



**SOUTHERN
EVANGELICAL**
Seminary & Bible College

CERTIFICATE/CONCENTRATION IN
**PHILOSOPHY,
POLITICS,
& ECONOMICS**

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*

With nearly one quarter of American adults identifying as “nones” and sexual, moral, and theological confusion abounding, how do you evangelize the lost and equip the saints in a post-Christian society? Christ-followers are called to combat false ideas that stand in the way of the Gospel (2 Cor. 10:5; 1 Peter 3:15). Yet, Barna says, “Our research suggests that most of the efforts of Christian ministries fail to reach much beyond the core of ‘Christianized’ America. . . . New levels of courage and clarity will be required to connect beyond the [shrinking] Christianized majority.”

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 & Bible College (SES).

EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED TRAINING

Co-founded in 1992 by Drs. Norman Geisler and Ross Rhoads, SES offers students something that cannot be found anywhere else—accredited education programs that take an integrated approach to theology, philosophy, and apologetics. This deep and unique integration woven throughout each SES course will help you form a complete and systematic Christian world view. Such systematic thinking will equip you to more effectively proclaim the Gospel, engage the culture, and defend the Truth.

Dr. Geisler defined apologetics as “opening the door, clearing the rubble, and getting rid of the [obstacles] so that people can come to Christ.” Thus, the mission of SES is to *train men and women, based on the inerrant and infallible written Word of God, for the evangelization of the world and defense of the historic Christian faith*. Regardless of your particular vocation or ministry context, sound theology that is undergirded with good philosophy and apologetics is a must for doing the heavy lifting of removing the obstacles standing in the way of someone coming to Christ.

To this end, SES offers the 15 hour Certificate in Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (PPE). This combination of PPE training and classical seminary education can be a potent one in combating the new heresies and false doctrines rooted in a secularist, progressivist world view that is so prevalent today.

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



CERTIFICATE/CONCENTRATION IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, & ECONOMICS (PPE)

► 15 Hour Certificate/Concentration

Certificate courses are *for-credit* courses, meaning the credits you earn can be applied to a degree program later. Courses can be taken at the graduate or undergraduate level. In addition, graduate students (excluding M.A.R.) may add certificate courses as concentrations to their major (see catalog for details).

► Flexible Course Delivery

SES provides a fully immersive digital campus experience to meet even the most demanding schedules.

► Be Equipped for Your Calling

This certificate is ideal for those preparing for:

- **Campus Ministry**
- **Speaking/Teaching**
- **Missions Work**
- **Personal Edification**
- **Pastoral Ministry**

► What is PPE?*

Philosophy – You will increase critical thinking skills and promote analytical rigor, as well as learn to reason logically and apply these skills to questions concerning how we acquire knowledge or make ethical judgments.

Politics – You will gain a comprehensive understanding of the impact of political institutions on modern societies. You will have the tools to evaluate the choices that political systems must regularly make, explain the processes that maintain or change those systems, and examine the concepts and values used in political analysis.

Economics – You will learn how consumers, corporations, and government make decisions that together determine how resources are distributed. This understanding is essential to make sense of governmental policy-making, the conduct of businesses, and the enormous flux of economic systems throughout the world.

REQUIRED COURSES

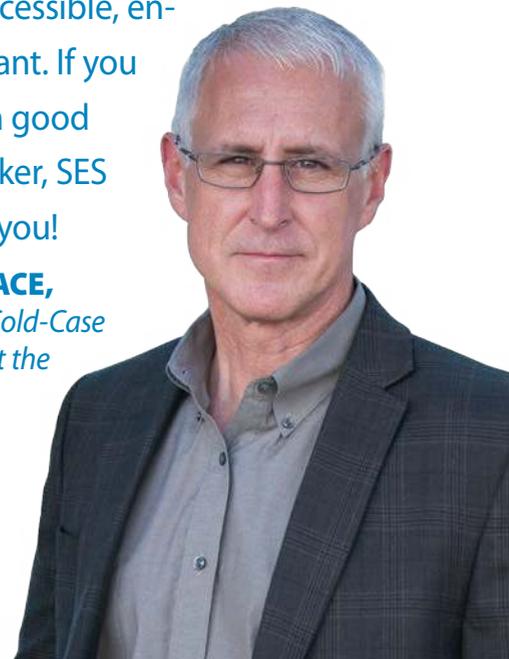
PPE – 15 hours

- PPE501 (401) Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (3)
- PPE502 (402) Political Philosophy (3)
- PPE503 (403) Public Policy & Political Economy (3)
- PPE504 (404) Christian Ethics & Public Policy (3)
- PPE505 (405) Jurisprudence (3)

TOTAL HOURS: 15 hours

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*



*Adapted from <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses-listing/philosophy-politics-and-economics>



“ 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,
& **Practical**



Immersive
Digital Campus
Experience



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

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What are you waiting for?

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 your's.

SES provides a *fully immersive digital campus experience* where every aspect of traditional education is achieved in a virtual environment by integrating industry-leading technologies for live-streaming, course management, and student interaction. *Hence, every degree and certificate offered by SES can be completed via our digital campus (the D.Min. program does have limited on-campus requirements).* 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 our course management platform for on-demand viewing. This format enables us to accommodate even the most demanding of schedules. Our digital campus experience allows you to get a first-class education while remaining in your current ministry context. Classes are offered in traditional 15-week semester format, eight-week short terms, and week long fall, winter, spring, and summer modules.

PURSuing TRUTH, LOVING GOD

In "The Eminence of Teaching," Étienne Gilson says, "The good teacher then loves to teach because he loves to impart to his pupils the very best thing there is in him, namely, intellectual life, knowledge, truth. ... The highest reward of teaching is the joy of making other minds similar, not indeed to ourselves, but to the truth which is in us."

This idea aligns with the philosophy of education at SES. The goal of the SES faculty is to cause the student to discover truth in whatever context this discovery applies: biblical studies, theology, philosophy, or apologetics. The ideal student produced by SES will possess a love of the truth and the pursuit of the intellectual life, coupled with a love for God and growth in godly character. In so doing, SES will have prepared its students to defend the historic Christian faith and evangelize the lost.



“ 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 master's-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. \$155 fees

Graduate

\$333

Per credit hour,
plus approx. \$155 fees

Doctoral

\$417

Per credit hour,
plus approx. \$155 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 year (*degree students only*). 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.

We also have 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 a partially scholarshiped education and 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.

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).

Can the Bible ask
The Big Bang?
only one God?
possible? Is God
gay people? Christians?
of men and women?
evil? Can God exist?
Who's Jesus?
from the dead?
How do we know?
What do the BIBLE
witnesses believe?
Is God real?
Do we have to believe?
Why? Can we trust?
Should we? Can we?

“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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