

APOLOGETICS (APOL)

APOL 120 Apologetics 3 Credit Hour(s)

A survey of the evidences for the central truths of Christianity: the existence of God, the deity and resurrection of Christ, and the authority and truth of the Bible.

Note: Willmington School of the Bible course

Offered: Online

APOL 201 Apologetics and Cultural Engagement 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course equips students to use apologetics to engage with the culture using the various current issues of the day as entry points to the Gospel. Students will be trained to think critically from a biblical worldview and engage winsomely on such issues as evil in the world, critical claims about Jesus in the popular culture, new atheism, race issues, and sexuality.

Offered: Resident

APOL 220 Introduction to Apologetics 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course equips students with a foundational understanding of, and skills within, the field of apologetics. Students will explore the major apologetic issues that arise today and will learn both the critical thinking skills and theological principles in order to respond persuasively.

Offered: Online

APOL 250 Faith, Reason, and the Search for Meaning 3 Credit Hour(s)

A course that explores the relationship between faith and reason. This course will provide an overview on the use of logic and critical thinking skills as they pertain to key issues at the intersection of theology and philosophy, such as the existence of God, the nature of faith, the incarnation, the resurrection, human constitution, and the Trinity.

Offered: Resident

APOL 310 Apologetics in a Secular Age 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: APOL 220

This course develops an apologetic approach which takes into account the values and plausibility structures of the late modern, secular age. Particular emphasis will be given to understanding current cultural movements and values and constructing a person-centered approach to the apologetic task.

Offered: Online

APOL 311 Foundational Issues in Apologetics 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: APOL 201

Surveys the various approaches to Christian apologetics with the aim at understanding the theology that drives each approach. The course will critically engage with the works of leading proponents of the approaches in order for students to develop their own approach and method in apologetics. Furthermore, core areas of Christian doctrine, such as Theology Proper, Christology, and Bibliology, will be explored and defended.

Offered: Resident

APOL 320 Apologetics and the Gospel 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: APOL 220

This course examines key questions related to the identity and ministry of Jesus, particularly as it relates to the historicity of the New Testament's portrayal of Jesus. Primary attention is given to examining historical evidence related to Jesus' existence, his ministry, miracles, deity, death, and resurrection as well as understanding Jesus as a part of the larger biblical story.

Offered: Online

APOL 325 Christianity and the Cults 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course examines the history and beliefs of those systems that claim to be Christian yet deny fundamental Christian doctrines such as the sole sufficiency of the Bible, the Trinity, the deity of Christ, salvation by faith in Christ alone without works, the eternal punishment of the wicked, and other pertinent doctrines. Groups discussed include Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Seventh-day Adventism, Christian Science and others.

Offered: Resident

APOL 330 C.S. Lewis and the Apologetic Imagination 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: APOL 220

This course examines the apologetic writings of C. S. Lewis. Particular focus is given to understanding Lewis within his context as well as drawing from various aspects of his apologetic approach for the current cultural moment.

Offered: Online

APOL 431 Introduction to Islam 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course explores the historic rise and expansion of Islam as well as basic Muslim beliefs and practices. Attention is also given to the diversity within the world of Islam. (Crosslisted with GLST 431)

Offered: Resident

APOL 480 Biblical Studies and Apologetics 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: APOL 201

Exposes students to the best biblical scholarship being used in apologetics. Students will engage with such areas as Textual Criticism, Old Testament studies, New Testament studies, and Archaeology.

Offered: Resident

APOL 497 Special Topics in Apologetics 1,3 Credit Hour(s)

Offered: Resident