

SES | SOUTHERN EVANGELICAL *Seminary & Bible College*

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.Min.) IN

APOLOGETICS

Proclaim. *Engage*. Defend.



I can't recommend SES any more highly. … There's no better place to come to get to know God and make Him known.

– FRANK TUREK,
SES Alum & Adjunct Professor, President of CrossExamined.org

Equipping You to Engage

Why are you a Christian? Why should anyone believe the Christian worldview is actually true? Christ-followers are called to combat false ideas that stand in the way of the Gospel (2 Cor. 10:5; 1 Peter 3:15). But with nearly one quarter of American adults having no religious affiliation, and sexual, moral, and theological confusion abounding, how do you evangelize the lost and equip the saints in a post-Christian society?

To effectively engage with the culture, you will need a deeply integrated understanding of theology, philosophy, and apologetics—the bedrock of a degree from Southern Evangelical Seminary and Bible College (SES).

EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED TRAINING

As SES co-founder Dr. Norman Geisler said, "[Apologetics] is opening the door, clearing the rubble, and getting rid of the hurdles so that people can come to Christ." Regardless of your particular vocation or ministry context, sound apologetics that is undergirded with good philosophy and theology is a must for doing the heavy lifting of removing the hurdles that prohibit many in our post-Christian society from considering the Gospel. There are many wonderful institutions today that offer training in these areas. There are very few, however, that offer the accredited and *integrated* training in classical Christian thinking found here.

A deep and unique integration of theology, philosophy, and apologetics is woven throughout each SES program. This integrated approach will help you form a complete and systematic Christian worldview. Such systematic thinking will equip you to more effectively *proclaim* the Gospel, *engage* the culture, and *defend* the Truth. As one SES student noted, "I simply could not be doing what I am doing, the way that I am doing it, without the training I received at SES. … I learned how to think through issues in a way that is simply foreign to most Christians, including graduates of other seminaries."

The 36 hour Doctor of Ministry in Apologetics gives you credibility, confidence, and competence to address the unique issues of 21st-century pastoral leadership. The majority of this program can be completed via our immersive digital campus experience.

Over the years, it has become increasingly clear to me that the way we will spell evangelism, discipleship, missions, and Christian education in the 21st century is *apologetics*. Put simply, *apologetics* means 'loving people enough to answer their honest questions.' Among evangelical institutions, SES uniquely infuses *classical apologetics* and *philosophy* throughout each of our programs to serve this end.

Since its founding in 1992, SES has maintained its dual commitment to evangelism and apologetics. Hundreds of SES graduates are proclaiming and defending the Christian faith from the pulpit, the mission field, on campus, and in the business world. Will you be next?

Richard D. Land

Dr. Richard D. Land,
SES President



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36 Hour Doctoral Degree

This three year professional degree purposes to equip those actively involved in ministry with a higher level of competency. The D.Min., which usually is a terminal program, prepares pastors and teachers for apologetic and evangelistic ministry and outreach.

Flexible Course Delivery

SES provides a fully immersive digital campus experience to meet even the most demanding schedules.**

Be Equipped for Your Calling

This degree is ideal for those preparing for:

- **Academic Teaching**
- **Campus Ministry**
- **Missions Work**
- **Pastoral Ministry**
- **Speaking/Teaching**
- **Youth Ministry**
- **Personal Edification**

DEGREE OBJECTIVES

1. Increase the student's understanding of the Bible and of the doctrines of the historic Christian faith.
2. Develop an ability to defend the Bible and the doctrines of the historic Christian faith.
3. Develop a Christian world view that recognizes all truth as God's truth.
4. Understand and evaluate contemporary theological and moral issues from a biblical perspective.
5. Mature in relationship with God by Bible study, prayer, and worship.
6. Develop an awareness of and involvement in evangelism and missions.
7. Train for church–related, counter–cult, and apologetic ministries
8. Increase in skills required for Christian ministry: apologetics, evangelism, historical inquiry and contemporary application, theological reflection and ethical understanding, ministry analysis, and application.
9. Demonstrate familiarity with a representative body of knowledge and praxis relating to apologetics.
10. Evidence maturing personal qualities appropriate of Christian character and levels of ministerial excellence.
11. Show self–awareness in your capacity to plan appropriate continuing education.
12. Evidence collegiality as you work with faculty mentors, colleagues, and other professionals

ONLINE EDUCATION COURSES – 18 hours
AP801 Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3)*
AP802 New Religious Movements* or AP804 World Religions (3)*
AP911 Apologetic Systems (3)
AP800–900 Electives (9)

RESIDENT SEMINARS – 12 hours
**AP, CE, ME, or PT 900 level (12)

