

NEW PROGRAMS AT MAGNOLIA BIBLE COLLEGE

Magnolia Bible College continues its quest to expand educational opportunities to more and more people in keeping with her mission. “Magnolia Bible College exists to enable students to acquire a college level education in general and biblical studies which will enable them to serve as preachers of the gospel. Secondary responsibilities include continuing general and biblical education and training of church workers and citizens of the community.”

The beginning of the spring 2009 semester witnessed the expansion of opportunities in two areas: the offering of a new degree and a certificate, and the offering of distance learning.

Bachelor of Science in Bible

MBC now offers a Bachelor of Science in Bible degree to join its Bachelor of Arts in Bible degree. The B.S. requires the same number of hours as the B.A. (128 semester hours), but it does not require the 6 hours of biblical languages (Greek or Hebrew) which are a part of the B.A. curriculum. A New Testament textual course and a ministry course replace the language requirement in the B.S. degree. The B.S. is not recommended for those who plan to pursue graduate work in Bible since biblical languages are usually required in such graduate work.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIBLE DEGREE DESCRIPTION:

General Education Requirements (39 hours)

Bible Course Requirements (71 hours)

NT 143 New Testament Survey	3 hrs.
NT 223 Acts	3 hrs.
NT 313 Gospel of John	
Or	
NT 353 Synoptic Gospels	3 hrs.
NT 443 Critical Introduction to NT	3 hrs.
*NT 383 Romans	3 hrs.

*NT 343 Hebrews	3 hrs.
*NT 453 Revelation	3 hrs.
OT 133 Old Testament Survey	3 hrs.
OT 243 Pentateuch	3 hrs.
OT 453 Critical Introduction to OT	3 hrs.
OT Elective	3 hrs.
HSD 313 History of Churches & Doctrines I	
Or	
HSD 323 History of Churches & Doctrines II	3 hrs.
DOC 113 Teachings of Jesus	3 hrs.
DOC 313 Religions in America	3 hrs.
DOC 343 Restoration Theology	3 hrs.
DOC 423 Christian Doctrine	3 hrs.
PRE 113 Preparation & Delivery of Sermons	3 hrs.
PRE 153 Methods of Evangelism	3 hrs.
PRE 213 Preacher & His Work	3 hrs.
+PRE 323 Christian Counseling	
Or	
+PRE 433 Principles of Church Growth	3 hrs.
CS 131 Introduction to Christian Service	1 hr.
CS 121, CS 211, CS 221 Christian Service I, II, III	3 hrs.
FW 311, FW 321, FW 411, FW 421 Field Work I, II, III, IV	4 hrs.
HER 123 Hermeneutics	3 hrs.

* Rather than choosing 2 of the 3 as in the B.A., all 3 must be taken in the B.S.

+ One of these two is required.

These 6 hours substitute for the 6 hours of Biblical Language in the B.A. degree.

Elective Requirements (18 hours)

Total (128 hours)

Certificate in Bible and Ministry

A Certificate in Bible and Ministry is now offered by Magnolia Bible College. The certificate is not a degree, but a certificate of completion for 30 hours of credit work done. The 30 hours include 6 hours of Old Testament textual courses, 6 hours of New Testament textual courses, a 3 hour course on Hermeneutics, a 3 hour course on doctrine, 9 hours of ministry courses, plus a 3 hour elective course. The curriculum provides a wide range of learning experiences that can help equip a minister or other worker in God's kingdom even if he or she cannot complete a degree at MBC. Since the courses in the CBM are for credit, they are as transferable as other college courses.

CERTIFICATE OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

1. Description: The Certificate of Bible and Ministry is a certificate (not a degree) awarded by Magnolia Bible College to those who complete a one- year curriculum of Bible and ministry courses (30 hrs.) The courses of the CBM are drawn from the larger curriculum of the Bachelor of Arts degree.

2. Objectives: The student who has successfully completed the Certificate of Bible and Ministry should:

- a. Possess a fundamental knowledge of Old and New Testament books
- b. Be acquainted with methods of proper biblical exegesis
- c. Have a working knowledge of successful ministry principles

3. Courses: The following courses will be required for the Certificate of Bible and Ministry:

<u>Old Testament</u>	OT 133 Old Testament Survey	3hrs.
	OT 143 Pentateuch	3hrs.

<u>New Testament</u>	NT 143 New Testament Survey	3hrs.
	NT 223 Acts	3hrs.
<u>Hermeneutics</u>	HER 123 Hermeneutics	3hrs.
<u>Doctrine</u>	DOC 113 Teachings of Jesus	3hrs.
<u>Professional</u>	CE 223 Principles and Methods of Teaching	3hrs.
	PRE 153 Methods of Evangelism	3hrs.
	PRE 213 Preacher & His Work*	3hrs.

* Females will substitute a 3 hour elective

<u>Elective</u>	100 or 200 level course	<u>3hrs.</u>
	Total	30 hours

Distance Learning

Magnolia Bible College now offers courses to those who wish to study under the guidance of competent faculty in the privacy of their homes or other locations. MBC has produced two DVD-based distance learning courses that are taking the classroom to the student, and more are being prepared. The first two courses which were produced (fall of 2008) are DOC 113 Teachings of Jesus and PRE 153 Methods of Evangelism. The next two courses in the lineup (under production in the spring 2009) are NT 143 New Testament Survey and OT 243 Pentateuch. The courses combine DVDs, textbooks, class notes, and a biblical library on CD to enrich the student's learning experience. The courses are offered at the on-campus tuition rate, plus a \$100 distance learning fee.

*NOTE – Please see the “Distance Learning” page for more information.

Those interested in these new offerings from Magnolia should contact the Admissions Office (662.289.2896 x 109) or the Academic Office (662.289.2896 x 105) for more information.

--- John F. Gardner, Academic Dean