



SOUTHERN  
EVANGELICAL  
Seminary & Bible College

# MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.Div.) 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 several 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.”

SES offers a number of graduate and doctoral degrees, a B.A. degree, and many for-credit certificates, all delivered via our immersive digital campus. You will get the preparation you need, *while remaining in your current ministry context*, from faculty and staff that tailor-fit your studies.

Not since the earliest days of the church has there been a greater need for Christians to impact our culture with the Good News of the Gospel message. Since its founding in 1992, Southern Evangelical Seminary has maintained a dual commitment to evangelism and apologetics thereby enabling SES to be on the cutting edge of training our graduates to give honest answers to the questioning hearts of people who so desperately need to hear the absolute truth of God’s redeeming love.

Please accept my personal invitation to join with us as we seek the heart and mind of our King together.



Judge Phil Ginn, D.Min.  
SES President



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## ► 90 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:

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

### 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 Historical Theology, especially the development of each of the major doctrines from Pentecost to the present.
3. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Systematic Theology, especially in relating the major biblical doctrines to current cultural and apologetic issues.
4. Demonstrate an introductory knowledge of the Biblical Languages, with the ability to use the basic tools necessary for sound Bible Study Methods.
5. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge of hermeneutical principles and an ability to apply them to the biblical text.
6. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge in Apologetics, including the historical and philosophical development of various ideas and how they relate to particular contemporary philosophies, theologies, and ethical issues.
7. Demonstrate intro knowledge/experience in Christian Education/Missions.
8. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
9. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socio-economic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
10. 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.
11. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshiping God and serving His people.
12. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an inter-cultural context, either in a pastoral or non-pastoral position, as well as 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 – 15 hours

AP501 Intro to Christian

Apologetics (3)

AP503 Logic (3)

AP511 Christian Apologetic Systems (3)

AP512 Ethics (3)

AP518 Resurrection of Jesus (3)

### PHILOSOPHY – 6 hours

PH501 Classical Philosophy (3)

PH601 Philosophy of Religion (3)

### BIBLICAL STUDIES – 18 hours

OT501 Old Testament Survey 1:

Genesis–Esther (3)

OT502 Old Testament Survey 2: Job–

Malachi (3)

OTE Old Testament Elective (3)

NT501 New Testament Survey 1:

Gospels & Acts (3)

NT502 New Testament Survey 2:

Epistles & Rev. (3)

NTE New Testament Elective (3)

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – 3 hours

CE501 Educational Program of the

Church (3)

### HISTORICAL THEOLOGY – 3 hours

HT501 Historical Theology: A Survey (3)

### MISSIONS & EVANGELISM – 9 hours

ME507 History of Missions & World

Christianity (3)

ME508 Biblical Theology & Principles

of Missions (3)

ME510 Culture & Worldview (3)

### PASTORAL THEOLOGY – 9 hours

PT501 Homiletics (3)

PT502 Pastoral Care (3)

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)

### ELECTIVES – 12 hours

a) Any Elective (3)

b) One course from CE, PT, or ME (3)

c) AP Electives (6)

### FIELD EXPERIENCE – 0 hours

FE501 Field Experience 1 (0)

FE502 Field Experience 2 (0)

FE503 Field Experience 3 (0)

FE504 Field Experience 4 (0)

### TOTAL HOURS: 90 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)



“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*



## MEETING YOU WHERE YOU ARE



Uniquely Integrated  
Approach to Christian  
Thinking



Accredited, Academic,  
and Practical Training



Immersive Digital  
Campus Experience  
with Live-Streaming



Digital Theological  
Library with over  
650,000 Resources  
Available



Most Courses are 15  
Weeks, with 8 Week  
Courses and 1 Week  
Modules Available

## APPLY TODAY

Begin the application  
process by visiting

**[www.SES.edu/Apply](http://www.SES.edu/Apply)**

or use the tear-off form in this  
booklet (if in-person)