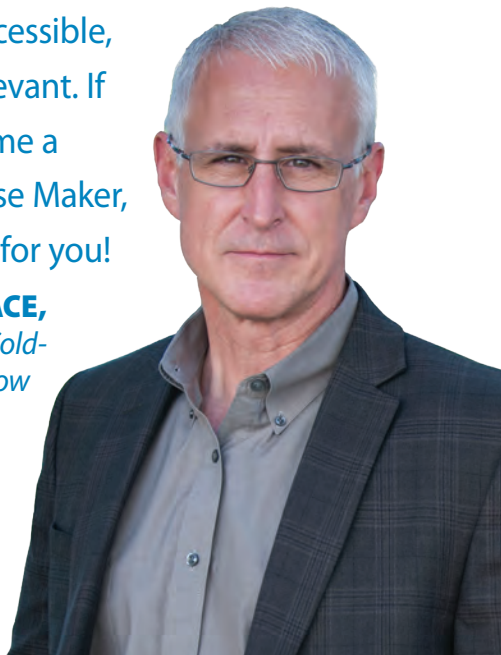
MINISTRY PROJECT – 6 hours
MP901 Ministry Project (3)
MP902 Ministry Project Defense (3)

TOTAL HOURS: 36 hours
**Required course if not previously completed*

**Four on-campus seminars are currently required.

"SES provides a truly unique opportunity to examine the evidence for Christianity. It's accessible, engaging, and relevant. If you want to become a good Christian Case Maker, SES was designed for you!

– J. WARNER WALLACE,
SES Adjunct Faculty, Cold-Case Detective, Sr. Fellow at the Colson Center





> Thank you so much for putting together a program that is both intellectually challenging and applicable in the contemporary landscape. Joining SES has been the highlight of my academic career!
>
> – **KRISTEN DAVIS,**
> *SES Ph.D. Student, Founder of DoubtlessFaith.com*

Beyond Online Education

Your schedule is busy. We get it. Between family, work, ministry, sports, etc., how can you make time for class? We fully understand the complex demands on our students, so we have created seminary options for busy schedules like yours. SES takes a *digital-first* approach that moves your learning beyond mere online education by leveraging ever-advancing technology to re-capture in a virtual environment the essence of a traditional on-campus format.

THE DIGITAL CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

The result of this digital-first approach is a fully immersive and community-based *digital campus experience.* The goal of the digital campus is to provide a centralized web-based hub where students can have a shared digital landscape that is fully equipped with industry-leading live-streaming, cloud-based office suites for collaboration, community participation events, and the ability for students to engage their peers in clubs, conversation, or research.

Within the digital campus, courses are either live-streamed or offered in a true asynchronous online format (with live-streaming components). Even live-streamed classes are posted back to the course hub for on-demand viewing. This format enables us to accommodate even the most demanding of schedules and allows you to get a first-class education without the burden of relocation or leaving your current ministry context.

In addition, the digital campus is fully equipped with our robust *Digital Theological Library* that gives our students access to over 650,000 eBooks, thousands of journal titles and peer-reviewed articles, and much more. The availability of such an abundance of resources will save you both time and money as you complete your course work.

These deliberate efforts move traditional seminary training beyond online education and outside the classroom into a more immersive digital campus that serves to meet your needs both academically and relationally. This digital-first approach, combined with our integration of theology, philosophy, and apologetics, will enable you to become better equipped to proclaim and defend the Gospel in our modern culture.

