

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 in both 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. Part-time and adjunct faculty who share the College's and department's mission, providing specific expertise to enhance the educational experience, complements the full-time faculty.

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 (53* credits)
 - BB 201 & BB 202 must be taken as two of the three Gen-Ed humanities
- 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 120 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 Registrar's Office)
- 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.

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

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

Bible and Religion (BB)

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)

History (HS)

HS 353S History of Christianity

A survey of the Christian movement in history, its beliefs, institutions, and worldwide expansion. Attention will be given to doctrinal and ecclesial development, spirituality and devotional practices, historical expressions of service and ministry, and the dynamic between the church and global societies from the ancient world to the present day. *Pre-requisites: HS 111S or permission of professor.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

Philosophy (PH)

PH 301S Ethics

This course will introduce students to several major ethical theories, including: virtue, rule, and consequential approaches. Students will read and study several important ethical thinkers, both Christian and secular. These ethical theories will then be applied to case studies in a variety of fields such as: bioethics, political ethics, ecclesial ethics, ethics of counseling, business ethics, environmental ethics, etc. *Humanities credit.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

Preaching (PR)

PR 310S Biblical Preaching and Communication

This course is designed to give a broad overview of the basic tools and techniques necessary for preparing and presenting sermons based on biblical texts. Topics include an introduction to sermon research as well as what it means to preach in a contemporary context, including the use and misuse of technology, film, music, object lessons and a variety of preaching techniques including both narrative and expository. *Oral expression competency.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

PR 410S Preparing for the Gospel Ministry

This course lays the foundation from which effective evangelism will be launched. The class accomplishes this in three stages. The first centers on mastering the very message of the Gospel centered on the cross and resurrection of Jesus and developing skills in sharing the Gospel with others. The second lesson takes seriously the topic of sin: its origins as recounted in the Bible, its consequences in the eternal life of the individual and its systemic effects in the world, and our need of Christ's saving death and resurrection. The third stage focuses on the Great Commission as found in Matthew 28:16-20 central evangelical ordinance given to all believers, becoming aware of the presence and power of Christ within it. (3 credits, 5 weeks)

PR 420S Preaching the Gospel

This course teaches to communicate effectively the gospel message in preaching. With the Bible as the foundation, students will develop understanding in the essential qualities and preparation of an evangelistic message understanding contextual dynamics, which affect an effective presentation of the Gospel, the skills necessary to delivering the Gospel in a winsome and effective way, and appropriate and effective methods for inviting people to respond to the Gospel message. *Prerequisite: PR 410S.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

PR 430S Prayer and the Holy Spirit

The power of communicating the Gospel message effectively resides in the operations of the Holy Spirit and the prayer life of the presenter. This course explores in-depth the person and work of the Holy Spirit in evangelism as well as the key elements of effectual prayer. Students will reflect on the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives as they develop a plan for prayer in their ministries. Some attention will be given to the nature of spiritual warfare and the call to personal holiness. *Prerequisite: PR 420S.* (3 credits, 5 weeks)

PR 491S Seminar on Ministry

Students will meet in an intensive format to discuss current issues in ministry and church administration. This course will cover topics of church growth, administration, worship, as well as trends and issues in ministry in a seminar style format. *Prerequisite: PR 430S.* (1 credit)

Youth and Family Ministries (YM)

YM 303S Discipleship and Lifestyle Evangelism

This course focuses on individual experiences in discipleship, personal sanctification, and evangelism in contemporary society. Special attention will be given to the art of persuasion and its link to communication theory. The importance of perseverance in the faith of those who come to know Christ through evangelistic efforts is ultimately highlighted. (3 credits, 5 weeks)

YM 380S Administrative Ministry and Organization

This course will equip students in both the theory and practice of administrative leadership. Many challenges in ministry exist, and one of the most significant is the discipline required to lead and administer well. This course is designed to serve as an overview of practical administrative and leadership issues in ministry in order to

prepare students with the tools necessary to organize and oversee various programs across the age ranges. (3 credits, 5 weeks)

YM 401S Spiritual Formation and Faith Development

A course to equip students in both the theory and practice of the spiritual disciplines. This course focuses on our personal relationship with God. We will seek to develop an understanding of the necessary aspects of personal spiritual maturation through the evaluation of Scripture and through self-reflection and practice. Second, this course will emphasize theories about the stages of faith and moral development as those theories relate to Christ-centered ministries. (3 credits, 5 weeks)