



SOUTHERN
EVANGELICAL
Seminary & Bible College

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN
**CHURCH
MINISTRY**

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 60 hour Master of Arts in Church Ministry prepares you with a strong foundation in apologetics, biblical studies, and theology, along with practical field experience for either church or parachurch ministry in the areas of leadership, discipleship, missions, Christian education, and more.

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?



Dr. Richard D. Land,
SES President



MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN CHURCH MINISTRY

► 60 Hour Seminary Degree

Be prepared to engage the culture as well as progress to more advanced degrees like the Doctor of Ministry.

► 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:

- Pastoral Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Missions Work

DEGREE OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the Old and New Testaments, including a synthetic development of each of sixty-six books of the Bible.
2. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Systematic Theology, especially in relating the major biblical doctrines to current cultural and apologetic issues.
3. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge and practice of Ministry and Missions in the context of the church in pastoral or non-pastoral capacity.
4. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Historical Theology, especially the development of each of the major doctrines from Pentecost to the present.
5. Demonstrate a basic knowledge in Christian Apologetics and New Religious Movements.
6. Do further graduate work if they so desire.
7. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
8. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socioeconomic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
9. Love and serve people in whatever spiritual, moral, or physical condition they meet them and to seek to show them God's love and truth.
10. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
11. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an inter-cultural context, either in a pastoral or non-pastoral position.
12. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an evangelical Christian church ministry, especially in regard to leading and teaching a congregation or other group in growth, maturity, and outreach to the world.

PREREQUISITE COURSE – 3 hours

Pass/Fail

SM501 Writing & Research Skills (3)

APOLOGETICS – 6 hours

AP501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3)

AP502 New Religious Movements (3)

BIBLICAL STUDIES – 12 hours

OT501 Old Testament Survey 1:

Genesis–Esther (3)

OT502 Old Testament Survey 2: Job–Malachi (3)

NT501 New Testament Survey 1:

Gospels & Acts (3)

NT502 New Testament Survey 2:

Epistles & Revelation (3)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – 6 hours

CE501 Educational Program of the Church (3)

CE502 Discipleship (3)

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY – 3 hours

HT501 Historical Theology: A Survey (3)

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM – 6 hours

ME507 History of Missions & World Christianity (3)

ME508 Biblical Theology & Principles of Missions (3)

PASTORAL THEOLOGY – 3 hours

PT501 Homiletics or PT502 Pastoral Care or PT503 Biblical Counseling (3)

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY – 15 hours

ST501 Prolegomena & Bibliology (3)

ST502 Theology Proper & Creation (3)

ST503 Hamartiology & Soteriology (3)

ST504 Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, & Eschatology (3)

ST505 Hermeneutics (3)

ELECTIVE – 9 hours

From CE, ME, or PT

FIELD EXPERIENCE – 0 hours

FE501 Field Experience 1 (0)

FE502 Field Experience 2 (0)

TOTAL HOURS: 60 hours

CONCENTRATIONS – Graduate students (excluding M.A.R. and M.A.C.A.) may add the following concentrations to their major (see catalog for details): Christian Apologetics; Christian Education; Jewish Studies; Scientific Apologetics; Philosophy; Biblical Languages; Islamic Studies; Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (PPE)

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

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

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

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.

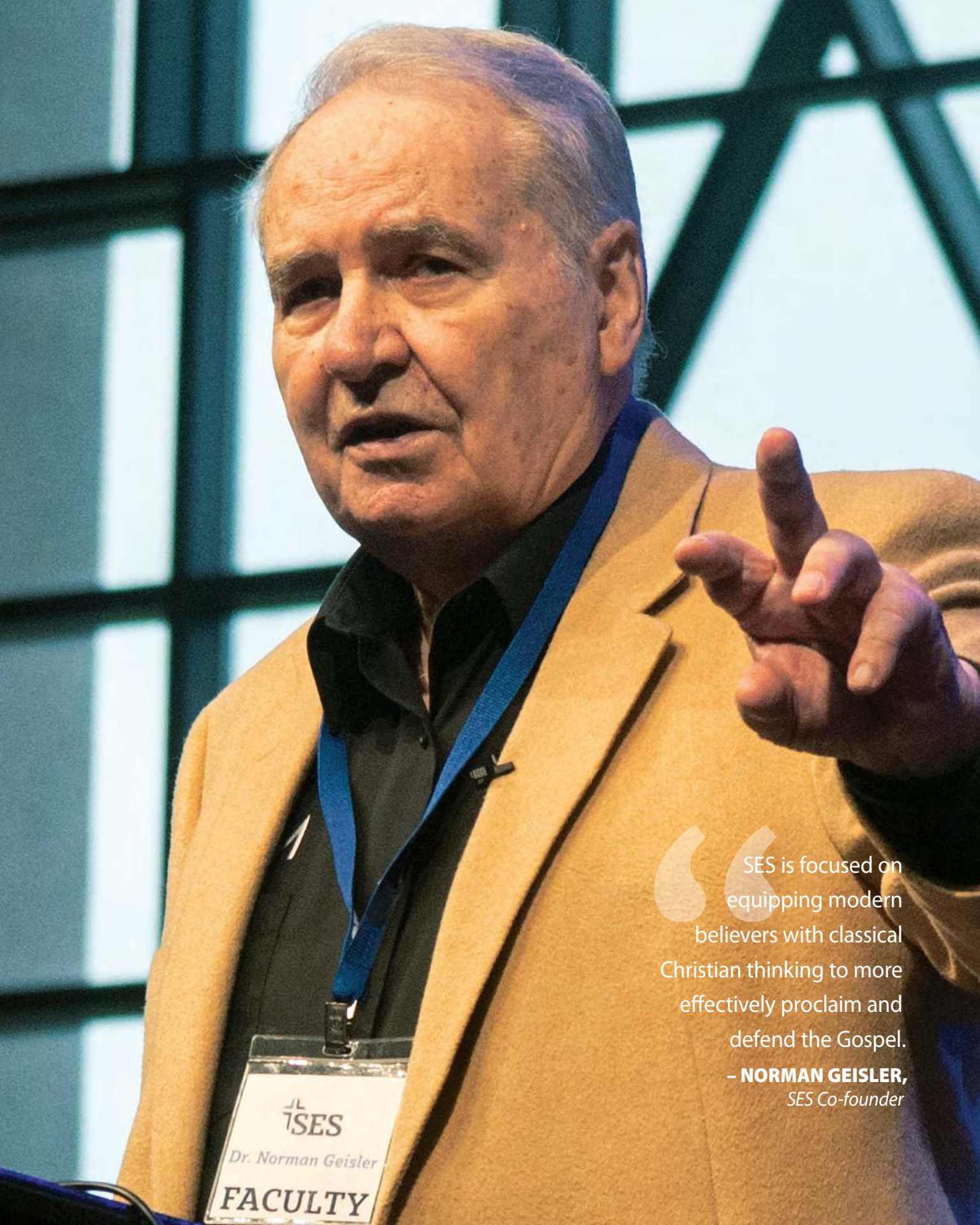
THE DIGITAL CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

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.



“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

\$238

Per credit hour,
plus approx. \$175 fees

Graduate

\$333

Per credit hour,
plus approx. \$175 fees

Doctoral

\$417

Per credit hour,
plus approx. \$175 fees

Audit

\$50

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).

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God
possible? Isn't God
gay people? Christians?
of Muslims?
Does God exist?
Who is Jesus?
from the dead?
How do we relate?
What do choirs
do?
Bible
What do we believe?
Is morality
objective?
What's the meaning of life?
What's the purpose of existence?
What's the point of it all?

“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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