

Christian Apologetics *M.Div. Specialization*

Vocational Calling

To serve pastor-teachers, student ministers, missionaries, evangelists, interfaith witness specialists, and academicians, with a focused preparation in defending the faith.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (65-66 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency (23 hours)

Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency (6-7 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum (M)	2 hours
Church Evangelism (M) OR Church Revitalization (M)	2 hours
Christian Missions (M) OR Discipleship Strategies (M)	3/2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency (2 hours)

Interpersonal Relationship Skills OR Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
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Servant Leadership Competency (8 hours)

Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration (M)	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)

Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1: Basic Spiritual Disciplines (M)	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2: Multiplication (M)	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency (5 hours)

Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible ***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum (M) OR Teaching Practicum*** (M)	2 hours

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective (3 hours)

For further information, please contact:

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

Christian Apologetics Concentration (18 hours)

Christian Apologetics Core (9 hours)

Christian Apologetics	3 hours
The Problem of Evil	3 hours
Logic	3 hours

Electives**** (9 hours)

Take 6 hours from the following courses:

Cult Theology	3 hours
Encountering World Religions	3 hours
Philosophical Theology	3 hours
Contemporary Hermeneutical Theory	3 hours
Epistemology	3 hours
Metaphysics	3 hours
Jehovah's Witnesses	3 hours
World Religions: Eastern Religions	3 hours
World Religions: Islam	3 hours
World Religions: Judaism	3 hours
The Historical Jesus	3 hours
Christianity and the Sciences	3 hours
British Apologists	3 hours
Theology of C. S. Lewis	3 hours
Word of God in Christianity and Islam	3 hours
Jesus and Islam	3 hours
Creation and Creationism	3 hours
Postmodernity & Contemporary Theological Issues	3 hours
Heresy and Orthodoxy in the Early Church	3 hours
Apologetic Method	3 hours

Total Required: 86-87 hours

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

*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.

Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take **Christian Ministry instead of **Pastoral Ministry**.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take **Teaching the Bible** instead of **Proclaiming the Bible**, and **Teaching Practicum** instead of **Preaching Practicum**. Students who take **Teaching the Bible** must take the **Teaching Practicum** course.

****This list is representative and may expand as new courses are developed.