

# MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS (M.A.)

## Purpose

The Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics program is designed to give students an intensive study of the Scriptures and the essential truths of the Christian message. The program emphasizes defending Christianity's truth claims. The degree seeks to provide students with a strong understanding of the core beliefs of Christianity and the skills needed to defend these beliefs against opposing worldviews.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Distinguish the core beliefs of the Christian Faith from other peripheral beliefs.
- Defend the philosophical and historical foundations of the Christian Faith.
- Analyze the presuppositions and beliefs of opposing worldviews.
- Construct arguments to demonstrate the veracity of Christianity against opposing worldviews.

## Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, applicants to the **Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics** program must meet the following requirements:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent (in any field) from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. Contact information for one Pastoral Recommendation.
3. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale)
4. School of Divinity Questionnaire
5. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status.

## Degree Transfer

### M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. Degree into the Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.) Degree

Students who pursue the Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.) degree after having earned the Master of Arts in Biblical Exposition (M.A.), Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.B.S.), Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (M.A.C.M.), Master of Arts in Global Studies (M.A.G.S.), Master of Arts in Sports Chaplaincy (M.A.) or Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.) degree apply 18 hours from the M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. toward the M.A. in Christian

Apologetics as allowed by the M.A. in Christian Apologetics Degree Completion Plan (DCP).

### M.A. in Christian Apologetics Degree into the M.A., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. Degree

Students who earn a Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.) degree may pursue the Master of Arts in Biblical Exposition (M.A.), Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (M.A.C.M.), Master of Arts in Global Studies (M.A.G.S.), Master of Arts in Sports Chaplaincy (M.A.) or Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.) and apply 18 hours from the M.A. in Christian Apologetics toward the M.A., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. **as allowed by the student's specific Degree Completion Plan (DCP) for the M.A., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S.**

### M.A. in Christian Apologetics Degree into the M.A.B.S., M.A.R., M.R.E. or M.Div. Degree

Students who earn a Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.) degree may pursue the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.B.S.), Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) or Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) degree and apply 30 hours from the M.A. in Christian Apologetics toward the M.A.B.S., M.A.R. or M.R.E. **as allowed by the student's specific Degree Completion Plan (DCP) for the M.A.B.S., M.A.R. or M.R.E.**

Students who earn a Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.) degree may pursue the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree and apply all 36 hours from the M.A. in Christian Apologetics toward the M.Div. **as allowed by the student's specific DCP for the M.Div.**

Students may **not** earn the M.A.R., M.R.E. or M.Div. **first**, and then apply to pursue the M.A. in Christian Apologetics. (Students may earn a M.A.B.S. first, then pursue the M.A. in Christian Apologetics.) Students desiring the additional degree must submit an application for admission through the Graduate Admissions Office.

## Programs of Study

### Delivery Format: Residential and Online

- Christian Apologetics (M.A.) (Non-Thesis)

## Career Opportunities

- Apologist
- Author
- Campus Minister
- Associate or Youth Pastor