

SCIENCE AND RELIGION (CSSR)

CSSR 510 - Research Methodologies Credit 1

Research skills for use of library, Internet and key reference works. Methods of scholarly and journalistic writing with emphasis on critical thinking, persuasion and evaluation of data and testimony. **Notes:** Required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 514 - History of Christian Thought Credits 3

History of Christian thought from the apostolic Fathers to the modern era with an emphasis on the development of doctrine. Highlights key thinkers in the Patristic, Medieval, Reformation and Modern eras. **Notes:** Required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

Fee: CSSR 514MD (distance learning) has a materials fee of \$45.

CSSR 516 - Authority of Scriptural Traditions Credits 1-2

A course addressing the historicity, canonization and authority of the Scriptural traditions in light of modern biblical criticism. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisites:** Modular Spring (MS) credit must be taken before Modular Fall (MF) credit(s). Special approval required for Modular Fall credit(s).

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 517 - Interpretative Issues and Methods Credits 3

A study of principles for sound interpretation and application of the Bible, including analysis of presuppositions, general rules and specialized principles for the various biblical genre and phenomena. A presentation of various approaches to studying the Bible. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 519 - Old Testament/Hebrew Literature Credits 3

A broad survey of the Old Testament books, including selected introductory and critical issues, relevant background, major themes and divisions and crucial problems. **Notes:** Required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

Fee: CSSR 519MD (distance learning) has a materials fee of \$45.

CSSR 520 - New Testament Literature Credits 3

A general overview of the New Testament books, including selected introductory and critical issues, relevant background, major themes and divisions and crucial problems. **Notes:** Required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

Fee: CSSR 520MD (distance learning) has a materials fee of \$45.

CSSR 526 - Contemporary Christian Belief Credits 1-3

An examination of current Christian worldviews in relation to the areas of history, science and philosophy. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 529 - Historical Perspectives in Science and Religion Credits 1-2

A survey of the history of science from antiquity through the twenty-first century and its interaction with Christianity. Emphasis is on key historical movements that continue to shape the modern dialog. **Notes:** Two credits are required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Prerequisites: Modular Spring (MS) credit must be taken before Modular Fall (MF) credit(s). Special approval required for Modular Fall credit(s).

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 530 - Darwin, Evolution, and Design Credits 1-2

A survey of the issues and ideas involved in relating classical Darwinian and contemporary evolutionary models with a biblical worldview. Special emphasis is given to controversies that are used by skeptics to call Christian theism into question. **Notes:** Two credits are required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Prerequisites: Modular Spring (MS) credit must be taken before Modular Fall (MF) credit(s). Special approval required for Modular Fall credit(s).

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CSSR 540 - Metaphysics and Epistemology Credits 1-3

A topical study of the nature and methodology of metaphysics with emphasis on the nature and ultimate categories of being as well as specific areas (e.g., causation, space and time, the soul, freedom and determinism, personal identity and essentialism). Epistemology topics surveyed will include the definition of knowledge and justified belief, problems in skepticism, the nature of epistemic justification and the nature of truth. Special emphasis will be placed on integrating metaphysics and epistemology with the construction and defense of a Christian worldview. **Notes:** Three credits required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

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Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 541 - Christian Thought I Credits 1-2

A survey of essential Christian beliefs with special reference to contemporary criticism of the value and truth of doctrinal assertions. **Notes:** Two credits required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Prerequisites: Modular Spring (MS) credit must be taken before Modular Fall (MF) credit(s). Special approval required for Modular Fall credit(s).

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 542 - Christian Thought II Credits 1-2

A survey of essential Christian beliefs with special reference to contemporary criticism of the value and truth of doctrinal assertions. **Notes:** Two credits required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Prerequisites: Modular Spring (MS) credit must be taken before Modular Fall (MF) credit(s). Special approval required for Modular Fall credit(s).

