

Spartanburg Methodist College

Bachelor of Arts Degree (BA)

RELIGION CONCENTRATION



SMC offers a customizable, multidisciplinary studies Bachelor of Arts Degree that allows you to choose two concentrations (similar to majors) to focus your studies on, without adding time or coursework to your degree. When you customize your degree for your interests, you get a broader education and skill set that prepares you for more jobs today and new career paths in the future. Our customizable Bachelor of Arts Degree provides you a quality liberal arts education and discipline-specific coursework.

Religion

A religion concentration will immerse you in religious studies to prepare for a career in a religious capacity, teaching religion, or simply for students who enjoy the study of religion. You'll study spiritual traditions, Christian ethics, the Torah, women in religion, and more.

CHOOSE ANOTHER CONCENTRATION

With SMC's customizable Bachelor of Arts Degree, students choose two concentrations to complete their degree program. Combining religion with either business, criminal justice, English, history, or psychology will expand your career options.

CAMAK CORE

Every four-year degree at Spartanburg Methodist College includes our unique Camak Core professional development program. The Camak Core is a required set of courses that focus on teaching students professional skills such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and professional communication. Students graduate better prepared to interview for jobs and enter the workforce.



START HERE
*to begin your higher
education journey.*



FINISH HERE
*with the skills you
need to succeed.*



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The Bachelor of Arts Degree is designed to be transferred into from an associate degree or its equivalent (60 credit hours). In addition to a core of Professional Development courses (18 hours), which all students will take, the student then selects two concentrations (18 credit hours each) from business, criminal justice, English, history, religion, and psychology.

TRANSFER PATHWAY

The transfer pathway into all of SMC’s bachelor’s degrees includes the following elements: the students must have earned an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree or have earned 60 credit hours of transferable general education coursework with a minimum 2.00 GPA from a regionally accredited college or university.

TUITION & FEES

The tuition and fees below apply to the 2024-2025 school year. Please note that all tuition and fees are subject to change at any time when circumstances warrant.

Tuition (per academic year)	\$17,400*
Room & Board (per academic year)	\$10,200
Fees (per academic year)	\$3,250

*Tuition rate for full-time students is based on an hourly rate of \$725 per credit hour up to the 12-credit-hour, full-time requirement.

Course Requirements

Subject/Course Requirement	Semester Hours
Associate Degree* – 60 Hours Required	
Associate degree or equivalent (60 credit hours of general education courses & 2.0 GPA)	
Camak Core – 18 Hours Required	
Professional development coursework to include leadership, communications, applied technology, and career-based experiences.	
PDEV 301 Professional Communication	3
PDEV 310 Professional Development and Leadership	3
PDEV 320 Community Discovery and Engagement	3
PDEV 400 Applied Technology	3
PDEV 410 Semester Internship or	
PDEV 411, 412, 413 Internships I, II, III (1 hour each)	3
PDEV 430 Capstone	3
Religion Concentration – 18 Hours Required	
There are no prerequisites for students entering the Religion concentration.	
<i>Students will choose six of the following courses:</i>	
RELI 310 The Life and Legacy of Paul	
RELI 315 Exploring Spiritual Traditions: Pilgrimage	
RELI 320 Christian Ethics	
RELI 325-329 Theology in Literature and Film	
RELI 330 Ministry with Youth	
RELI 335 The Torah	
RELI 340 Religion in America from 1800	
RELI 410 Early Christian Literature	
RELI 413 Apocalyptic Literature	
RELI 415-419 Women in Religion: Women in the Christian Tradition	
RELI 420 Christian Theological Tradition	
RELI 425 Religion in an Age of Counterculture	
RELI 430 The Life and Work of the Minister	
RELI 440 Introduction to Christian Worship	
RELI 490-499 Special Topics in Religion	
Second Concentration – 18 Hours Required	
Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts – Religion Concentration must select a second concentration from Business, Criminal Justice, English, History, or Psychology.	
Electives – 6 Hours Required	
Competency in Foreign Language at the 102 (SPAN 140 for heritage Spanish speakers) or higher level is required. Up to six elective hours may be used to achieve Foreign Language competency; otherwise, elective hours must be taken at the 300 level or higher.	
Total 120 Credit Hours	
*Associate degree (not Applied Science) or equivalent from a regionally accredited college or university (60 credit hours of general education courses & 2.0 GPA).	