

Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics

Vocational Calling

To serve in a full or part-time ministry of Christian apologetics, or to equip pastors, student ministers, missionaries, evangelists, or apologetics specialists to share and defend their faith more completely. The Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics can be earned through residential or non-residential study.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Robert Stewart (Concentration Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

Program Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate critical and constructive thought processes in cultural and apologetic engagement.
2. Students will be able to design, implement, lead, and assess an apologetic ministry within their contexts.
3. Students will demonstrate their understanding of and ability to communicate biblical, theological, and historical truth in settings that require the defense of the Christian faith.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (15 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(6 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament*	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament*	3 hours
Upon transcript evaluation, eligible students may substitute Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics (M) and/or Dealing with Bible Difficulties (M) for the Exploring Old and/or New Testament courses.	
Christian Theological Competency	(6 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	**
Ministry Specialization Competency	(3 hours)
Supervised Apologetics Ministry Practicum	3 hours

(M) Indicates course is also available in a mentoring format.

*Credit for some courses may be achieved through the Baptist College Partnership Program.

**All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

***This list is not all-inclusive. Any of the courses listed here will count as electives for the Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics degree. Other courses may be suitable. Students should check with the Curriculum Coordinator or the Concentration Advisor and the Registrar's Office for more information on other courses and to confirm that courses not on this list are suitable.

Christian Apologetics Component (21 hours)

Christian Apologetics Core	(9 hours)
Christian Apologetics	3 hours
The Problem of Evil	3 hours
Logic	3 hours
Christian Apologetics Electives***	(12 hours)
Take 12 hours from the following courses:	
Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
Apologetic Method	3 hours
Cult Theology	3 hours
The Historical Jesus	3 hours
Theology of C. S. Lewis	3 hours
Metaphysics	3 hours
Epistemology	3 hours
Mormonism	3 hours
New Age Spirituality	3 hours
Jehovah's Witnesses	3 hours
Encountering World Religions	3 hours
World Religions: Islam	3 hours
World Religions: Eastern Religions	3 hours
World Religions: Judaism	3 hours
Heresy and Orthodoxy in the Early Church	3 hours
Philosophical Theology	3 hours
Contemporary Hermeneutical Theory	3 hours
Pulpit Apologetics	3 hours
Campus Apologetics	3 hours
Christianity and the Sciences	3 hours
British Apologists	3 hours
Word of God in Christianity and Islam	3 hours
Jesus and Islam	3 hours
Creation and Creationism	3 hours
Postmodernity and Contemporary Theological Issues	3 hours
Persecution and Martyrdom Yesterday and Today	3 hours
Mission Trip to Middle East for Muslim	
Witness and Evangelism	3 hours
Christian Responses to Islamic Cultural Differences	3 hours
Doctrine of God in Christianity and Islam	3 hours
Christian Ethics	3 hours
Doctrine of the Trinity	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Dealing with Bible Difficulties	3 hours

Total Required: 36 hours

Leveling Required for Doctoral Study

The Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics is a professional Masters degree designed for practical preparation and is not a degree that leads to doctoral work without significant leveling.