

Associate Degrees

Biblical Studies (ABS)

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 degree is normally a two-year, 62-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 are encouraged to continue to the BBS at MCBC.

Required Courses in the ABS Program

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-134 Bible Doctrine I (also Spanish-BI-136) 3
BI-141 Old Testament Survey 4
BI-142 New Testament Survey 4
BI-218 Intro to Interpreting Scriptures 4
BI-212 Intro to Studying the Bible 3
BI-140 Book of James 4

THEOLOGY (6 credits)

TH-200 Intro to Systematic Theology 4
TH-202 Bible Doctrine II (also Spanish) 3
TH-201 Christology 3
BI-138 The Life of Christ 4

MINISTRY SKILLS (5 credits)

MS-402 Homiletics 3
MS-105 Principles of Biblical Interpretation 3
PC-100 Practicum (2-3 credits)

GENERAL EDUCATION (8 credits)

EN-103 English Composition 1 3
EN-300 Communication Skills 3
OL-400 Research Writing Documentation 3
PH-202 Introduction to Apologetics 4
MA-103 Math for General Education 3
RS-210 Bible Research Methods 4

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ABS 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.

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 ATH degree is normally a two-year, 62-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 ATH are encouraged to continue to the BTH at MCBC.

Required Courses in the ATH Program

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-134 Bible Doctrine I (also Spanish-BI-136) 3
- BI-141 Old Testament Survey 4
- BI-142 New Testament Survey 4
- BI-218 Intro to Interpreting Scriptures 4

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (all required)

- TH-204 Kingdom Principles 3
- TH-205 Doctrine 1 The Bible and God 4
- TH-206 Doctrine 2 Christ, Salvation 4

TH-208 Doctrine 3 Man, Sin, Holy Spirit 3
TH-209 Doctrine 4 Healing the Atonement 3
TH-211 Doctrine 5 Christ Return & Last Days 3
TH-210 Systematic Theology I 4

MINISTRY SKILLS (6 credits)

MS-402 Homiletics 3
MS-401 Christian Spirituality 4
MS-301 Hermeneutics 3

GENERAL EDUCATION (8 credits)

EN-103 English Composition 1 3
CM-103 Communication Skills 3
MA-103 Math for General Education 3
PH-202 Introduction to Apologetics 4
OL-400 Research Writing and Documentation 3
RS-210 Bible Research Methods 4

ELECTIVES 3

ATH Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the ATH 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 the grace principles of progressive sanctification in life and ministry.

General Education Core Competencies:

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