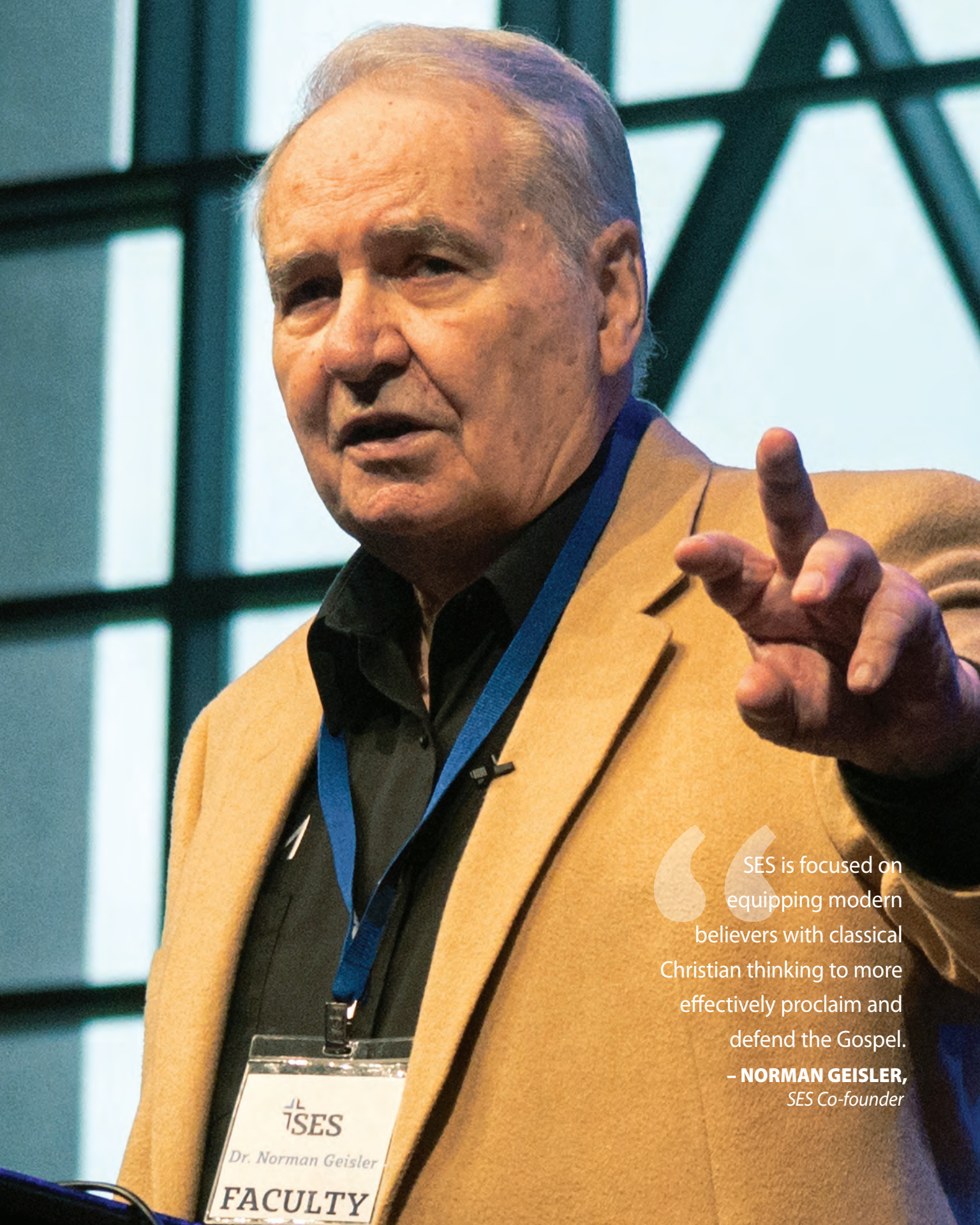
MEETING YOU WHERE YOU ARE

- Uniquely Integrated Approach to Christian Thinking
- Accredited, Academic, and Practical Training
- Immersive Digital Campus Experience
- Digital Theological Library with over 650,000 Resources Available
- Most Courses are 15 Weeks, with 8 Week Courses & 1 Week Modules Available

APPLY TODAY

Begin the application process by visiting **www.SES.edu/Apply**

For more information contact the SES Admissions Dept. at:
admissions@ses.edu
(704) 847-5600 x216



> SES is focused on equipping modern believers with classical Christian thinking to more effectively proclaim and defend the Gospel.
>
> **– NORMAN GEISLER,**
> *SES Co-founder*

VALUE BEYOND TUITION COSTS

It is certainly true that in many contexts you get what you pay for. At SES, however, the value of your education will far outweigh the actual costs you pay. After tuition and fees, many Christian institutions can end up costing nearly $2,000 per course for a typical graduate-level education. We provide even more value by offering a unique, and superior, *integrated* approach to Christian thinking at a fraction of the cost.

Undergraduate	Graduate	Doctoral	Audit
$238	**$333**	**$417**	**$50**
Per credit hour, plus approx. $175 fees	*Per credit hour, plus approx. $175 fees*	*Per credit hour, plus approx. $175 fees*	*Per credit hour, some fees may apply*

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

In addition to our competitive tuition costs, several needs-based scholarships are offered each semester. SES is also approved to enroll eligible VA students. We choose not to accept federal financial aid primarily because we encourage our students to accrue as little debt as possible.

SES also has several ministry partnerships that allow students affiliated with those ministries to receive tuition discounts (see www.SES.edu for details). Those interested specifically in campus apologetics ministry may consider applying for the *Ratio Christi Missionary Apologist Training Fellowship,* which offers an ongoing partial SES scholarship in addition to specific Ratio Christi missionary training. Ratio Christi is a campus apologetics alliance that was originally birthed out of SES and focuses on establishing campus apologetics clubs on college and university campuses. Call for details, (704) 847-5600 x216, or email admissions@ses.edu.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITATION

Southern Evangelical Seminary is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [15935 Forest Road, Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: (434) 525-9539; e–mail: info@tracs.org], having been awarded Reaffirmation II of its Accredited Status as a Category IV institution by TRACS Accreditation Commission on November 1, 2016. This status is effective for a period of ten years. TRACS is recognized by both the United States Department of Education (USDOE), the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).





> Apologetics wasn't a side issue. It was the actual essence of the ministry I was doing. … I'm finding out more and more how important it is to be trained in order to pick up on these philosophical problems to answer the real question that's at hand.
>
> **– ANTHONY MILLER,**
> *SES Student*

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