

CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS (CSAP)

Courses

CSAP 510 - Apologetics Research and Writing Credit 1

Research skills for the use of library, internet and key apologetics reference works. Methods of scholarly and journalistic writing with emphasis on critical thinking, persuasion and evaluation of data and testimony. **Note(s):** Must be taken within student's first academic year.

Grade Mode: A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 521 - Old Testament Survey 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. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 522 - New Testament Survey 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. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 527 - Hermeneutics Credits 3

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

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 529 - Scripture: Authority, Canon, and Criticism Credits 2

A course addressing the essential issues in defending the Scriptures against perennial attacks. Topics include historical reliability, inerrancy, canonization and divine inspiration of Scripture including an examination and critique of modern biblical criticism. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 530 - Darwin, Evolution, and Design Credits 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. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 540 - Metaphysics and Epistemology Credits 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. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (after first attempt): 1.

CSAP 541 - Essential Christian Doctrine I Credits 2

A presentation and biblical defense of the essential Christian doctrines with special reference to contemporary criticism of the value and truth of doctrinal assertions. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 542 - Essential Christian Doctrine II Credits 3

A presentation and biblical defense of the essential Christian doctrines with special reference to contemporary criticism of the value and truth of doctrinal assertions. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 547 - Philosophy and Theology of Science Credits 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). **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 550 - Historical Theology Credits 3

History of the Church 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. **Note(s):** This course is mutually exclusive with and may not be taken if one has already received credit for TTHT 505, TTHT 506, CSAP 551, or CSAP 552. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 601 - Introduction to Christian Apologetics I Credits 2

A series of coordinated lectures by experts in various areas of apologetics addressing some of the most serious intellectual challenges to the Gospel and the Christian worldview. **Note(s):** CSAP 601, CSAP 602 and CSAP 603 do not need to be taken in sequence. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Course Fee: \$75.

CSAP 602 - Introduction to Christian Apologetics II**Credits 2**

A series of coordinated lectures by experts in various areas of apologetics addressing some of the most serious intellectual challenges to the Gospel and the Christian worldview. **Note(s):** CSAP 601, CSAP 602 and CSAP 603 do not need to be taken in sequence. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Course Fee: \$75.

CSAP 603 - Introduction to Christian Apologetics III**Credits 2**

A series of coordinated lectures by experts in various areas of apologetics addressing some of the most serious intellectual challenges to the Gospel and the Christian worldview. **Note(s):** CSAP 601, CSAP 602 and CSAP 603 do not need to be taken in sequence. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Course Fee: \$75.

CSAP 604 - Introduction to Christian Apologetics: Continuing Study**Credits 1-6**

A special course designed for students with apologetics background through credit and/or noncredit courses in the basic content of CSAP 601, CSAP 602, CSAP 603 or approved courses, who need to make up credits upon being admitted to the degree program. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (total number of credits): 6.

CSAP 610 - Elementary Principles of Biblical Languages**Credits 3**

Basic principles of language that are 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.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 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.

Note(s): Designed for students who have not completed a full sequence of beginning Greek courses. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 612 - Beginning Greek II**Credits 3**

An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek. Translation of portions of the New Testament. **Note(s):** Designed for students who have not completed a full sequence of beginning Greek courses. **Grade Mode:** A.

Prerequisite(s): CSAP 611.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 619 - Biblical Archaeology**Credits 2**

An introduction to the science of archaeology in biblical lands. Special emphasis is given to the role that specific archaeological exploration has played in providing objective confirmation of the accuracy of the biblical narrative. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 621 - Logic and Critical Thinking**Credits 2**

A study of the methods and principles used to make distinctions between good and bad reasoning with special emphasis on analysis of arguments for and against the Christian faith. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 623 - Worldview Analysis**Credits 2**

A survey that includes a philosophical and theological analysis of the major types of non-Christian worldviews such as pantheism, panentheism, atheism, and deism. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 625 - Philosophy of Religion**Credits 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 in the context of demonstrating that historic Christianity can provide reasonable solutions.

Note(s): Normally to be taken during student's last academic term. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 626 - Ethics**Credits 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.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 627 - Bioethics**Credits 2**

A survey of and Christian apologetic response to 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.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 628 - Why God Allows Evil**Credits 2**

An integrated survey of the problem of evil, pain, and suffering from biblical, theological and philosophical perspectives with special reference to God's ultimate goodness and love toward humankind. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 629 - Scientific Apologetics**Credits 2**

A survey of the issues and ideas involved in the relationship between science, philosophy and the biblical worldview. Special emphasis is given to scientific issues and controversies that are used by skeptics to call Christianity into question. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 630 - Environmental Ethics**Credits 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.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