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

# 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.

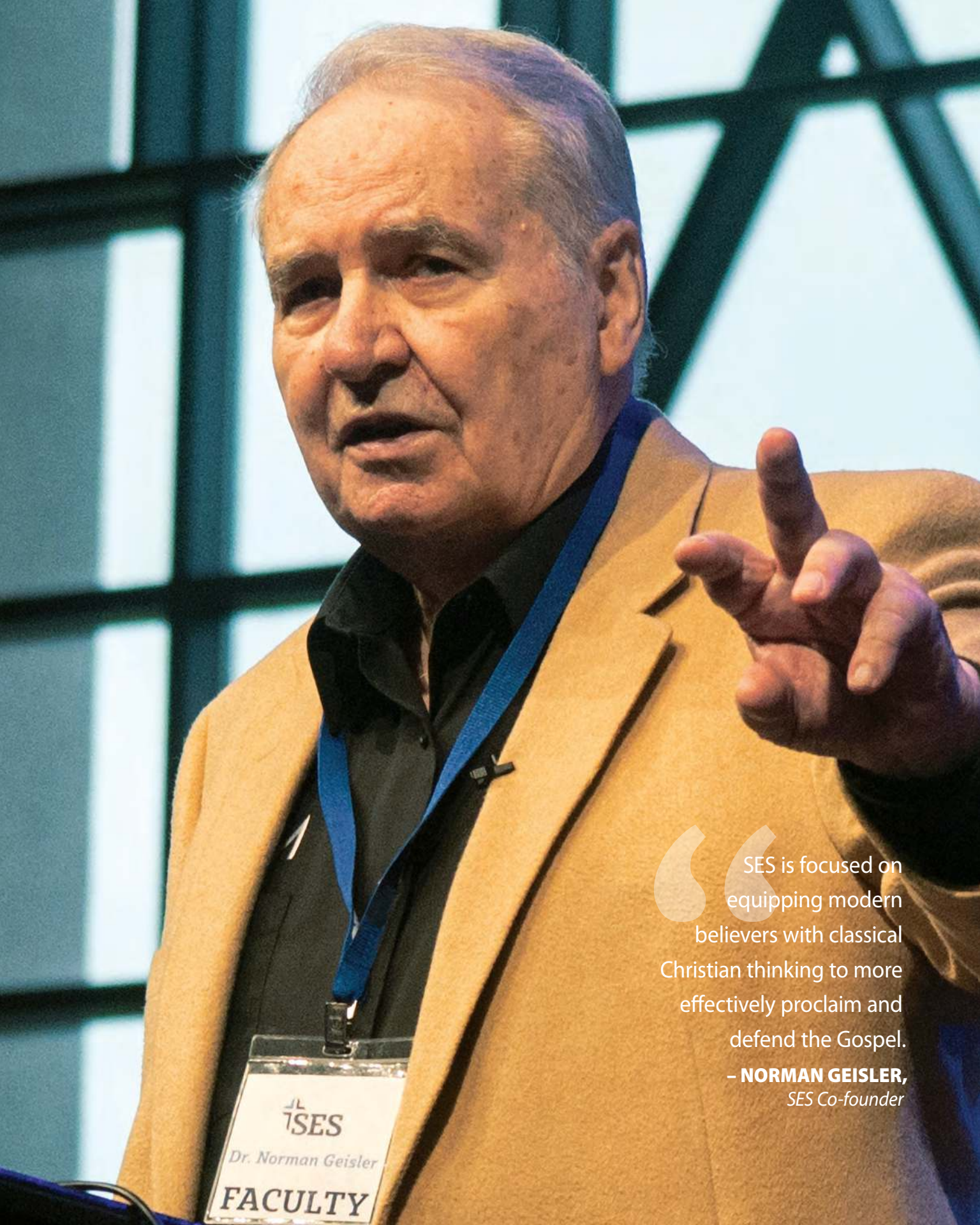
## THE DIGITAL CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

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 ever-expanding *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 discounts and ministry partnerships that help defer our already low tuition costs (see [www.SES.edu](http://www.SES.edu) for details). For example, in honor of SES *President Emeritus* Dr. Richard Land, members of Southern Baptist churches can receive a 25% tuition discount. 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. Many other partnerships can be found on our website. Call for details, (704) 847-5600 x216, or email [admissions@ses.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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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– **ANTHONY MILLER,**  
*SES Student*



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