

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.</i>			
<i>Completion of the Departmental Exam by the end of the Senior Year.</i>			
Total hours required for degree:			120

Christian Ministries Major

Requirements for a Major in Christian Ministries

√ Degree Component

- ___ Completion of the General Education Core (55 credits)
- ___ Completion of the General Education Competencies
- ___ PY 201 or 202 must be taken in the Gen-Ed for the social science requirement
- ___ Completion of the Christian Ministries Major Core (28 credits)
- ___ Completion of a Christian Ministries Concentration (19-22 credits)
- ___ Completion of required electives to bring total up to 120 credits (15-18 credits)
- ___ Completion of 27 credits at the 300-level or above
- ___ Pass the Biblical, Religious, and Interdisciplinary Studies 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.

Christian Ministries Major Core Courses (28 credits)

BB 211	Christian Doctrine (3)
BB 305	Biblical Interpretation (3)
HS 353	History of Christianity (3)
MN 101	Foundations for Christian Ministry (3)
MN 301	Ministry in Cultural Context (3)
MN 491	Seminar on Ministry (1)
PY 220	Psychology and Theology Integration (3)
YM 303	Discipleship & Lifestyle Evangelism (3)
YM 401	Spiritual Formation & Faith Development (3)

Choose one class:

BB 202	New Testament Theology (3)
PH 321	Contemporary Theologies (3)

Choose from three Christian Ministries Concentrations:

- Church and Culture (22 credits)
- Youth and Family (31 credits)

Church and Culture Concentration (22 hours)

The Church and Culture Concentration is composed of the following:

BB 306	World Religions (3)
CC 201	Foundations of Church & Culture (3)
CC 305	Theological Aesthetics and Beauty (3)
CC 441	Church & Culture Internship (3)
CC 491	Senior Thesis (3)

IS 310 Pre-Practicum/Internship (1)

Choose one class:

IS 202 Modern Secular-Christian Worldviews (3)

PH 403 Philosophy of Religion & Apologetics (3)

Choose one class:

HS 343 Religious History of America (3)

HS335 United States History since 1945 (3)

HS372 History of Political Philosophy (3)

Youth and Family Concentration (19 hours)

The Youth and Family Concentration is composed of the following:

IS 310 Pre-Practicum/Pre-Internship (1)

SC 414 Counseling Adolescents and Families (3)

YM 360 Ministry to Children (3)

YM 380 Administrative Ministry and Organization (3)

YM 410 Youth Ministry Skills and Programming (3)

YM 441 Youth and Family Internship (3)

Choose one class:

BB 308 Servant Leadership (3) OR

IS 302 Philosophy of Leadership (3)

Four Year Plan: Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministry			
Concentrations in Church & Culture and Youth and Family			
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
MN 101 Foundations of Christian Ministry	3	Gen-Ed Natural Science	4
	14		16
Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Concentration Requirement	3	BB 202 New Testament Theology or PH 321 Contemporary Theologies	3
BB 211 Christian Doctrine	3	Concentration Requirement	3
Gen-Ed Social Science (PY 201 or 202 required)	3	Gen-Ed Mathematics	3
Gen-Ed Literature	3	Gen-Ed Oral Competency	3
Elective	3	Gen-Ed Natural Science	3
Physical Education Course	1		
	16		15
Junior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
BB 305 Biblical Interpretation	3	MN 301 Ministry in Cultural Context	3
HS 353 History of Christianity	3	Concentration Requirement	3
IS 310 Pre-Practicum/Internship	1	Concentration Internship	3
Gen-Ed Humanities	3	Gen-Ed Humanities	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	13		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	Concentration Requirement or Elective	3
PY 220 Psychology and Theology Integration	3	Concentration Requirement	3
YM 303 Discipleship & Lifestyle Evangelism	3	YM 401 Spiritual Formation & Faith Development	3
Concentration Requirement	3	IS 461 Seminar on Faith and Life	2
Elective	3	MN 491 Seminar on Ministry	1
Physical Education Course	1	Elective	3
	16		15
<i>Completion of 27 credits at the 300-level or above.</i>			
<i>Completion of the Departmental Exam by the end of the Senior Year.</i>			
Total hours required for degree:			120

*See General Education for optional course offerings

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.