

# Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

Southern Evangelical Bible College is a division of Southern Evangelical Seminary and offers the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with a major in Religious Studies. The B.A. is a four (4) year academic degree for persons interested in completing an undergraduate degree that will increase their knowledge and effectiveness by developing a more complete biblical and theological understanding. Two years (60 hrs.) are taken elsewhere that includes general education courses, and two years (60 hrs.) are taken at Southern Evangelical Bible College.



## B.A. Religious Studies Program Objectives:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the Old and New Testaments, including a synthetic development of each of the sixty-six books of the Bible.
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of Systematic Theology, especially in relating the major biblical doctrines to current cultural, theological and apologetic issues.
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge in Christian Apologetics, Philosophy, and ethical dilemmas and decisions.
4. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of New Religions, World Religions and the Christian Apologetic response.
5. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of Evangelism and Missions relating them to biblical truth, history and contemporary culture.
6. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the Biblical Languages, with the ability to do introductory research in both Hebrew and Greek.
7. Prepared to do seminary work if so desired.
8. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
9. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socio-economic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
10. Love and serve people in whatever spiritual, moral, or physical condition they meet them and seek to show them God's love and truth.
11. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
12. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, specifically in relationship to various church-related ministries.
13. Communicate the truth of God effectively in a lay-ministry setting.

### *Apologetics – 9 hours*

- AP302 – World Religions and New Religious Movements (3)  
 AP401 – Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3)  
 AP412 – Ethics (3)

### *Philosophy – 6 hours*

- PH301 – Critical Thinking (3)  
 PH302 – Introduction to Philosophy (3)

### *Biblical Languages – 3 hours*

- BL(GK/HB)401 – Biblical Languages (3)

### *Biblical Studies – 12 hours*

- Old Testament – 6 hours*  
 OT301 – Old Testament Survey (3)  
 OT400 – Book Study (3)  
*New Testament – 6 hours*  
 NT301 – New Testament Survey (3)  
 NT400 – Book Study (3)

### *Systematic Theology – 9 hours*

- ST301 – Introduction to Theology (3)  
 ST302 – Survey of Bible Doctrine (3)  
 ST303 – Bible Study Methods (3)

### *Historical Theology – 3 hours*

- HT301 – Church History (3)

### *Missions and Evangelism – 6 hours*

- ME301 – Evangelism (3)  
 ME407 (or 408) – History of Missions & World Christianity (3)

### *Christian Education – 3 hours*

CE301 Communication in a Theological Context (3)

### *Seminar – 3 hours*

SM401 Writing and Research Skills (3)

### *Electives – 6 hours*

- a) AP Elective course (3)  
 b) Elective (3)

### *Field Experience – 0 hours*

- FE401 Field Experience 1 (0)  
 FE402 Field Experience 2 (0)

### *B.A. Transfer Requirements – 60 hours*

*General Education Defined Requirement – 24 hours*

- English (3)  
 Writing/Composition (3)  
 Mathematics (3)  
 Science (3)  
 Fine Arts (3)  
 Behavioral/Social Sciences (3)  
 Communications (3)  
 History (3)

### *Other Undefined Courses – 36 hours*

Total hours for the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies – 120 hours.

Suggested Course Sequence for  
 B.A. in Religious Studies

Year one			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP401	3	PH301	3
OT301	3	ST303	3
BL401	3	CE301	3
SM401	3	ST301	3
NT301	3	ME301	3
	15		15
Year two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
PH302	3	AP elective	3
ST302	3	NT400	3
AP302	3	OT400	3
HT301	3	AP412	3
ME407	3	Elective	3
FE401	0	FE402	0
	15		15

SEBC hours: 60  
 Transferred hours: 60  
 Total hours: 120