

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLE (124 Hours)

Objectives

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible provides the student a general education core requirement, a 30-hour Bible major, and a vocation related minor or double major program in fulfillment of the general purpose and objectives of Southern Methodist College.

The graduate of this program will be able to:

1. Interpret Scripture using the historical-grammatical method.
2. Exhibit a foundational knowledge of the integrated content of the Bible.
3. Describe accurately fundamental Christian doctrine and articulate a personal theology.
4. Demonstrate a Biblical philosophy of life reflected in personal ethics and personal characteristics necessary for effective ministry.
5. Communicate persuasively the Biblical message and minister effectively in Christian and non-Christian settings.
6. Research and compose scholarly papers.

Program Overview

The Bachelor of Arts degree (traditional day programs) will consist of four components as follows:

Liberal Arts – **36** semester hours

Bible major / Ministry core – **42** semester hours

- Bible – **30** hours
- Christian Ministries – **12** hours

Minor courses – **18-24** semester hours

18 for Missions, Youth Work, Christian School Education; 24 for Pastoral (Pre-seminary) Studies

Unrestricted electives – **22-28** semester hours

The Bachelor of Arts degree (evening programs) will consist of four components as follows:

Liberal Arts – **36** semester hours

Bible major – **30** semester hours

Minor courses – **18** or **30** semester hours (18: Christian Ministries; 30: Leadership & Ethics double major)

Unrestricted electives – **28-40** semester hours

General Education Requirement

The Liberal Arts (general education) component for every B.A. student (day and evening) will be the same:

English - **15** semester hours

- English Composition & Grammar – 6 hrs.
- Literature – 6 hrs.
- Speech – 3 hrs.

History / Social Science - **9** semester hours

- World History – 6 hrs.
- General Psychology or Ethics – 3 hrs.

Mathematics / Computer Science - **6** semester hours

- College Mathematics – 3 hrs.
- Introduction to Computers – 3 hrs.

Liberal Arts / General Education electives - **6** hrs

(English, History, Psychology, Computer, Science, Humanities, or other courses in the liberal arts).

The Bible Major & Ministry Component

The Bible major for all four-year programs will consist of the following courses – **15** semester hours:

Old Testament Survey (3)

New Testament Survey (3)

Bible Study: Bi 104 or Bi 106 (3)

Bible Doctrines I: Bi 201 or Bi 301 (3)

Bible Doctrines II: Bi 202 or Bi 302 (3)

The Bible major will also consist of five Bible electives – **15** semester hours.

The traditional day program will also require the following ministry courses – **12** hours:

Evangelism & Discipleship (3)

Introduction to Christian Counseling (3)

Survey of Christian Education (3)

Missions and the Local Church (3)