Associate Degrees

Biblical Studies (ABS) & Theology (ATH)

Academic degree offering a comprehensive curriculum in the different aspects of the Bible including the Old Testament, New Testament and Gospels. The curriculum leading to the ABS and ATH degree is normally a two-year, 61-unit course of instruction designed to give students a basic biblical and theological foundation in preparation for a wide variety of Christian ministries. Students who successfully complete the ABS or ATH are encouraged to continue to the Bachelor's program at MCBC.

Required Courses in the ABS & ATH Programs

FOUNDATIONAL CORE (all required)
BI-135 Pauline Revelations I 3
BI-139 Pauline Revelations II 3
BI-130 Basic Bible Study 3
BI-131 Advance Bible Study 3
FC-132 Vision & Purpose 2
FC-133 Art of Prayer 3

BIBLE EXPOSITION (all required)
BI-136 Bible Doctrine I (also Spanish-BI-134) 3
BI-150 Old Testament Foundation 4
BI-151 New Testament Foundation 4
BI-212 Intro to Studying the Bible 4
BI-140 Book of James 4

THEOLOGY (8 credits)
TH-200 Intro to Systematic Theology 4
TH-202 Bible Doctrine II (also Spanish) 3
TH-201 Intro to Christology 4

MINISTRY SKILLS (5 credits)
MS-402 Homiletics 4
MS-105 Principles of Biblical Interpretation 3
PC-100 Practicum I (2-3 credits)

GENERAL EDUCATION (8 credits)
EN-103 English Composition 1 3
EN-105 English Grammar 1 3
EN-300 Communication Skills 3
OL-400 Research Writing Documentation 4
PH-202 Introduction to Apologetics 4
MA-103 Math for General Education 3
RS-210 Bible Research Methods 4

ELECTIVES (4 credits) (Includes seminars/workshops and/or special events)

ABS and ATH Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the ABS Program the student will be able to:

1. Express a general knowledge of the books of the Bible, including key individuals, major events, and historical settings.
2. Articulate a synthesis of every major category of systematic theology.
3. Understand and articulate doctrinal principles in life and ministry.

General Education Core Competencies:

1. Communication: Demonstrate writing and speaking skills using logic to analyze and present argumentation, and to conduct proper research skills and documentation.

2. Information Literacy: Demonstrate basic competency in operating systems and software, use technology to locate information, evaluate its quality and applicability of information, and use that technology and information ethically.

3. Reasoning and Critical Thinking: Demonstrate quantitative and scientific reasoning, and critical thinking skills.

4. Biblical Worldview: Differentiate between biblical and secular approaches and be able to articulate and apply biblical principles in various ethical situations.