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

- CSSR 547 - Philosophy and Theology of Science** Credits 1-3
A study of various issues that arise in the integration of science and Christian theology (e.g. models of integration, the scientific status of creationism, the creation/evolution debate) as well as an investigation of selected topics in the philosophy of science relevant to a Christian worldview (e.g. the realist/antirealist debate; the nature, formation, use and confirmation of scientific laws and theories; scientism and the limits of science). **Notes:** Three credits required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.
Prerequisites: CSSR 540. Modular Spring (MS) credit must be taken before Modular Fall (MF) credit(s). Special approval required for Modular Fall credit(s).
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 604 - Science and Religion: Continuing Study** Credits 1-6
Science and religion background including the basic content of core courses in the program. **Notes:** Designed for students who need to make up credits upon being admitted to the degree program. **Grade Mode:** C.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 610 - Elementary Principles of Biblical Languages** Credits 3
Basic principles of language foundational to interpreting the biblical text. Overview of the structure of the biblical languages, evaluation of theories of Bible translation, and instruction in the use of various tools based on the original languages. The course will aid the student in understanding issues that arise in interpretation because of the original languages.
Grade Mode: A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 611 - Beginning Greek I** Credits 3
An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek. Translation of portions of the New Testament in the second semester.
Notes: Designed for students who have not completed a full sequence of beginning Greek courses. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 612 - Beginning Greek II** Credits 3
An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek. Translations of portions of the New Testament. **Notes:** Designed for students who have not completed a full sequence of beginning Greek courses. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 613 - Elements of Hebrew I** Credits 3
Basic grammar with translation and written exercises. Lecture/Lab Hours: Course includes a non-credit lab which is required for all students. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 614 - Elements of Hebrew II** Credits 3
Basic grammar with translation and written exercises. Emphasis on reading and translation of selected biblical texts. Lecture/Lab Hours: Course includes a non-credit lab which is required for all students. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 619 - Archaeology in the Ancient Near East** Credits 1-2
An introduction to the science of archaeology in the Ancient Near East. Special emphasis is given to the role of specific archaeological explorations that relate to the historicity of the biblical narrative. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 621 - Logical and Critical Thinking** Credits 1-2
A study of the methods and principles used to make distinctions between good and bad reasoning, with special emphasis on the analysis of arguments related to Christian thought. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 625 - Philosophy of Religion** Credits 1-2
A survey of philosophical issues that arise in relation to theistic religions. Problems such as the existence of God, the problem of evil, miracles, religious language, faith and reason, etc. are discussed. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 626 - Ethics** Credits 1-2
A philosophical and theological evaluation of various ethical systems and key historical figures in ethics in order to understand and effectively engage with contemporary ethical views and mindsets. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 627 - Bioethics** Credits 1-2
A survey of some of the most critical ethical issues of the day coming from biomedical research and practice. The course addresses the difficult questions involved in areas such as human reproduction, cloning, abortion, end-of-life issues, organ transplant, genetic engineering, euthanasia and more. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 628 - Environmental Ethics** Credits 1-2
A survey of environmental issues in light of a Christian worldview. Issues such as ecology, global warming, energy production, proper land utilization, pollution and other topics related to human impact on the environment are covered. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.
- CSSR 631 - Modern Physics, Cosmology, and Design** Credits 1-2
A survey of the issues and ideas involved in relating modern physics and astronomy to a biblical worldview. Special emphasis is given to controversies that are used by skeptics to call Christian theism into question. **Notes:** Two credits are required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.
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- CSSR 640 - World Religions and Science** Credits 1-2
A survey of the core beliefs of other world religions with an emphasis on the ways in which they use modern science to justify their worldviews. **Grade Mode:** A.
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CSSR 650 - Seminar: Special Topics Credits 1-2

In-depth focus on a specific contemporary issue in the science and religion dialogue, whereby students will understand the contemporary dynamics and learn to integrate their thinking in a mentored setting. Content varies, and seminars May be taken multiple times for credit with different topics. Topics include: cosmological models, quantum reality, sociobiology, the anthropic principle and issues in biochemistry. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 651 - Intelligent Design Seminar Credits 1-2

In-depth focus on intelligent design to enable students to appraise the current debate on this issue. **Notes:** Two credits are required of M.A.S.R. students. **Grade Mode:** A.

Prerequisites: Modular Spring (MS) credit must be taken before Modular Fall (MF) credit(s). Special approval required for Modular Fall credit(s).

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 652 - Human Origins Seminar Credits 1-2

An in-depth focus on the current archaeological, anthropological and biochemical evidence related to the debate on human origins. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 653 - Origin of Life Seminar Credits 1-2

A detailed review of the current evidence, models and mechanisms relating to chemical evolution and the origin of life. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 660 - Special Projects/Topics in Science and Religion Credits 1-4

Directed research or project related to Science and Religion issues. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR) or a Major in Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

CSSR 699 - Science and Religion Thesis Credits 2

Original research and writing in an applicable topic. Subject, length, and due dates to be determined by the coordinating professor. Second reader provided. **Notes:** May be taken multiple times for credit. **Grade Mode:** C.

Restrictions: Must be a Major in Science and Religion (CSSR); and Graduate Level or Doctoral Level.

Fee: \$200.