

Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy of Religion

The Veritas Graduate School of Apologetics offers the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Philosophy of Religion as a three year academic degree that equips those interested in pursuing a professional career in academic research and teaching. This degree, which is a terminal program, prepares pastors, teachers, and others for apologetic and philosophy of religion research and teaching positions.



Ph.D. Philosophy of Religion Program Objectives:

1. Demonstrate advanced knowledge in the fields Philosophy, Apologetics, Biblical Studies, and Systematic Theology.
2. Demonstrate advanced knowledge related to apologetics in the critical studies of the Old and New Testaments
3. Demonstrate advanced knowledge of philosophical issues and problems related to theology and science, and especially in relating the major biblical doctrines to current cultural and theological issues
4. Demonstrate advanced knowledge in Christian apologetics, especially related to worldviews, history, philosophy, various religions, and various apologetic systems.
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. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socio-economic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
7. Love and serve people in whatever spiritual, moral, or physical condition they meet them and seek to show them God's love and truth.
8. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
9. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, specifically in relationship to various churches and academic related ministries.
10. Communicate the truth of God effectively in a professional academic or ministry setting.

Seminars – 6 hours

- SM1005 Reading Seminar I (3)
- SM1006 Reading Seminar II (3)

Philosophy – 21 hours

- PH1010 Problem of Evil (3)
- PH1012 Philosophy of Science (3)
- PH1015 Religious Epistemology (3)
- PH1016 Thomistic Philosophy (3)
- PH1017 Contemporary Atheism (3)
- PH1018 Philosophical Theology (3)
- PH1020 Problems in Philosophy (3)

Biblical Studies – 3 hours

- BS1001 Biblical Criticism

Christian Education – 3 hours

- CE1005 Teaching Theory & Practice (3)

Electives – 12 hours

Examinations and Dissertation – 15 hours

- LC1001 First Research Language Competency (0)
- EX1000 Comprehensive Exam Preparation (0)
- EX1001 Comprehensive Exam (written) (2)
- EX1002 Comprehensive Exam (oral) (2)
- DS1000 Dissertation Proposal Preparation (2)
- DS1001 Dissertation Research (9)

Total hours for Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion Degree 60 hours

Suggested Course Sequence for Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
CE1005	3	PH1010	3
PH1015	3	PH1012	3
SM1005	3	SM1006	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	12		12
Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
BS1001	3	PH1016	3
PH1017	3	PH1018	3
Elective	3	PH1020	3
Elective	3	LC1001	0
	12		9
Year Three			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
EX1001	2	DS1001	9
EX1002	2		
DS1000	2		
	6		9

Total hours: 60