyle Evangelism (3)
   CE 401 Spiritual Formation and Faith Development (3)
   CE 408 Introduction to Pedagogy (3)
   PY 300 Child Development (3) OR
   PY 305 Adult Development and Aging (3)
   CE 441 Internship (3)
   IS 302 Philosophy of Leadership (3) OR
   BB 491/IS 491 Senior Thesis (3)
   CE 380 Administrative Ministry & Organization (3)
   PR 310 Biblical Preaching and Communication (3)
   CE 462 Current Issues in Christian Education (3)

Youth Ministry Concentration (29 hours)
The Youth Ministry Concentration (Bachelor of Arts or Science) is composed of the following:
   CE 203 Foundations and History of Youth Ministry (3)
   CE 303 Discipleship and Lifestyle Evangelism (3)
   CE 401 Spiritual Formation and Faith Development (3)
   CE 408 Introduction to Pedagogy (3)
   CE 407 Contemporary Youth Culture and Programming (3)
   IS 302 Philosophy of Leadership (3)
   YM 441 Internship (3)
   SC 414 Counseling Adolescents and Families (3)
   CE 380 Administrative Ministry & Organization (3)
   PR 310 Biblical Preaching and Communication (3)

Cross-Cultural Concentration (27 hours)
The Cross-Cultural Concentration (Bachelor of Arts) is composed of the following:
   BB 306 World Religions (3)
   CC 301 Foundations of Cross-Cultural Ministry (3)
   HS 301 Church History (3)
   CC 402 Cultural Anthropology (3)
   CC 403 Cross-Cultural Communication (3)
   CC 441 Overseas Internship (3)
   IS 202 Modern Secular-Christian Worldviews (3)
   CE 303 Discipleship & Lifestyle Evangelism (3)
   CE 401 Spiritual Formation & Faith Development (3) OR
   BB 480 Special Topics (3)
Ministerial Studies Concentration (26 hours)
The Ministerial Studies Concentration (Bachelor of Arts) is composed of
the following:

- CE 303 Discipleship and Lifestyle Evangelism (3)
- CE 401 Spiritual Formation & Faith Development (3) OR
  BB 480 Special Topics (3)
- HS 301 Church History (3)
- PH 301 Ethics (3)
- CC 301 Foundations of a Cross-Cultural Ministry (3)
- BB 305 Biblical Interpretation (3)
- PR 310 Biblical Preaching and Communication (3)
- CE 380 Administrative Ministry & Organization (2)
- CE 202 Foundation & History of Christian Education (3)

Ministerial Studies students must take two years of biblical languages to
fulfill their B.A. language requirements:

- GR 201 New Testament Greek I (3)
- GR 202 New Testament Greek II (3)
- And
- GR 303 Greek Grammar and Syntax (3)
- GR 304 Greek Exegesis (3)
- OR
- HB 303,304 Elementary Biblical Hebrew I, II (4, 4)

Special Emphasis Concentration (32 hours)
The Special Emphasis Concentration allows students to design a program
of study focused on an area of interest outside the core curriculum of their
particular major. Working with a faculty member in their major, the student
selects courses from other institutions or departments at Montreat College
that can be integrated into their specific discipline. The Special Emphasis
must be approved by the student’s academic advisor prior to completing
sixty (60) credit hours.

The Special Emphasis proposal must meet all the General Education and
Competency requirements published in the Academic Catalog, including
the language requirement for the BA degree. The proposal must include
the following elements: (1) a rationale for the program, (2) a description of
one’s career objectives, (3) identification of at least thirty-two (32) credit
hours of coursework with supporting rationale from within the student's
academic program, and (4) identification of at least eighteen (18) credit
hours of additional coursework with supporting rationale, generally
outside the student's chosen department, that directly supports
the student's career objectives. The proposal, once approved by the
academic advisor, will be submitted to the Department for final approval.
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| BB 211 Christian Doctrine (3) | BB 302 Romans (3) |
| Gen Ed Social Science Requirement (3) | Gen Ed Humanities Requirement (3) |
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| Major Requirement (3) | Concentration Requirement (3) |

**Junior Year**

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| Gen Ed Humanities Requirement (3) | Gen Ed Humanities Requirement (3) |
| Intermediate Foreign Language I (3) | Intermediate Foreign Language II (3) |
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**Senior Year**

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| IS 461 Philosophy of Faith & Learning (2) | BB 441 Internship (3) |
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*Completion of the Bible, Religious, and Interdisciplinary Studies Departmental Exam by the end of the Senior year

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN BIBLE IN RELIGION**

Montreat College offers a minor in Bible and Religion that requires a minimum of 18 semester hours including:

- Twelve hours from Bible and Religion, Greek and/or Hebrew.
- Six hours from Cross-Cultural Studies and/or Christian Education
- At least 12 of the 18 hours must be at the 300- or 400-level.

The Bible and Religion 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.

**AFTER GRADUATION**

Students who graduate with a degree in Bible and Religion 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 Religion major by entering careers in education, law, criminal justice, psychology, and counseling. Regardless of what goals are chosen, a Bible and Religion major prepares one for a career and a lifestyle guided by religious faith.