Master of Divinity in Apologetics

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is a three year professional degree that prepares individuals for ministry in pastoral and non–pastoral positions. This degree, which usually is a terminal program, may also be preliminary to further study toward a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree. The M.Div. degree helps prepare pastors and teachers for evangelical Christian church ministry to assist them in leading and teaching a congregation or other group in growth, maturity, and outreach to the world around them.

M.Div. 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 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 majors 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 dilemmas and decisions.
7. Demonstrate an introductory knowledge and experience in Christian Education and World Missions.
8. Do further graduate work if so desired.
9. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
10. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socioeconomic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
11. 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.
12. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
13. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, either in a pastoral or non–pastoral position.
14. 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 and Research Skills (3)

Apologetics – 15 hours
AP501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics or APe (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
Old Testament – 9 hours
OT501 Old Testament Survey 1: Genesis–Esther (3)
OT502 Old Testament Survey 2: Job–Malachi (3)
OTE Old Testament Elective (3)
New Testament – 9 hours
NT501 New Testament Survey 1: Gospels and Acts (3)
NT502 New Testament Survey 2: The Epistles and Revelation (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 and 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 and Bibliology (3)
ST502 Theology Proper and Creation (3)
ST503 Hamartiology and Soteriology (3)
ST504 Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and 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 for the M.Div. degree with major in Apologetics: 90 hours.

Suggested Course Sequence for M.Div. in Apologetics

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
APE or 501	3	PH501	3
AP503	3	CE, PT, ME	3
ME508	3	ME507	3
OT501	3	OT502	3
ST501	3	ST502	3
	15		15
Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
PH601	3	AP512	3
NT501	3	NT502	3
ST503	3	ST504	3
CE501	3	OTE	3
PT503	3	APE	3
FE501	0	FE502	0
	15		15
Year Three			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP511	3	AP518	3
PT501	3	PT502	3
HT501	3	NTE	3
ME510	3	Elective	3
ST505	3	APE	3
FE503	0	FE504	0
	15		15

Total hours: 90