

APOLOGETICS (APOL)

APOL 500 Introduction to Apologetics 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course surveys basic issues in apologetics. The student also learns to evaluate worldviews, constructing and using appropriate Christian apologetic arguments against opposing worldviews.

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 505 Contextualized Apologetics in the Late Modern Age 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course explores apologetics in the late modern age, emphasizing the necessity of adapting apologetic strategies to diverse cultural contexts within various church and ministry settings. The course will equip the student to defend the reasonableness of the Christian faith while engaging with skepticism and doubt in an ever-changing world.

Offered: Resident

APOL 520 History of Christian Apologetics 3 Credit Hour(s)

A survey of the history of Christian apologetics. The course will offer a contextualized study of key apologists in the history of Christianity including Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Origen, Augustine, Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, John Calvin, Blaise Pascal, William Paley, B. B. Warfield, and C. S. Lewis. The study will focus upon the contribution of each apologist to Christian thought.

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 525 Pluralism and World Religions 3 Credit Hour(s)

A contrast between the truth-claims of the major world religions and the uniqueness of Christian theistic apologetics, both in content and method.

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 550 Faith and Reason 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: APOL 500

An introduction to basic issues in the intersection between faith and reason. The course will provide an introduction to the use of logic in apologetics and will consider key issues such as the nature of God, the definition of faith, religious epistemology, the nature of man and the human mind, and divine providence.

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 610 Miracles 3 Credit Hour(s)

Presents a detailed study of contemporary denials of miracles, emphasizing the resurrection of Jesus and the part it plays in Christian apologetics and theology.

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 620 Evil, Suffering, and Hell 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: APOL 550

An advanced study of the differing forms of the problem of evil and suffering. The course will explore the problem and investigate various theodicies and responses to the problem. Attention will also be given to the issue of hell and eternal damnation.

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 630 Current Issues in Apologetics 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: APOL 500

An investigation of current issues and trends in apologetics, such as the intersection of science and religion, the problem of evil, atheism, or secularism.

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 640 Apologetics in the Life of the Church 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: APOL 505

This course examines the role and use of applied apologetics in the teaching ministry of the local church and in the discipleship of God's people. Special focus will be given on the integration of applied apologetics in facilitating spiritual growth, shepherding believers through experiential doubt, and developing strategies for expository apologetics.

Offered: Resident

APOL 643 Culture and the Supernatural Realm 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: APOL 505

This course will explore how the Christian might engage with alternative supernatural worldviews prevalent in culture while recognizing the reality of spiritual warfare in the apologetic task. The outcome of this course is that students will be equipped with a biblically informed perspective about the unseen realm, the theological foundations of spiritual warfare, and the Christian's role in discerning and confronting spiritual deception.

Offered: Resident

APOL 679 Apologetics Capstone 3 Credit Hour(s)

The student should be able to demonstrate an ability to reflect, integrate and apply apologetics knowledge to a specific problem facing Christianity. Apologetic reflection should be transformational, in that it influences, motivates, and empowers the student to live for Christ and further His kingdom.

Registration Restrictions: Must complete at least 24 semester hours toward the Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics degree

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 695 Directed Research in Apologetics 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

Designed for the advanced student in good standing who has demonstrated an ability to work independently. The student will work with the instructor in developing a proposal for guided research in a specified area of Apologetics.

Offered: Resident and Online

APOL 697 Seminar in Apologetics 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

An intensive study in a specific subject of Apologetics. This course allows variation in the approach and content of the regular curriculum and often will be used by visiting professors.

Offered: Resident and Online