

## **Bachelor of Science in Bible and Religion (BSBR) with a Concentration in Preaching and Evangelism**

The Bible and Religion program of study prepares 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.

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.

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.

### **Requirements for the BSBR Degree**

#### **√ Degree Component**

- Completion of the Bachelor General Education Core (51\* credits)
    - BB 201 & BB 202 must be taken as two of the three Gen-Ed humanities classes
  - Completion of the General Education Competencies
  - Completion of the BSBR prerequisites
  - Completion of the BSBR (including Preaching & Evangelism) Courses (40 credits)
  - Completion of the bachelor of science electives (12 credits)
  - Completion of required electives (~23 credits)
  - Completion of 126 credit hours (two terms and 32 credit hours must be completed at Montreat College)
- \*PR 310 in the major can fulfill the Gen-Ed oral competency requirement.

### **Bible and Religion Prerequisite Courses**

- Most 200+ level Bible classes require prerequisites of Old and/or New Testament, which must be met by successful completion of the following (minimum grade of C):
  - BB 101 Survey of the Old Testament
  - BB 102 Survey of the New Testament
  - Equivalent introductory Old and New Testament classes from a regionally accredited college of university (official transcript showing proof must be submitted to the Office of Records and Registration)
- The 400-level Preaching (PR) classes must be taken in sequence.

### **12 Bachelor of Science Credits**

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree must complete an additional 12 hours beyond the General Education Core and major requirements in mathematics, science, business, computer, or other designated coursework as listed in the degree requirements for each program of study. This coursework may not be applied to the General Education Core, the major, or any major concentration requirements.

If students take a full-time load each term, they could complete this program in four years.

**Bachelor of Science in Bible and Religion (BSBR) Courses with a Concentration in Preaching and Evangelism**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Wks.</b>
BB 201*	Old Testament Theology	(3)	(5)
BB 202*	New Testament Theology	(3)	(5)
BB 208	Gospels	3	5
BB 211	Christian Doctrine	3	5
BB 302	Romans	3	5
BB 305	Biblical Interpretation	3	5
HS 353	History of Christianity	3	5
PH 301	Ethics	3	5
PR 310	Biblical Preaching and Communication (double-counts in Gen-Ed communication)	3	5
PR 410	Preparing the Gospel	3	5
PR 420	Preaching the Gospel	3	5
PR 430	Prayer and the Holy Spirit	3	5
PR 491	Seminar on Ministry	1	1
YM 303	Discipleship and Lifestyle Evangelism	3	5
YM 380	Administrative Ministry and Organization	3	5
YM 401	Spiritual Formation and Faith Development	3	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>66</b>

\*BB 201 and BB 202 must be completed as part of the General Education humanities courses.

**BB 101S Survey of the Old Testament**

This course introduces the student to the tools and background necessary for understanding, interpreting, and applying the Old Testament to contemporary life. Furthermore, the course prepares the student to discuss intelligently the factual material in the Old Testament and to make clear critical judgments regarding the validity of various interpretations of the Old Testament. (3 credits, 5 weeks)

**BB 102S Survey of the New Testament**

An introduction to the tools and background necessary for understanding, interpreting, and applying the New Testament to contemporary life, designed to prepare students to intelligently discuss the factual material in the New Testament and to make clear critical judgments regarding the validity of various interpretations of the New Testament. (3 credits, 5 weeks)

**BB 201S Old Testament Theology**

An in-depth study of Old Testament themes with a view to their relevance for Christian theology, worship, and ethics. These include: God's self-revelation, creation, covenant/kingdom, fall, law, worship, prophecy, and hope. The course will include an introduction to proper exegetical, hermeneutical, and theological methods. *Pre-requisite: BB 101S. Humanities credit for non-Bible majors.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

**BB 202S New Testament Theology**

This course introduces the major themes of New Testament theology and their specific relevance for Christian theology, worship, and ethics. These include: the Kingdom of God, justification, sanctification, Pauline theology, etc. *Pre-requisite: BB 102S. Humanities credit for non-Bible majors.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

**BB 208S Gospels**

A study of the broad outlines of the life of Jesus and the Gospel literature of the New Testament. The course will examine the distinguishing theological interests of the gospel accounts, drawing particular attention to the similarities and differences between the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John. *Humanities credit for non-Bible majors.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

**BB 211S Christian Doctrine**

A basic study of the major doctrines of the Christian faith and their application to contemporary thought and life. Includes studies in revelation, authority, the existence and nature of God, the person and work of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, man, and Christian ethics. *Pre-requisites: BB 101S & BB 102S. Humanities credit for non-Bible majors.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

**BB 302S Romans**

An intensive study of the letter and its setting in Paul's ministry. The course also treats the biblical theology developed in the letter. *Pre-requisite: BB 101S & BB 102S. Humanities credit for non-Bible majors.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

**BB 305S Biblical Interpretation**

A study of the history, problems and methods of biblical interpretation, including a study of biblical-theological themes of the Old and New Testaments. (*Offered alternate years.*) *Humanities credit for non-Bible majors.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)