

# Master of Arts in Apologetics

The Master of Arts in Apologetics is designed to provide the apologetic skills and understanding to lead and teach a congregation or other groups in reaching out to the world around them. It also provides specialized training for committed professional or non-professional Christians for non-pastoral ministries particularly in apologetics and counter-cult ministries. This degree is also preparatory for doctoral degrees in similar areas.



## M.A. Apologetics Program 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 in Christian Apologetics, including the historical and philosophical development of various ideas and how they relate to particular contemporary philosophies, theologies, and ethical dilemmas and decisions.
4. Do further graduate work if desired.
5. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
6. Love and serve people in whatever spiritual, moral, or physical condition they meet them and seek to show them God's love and truth.
7. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
8. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, specifically in relationship to various church-related ministries.
9. Communicate the truth of God effectively in a lay-ministry setting.

### *Prerequisite Course – 3 hours Pass/Fail*

SM501 Writing and Research Skills (3)

### *Apologetics – 18 hours*

AP501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics or APe (3)

AP503 Logic (3)

AP512 Ethics (3)

AP511 Christian Apologetic Systems (3)

AP518 Resurrection of Jesus (3)

SCe Scientific Apologetics Elective (3)

### *Philosophy – 6 hours*

PH501 Classical Philosophy (3)

PH601 Philosophy of Religion (3)

### *Biblical Studies–12 hours*

#### *Old Testament – 6 hours*

OT501 Old Testament Survey 1: Genesis–Esther (3)

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

#### *New Testament – 6 hours*

NT501 New Testament Survey 1: Gospels and Acts (3)

NT502 New Testament Survey 2: The Epistles and Revelation (3)

### *Electives – 9 hours*

#### *Systematic Theology – 12 hours*

ST501 Prolegomena and Bibliology (3)

ST502 Theology Proper and Creation (3)

ST503 Hamartiology and Soteriology (3)

ST504 Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology (3)

### *Thesis–3 Or Non–Thesis 3 hours*

TH501 Thesis Research 1 (1)

TH502 Thesis Research 2 (1)

TH503 Thesis Research 3 (1) or Apologetics Elective Course (3)

### *Field Experience – 0 hours*

FE501 Field Experience 1 (0)

FE502 Field Experience 2 (0)

Total hours for the M.A. in Apologetics: 60 hours.

Suggested Course Sequence  
for M.A. in Apologetics

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP501/APe	3	PH501	3
AP503	3	AP512	3
AP511	3	SCe	3
OT501	3	OT502	3
ST501	3	ST502	3
TH501	1	TH502	1
FE501	0	FE502	0
	16		16
Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
PH601	3	AP518	3
NT501	3	NT502	3
ST503	3	ST504	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
TH503	1	Elective	3
	13		15

Total hours: 60