- CSAP 631 - Modern Physics, Cosmology, and Design** Credits 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. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 632 - History and Method in Apologetics** Credits 2
A survey of apologists and apologetic activity from the time of the apostles and the early church fathers to the great apologists of our own century; and, a study and evaluation of the various modern approaches to the apologetic task (e.g., evidentialism, presuppositionalism and combinationalism) and religious epistemology, with constant reference to the theological underpinnings and the nature and value of Christian apologetics inside and outside the church. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 633 - 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.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 634 - Historical Perspectives in Science and Religion** Credits 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. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 635 - Intelligent Design Seminar** Credits 2
In-depth focus on intelligent design to enable students to appraise the current debate on this issue. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 638 - Spiritual Formation and the Life of the Mind I** Credits 2
A course designed to enhance the personal spiritual development of the apologist. Special emphasis is given to the importance of defending the faith with humility and reverence, as well as defining the role of apologetics in the overall mission of the Church. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
Additional Fee(s): \$195 fee for co-curricular requirements.
- CSAP 639 - Spiritual Formation and the Life of the Mind II** Credit 1
A practical course designed to enhance the personal spiritual development of the student. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
Additional Fee(s): \$195 fee for co-curricular requirements.
- CSAP 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.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 641 - Contemporary Theology: Survey and Critique** Credits 3
A survey of contemporary theological trends with special emphasis on apologetic critique of the unorthodox elements in positions such as process, liberation/political, feminist/goddess, gay/lesbian, environmental, racial/ethnic and postmodern theologies. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 643 - Cultural Apologetics** Credits 2
A study of the ways in which the truths of the Gospel and the Christian worldview are reflected in elite and popular cultural products such as art, literature, film, music and television. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 644 - Ministry and Youth Apologetics** Credits 2
A course in how (and why) to effectively teach apologetics to junior high and high school students. Consideration will be given to practical teaching methods for engaging students with apologetics material in light of current trends. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 645 - Christian Faith in the Public Square** Credits 2
An exploration of the proper model for Christian involvement in public discourse, policy and activity. Attention is given to the intelligent analysis and critique of key social issues with respect to the Christian worldview and techniques for the defense of the Christian position in public forums. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 651 - Comparative Religions** Credits 2
A survey of the beliefs, practices and sacred texts of the major non-Christian religious traditions of the East and West. Special attention is given to the critique of the various belief systems along with ways in which Christians can effectively communicate and defend the Gospel to people of other faiths. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 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.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 653 - Cults and New Religious Movements** Credits 2-3
The distinctive features of the cults of America with their significance in the development of religious thought. Special attention is paid to their mistreatment of the central features of orthodox Christian doctrine and apologetic responses. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.
- CSAP 654 - Answering Islam** Credits 2
A survey of the beliefs, practices and sacred texts of Islam. Special attention is given to the critique of its belief system(s), along with ways in which Christians can effectively communicate and defend the gospel to Muslims. **Grade Mode:** A.
Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 655 - Mormonism: Doctrine and History**Credits 2**

A survey of the doctrine and history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1820 to the present. Emphasizes Joseph Smith, Jr., the beginning of the church, Mormon doctrinal development and change and a critique and response vis-à-vis the Bible and the original Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 656 - Biblical Demonology and the Occult**Credits 2**

An overview of and Christian response to a range of occult ideas and practices. Topics include divination, ritual magic, sorcery, spiritism, witchcraft, Satanism, as well as occult elements in various New Age beliefs and practices. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 660 - C.S. Lewis: Life and Thought**Credits 2**

A reading and discussion course covering the breadth of Lewis' work as one of the premier apologists of the 20th century. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 661 - Philosophy of Physics**Credits 2**

This course is designed to equip students to gain a proper understanding of the philosophical as well as theological assumptions that underlie core notions such as space, time, motion and force that lie at the heart of physics. In this course, emphasis will be given to the development of modern physics from the works of influential Greek philosophers such as Aristotle which paved the way for the emergence of classical as well as relativistic physics. This course also introduces students to the core issues in quantum theory and the controversies that beset them. **Note(s):** This course does not assume prior knowledge of philosophy; CSAP 547 and CSAP 631 are recommended, but not required, prerequisites. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 662 - Philosophy of Neuroscience**Credits 2**

This course is designed to introduce students to some of the core issues in cognitive neuroscience which are directly relevant to the mind-body problem. The course deals with questions of philosophy about cognitive neuroscience, such as the physical basis of mental properties/consciousness, split-brain cases and their implications for the ontology of the self/person, neuroimaging techniques and their relations to the first-person and the third-person perspectives. Other topics include: emotions, sensations, perceptions and neuro-computation. **Note(s):** This course does not assume prior knowledge of philosophy. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSAP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 680 - Special Topics in Christian Apologetics**Credits 1-3**

The program occasionally offers courses by special lecturers or visiting scholars to address their areas of expertise on an elective basis. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (total number of credits): 16.

CSAP 681 - Advanced Apologetics Lectures in Residence**Credits 2**

In-person lectures by experts in advanced apologetics topics. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (total number of credits): 4.

CSAP 691 - In Defense of the Resurrection**Credits 2**

An investigation of a wide range of issues that have been used through history to call into question the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, such as miracles, the nature of history, the historical reliability of the New Testament, contradictions in the resurrection accounts, and various naturalistic theories. Students will learn to respond to popular objections to the resurrection as well as formulate a positive case. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 694 - Seminar: Selected Topics**Credits 1-3**

The program occasionally offers seminar courses by special lecturers or visiting scholars to address their areas of expertise on an elective basis.

Grade Mode: A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (total number of credits): 16.

CSAP 695 - Directed Study**Credits 1-3**

Supervised research and/or reading in selected areas of Christian apologetics. **Grade Mode:** A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (total number of credits): 6.

CSAP 696 - Apologetics Practicum**Credit 1**

A focused course in developing practical skills in apologetics. Emphases can vary, including developing more in writing, speaking, etc. **Grade Mode:** C.

Prerequisite(s): CSAP 510 and completion of at least 24 credits of the Master of Arts - Christian Apologetics program.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

CSAP 699 - Apologetics Thesis**Credits 1-3**

Original research and writing in an applicable apologetics topic. Subject, length, and due dates to be determined by the coordinating professor. Second reader provided. **Note(s):** May be taken multiple times for credit; the fee for this course is charged per credit - it is not a flat fee. **Grade Mode:** C, A.

Restriction(s): Must be Science and Religion (CSSR) or Christian Apologetics (CSCP); and Graduate Level.

Repeat Limit (total number of credits): 3.

Course Fee: \$100.