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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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ONLINE PROGRAM



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Program Overview

The **Certificate in Advanced Christian Apologetics** is a six-month academic program designed to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the biblical, philosophical, historical, and contemporary foundations of Christian apologetics. The curriculum progresses systematically from the biblical basis of defending the faith to advanced engagement with philosophy, historical evidence, worldviews, science, and emerging cultural issues. Throughout the program, students develop the intellectual, theological, and practical competencies necessary to articulate, defend, and communicate the Christian faith with biblical conviction, logical reasoning, historical awareness, and Christlike character.

The program is organized into twelve sequential modules that build progressively upon one another. Students begin by studying the biblical mandate for apologetics and the major methodologies employed in defending the Christian faith. They then explore philosophical disciplines such as epistemology, metaphysics, natural theology, and philosophical anthropology before examining the historical reliability of Scripture, the historical Jesus, and the resurrection. The program concludes by addressing contemporary cultural, scientific, and technological questions, enabling students to engage confidently with the intellectual challenges of the twenty-first century.

Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Certificate in Advanced Christian Apologetics, graduates will be able to:

1. Develop a comprehensive understanding of the biblical foundations and historical development of Christian apologetics.
2. Apply appropriate apologetic methodologies, logical reasoning, and critical thinking in defending the Christian faith.
3. Evaluate philosophical arguments concerning God, truth, knowledge, reality, and human existence from a Christian worldview.
4. Demonstrate the historical credibility of Scripture, Jesus Christ, and the resurrection through responsible historical investigation.
5. Respond thoughtfully and biblically to major philosophical, theological, and cultural objections against Christianity.
6. Analyze contemporary issues relating to science, technology, ethics, and culture from an informed Christian perspective.
7. Integrate biblical theology, philosophy, history, and scientific inquiry into a coherent Christian apologetic framework.

8. Communicate the Christian faith effectively in ministry, education, evangelism, academic, and public contexts with confidence, humility, and intellectual integrity.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

PLO 1 – Biblical Foundation

Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the biblical basis, theological principles, and historical development of Christian apologetics.

PLO 2 – Philosophical Competence

Evaluate competing worldviews and philosophical arguments using sound reasoning, critical thinking, and Christian philosophical reflection.

PLO 3 – Historical and Evidential Analysis

Assess the historical reliability of Scripture, the person of Jesus Christ, and the resurrection using accepted historical and evidential methodologies.

PLO 4 – Apologetic Response

Construct biblically faithful, logically coherent, and historically informed responses to major objections raised against Christianity.

PLO 5 – Science and Contemporary Engagement

Critically engage contemporary scientific, ethical, technological, and cultural issues from a Christian worldview while recognizing the complementary relationship between scientific inquiry and biblical revelation.

PLO 6 – Communication and Ministry

Communicate and defend the Christian faith effectively through respectful dialogue, teaching, evangelism, public engagement, and Christian ministry.

Program Structure

Program Title: Certificate in Advanced Christian Apologetics

Duration: 6 Months (24 Weeks)

Total Modules: 12

Module Duration: 2 Weeks per Module

Module	Title	Duration
Module 1	Biblical Foundations of Christian Apologetics	2 Weeks
Module 2	Methodology of Christian Apologetics	2 Weeks
Module 3	Worldviews and Christian Epistemology	2 Weeks
Module 4	Metaphysics and Natural Theology	2 Weeks
Module 5	Humanity and the Problem of Evil	2 Weeks
Module 6	Miracles and Philosophical Christian Theism	2 Weeks
Module 7	Revelation and Scripture	2 Weeks

Module 8	Jesus Christ and the Resurrection	2 Weeks
Module 9	The Christian Faith and Its Uniqueness	2 Weeks
Module 10	Christianity in Contemporary Society	2 Weeks
Module 11	Science, Origins, and Creation	2 Weeks
Module 12	Humanity, Technology, and the Future	2 Weeks

Curriculum Progression

Stage	Modules	Focus
Stage I	Modules 1–2	Biblical Foundations and Apologetic Methodology
Stage II	Modules 3–6	Philosophical Foundations of Christian Theism
Stage III	Modules 7–10	Historical, Evidential, and Cultural Apologetics
Stage IV	Modules 11–12	Science, Technology, and Contemporary Christian Engagement

MODULE 1

Biblical Foundations of Christian Apologetics

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module introduces students to the biblical foundations and historical development of Christian apologetics. Students will explore the scriptural mandate to defend the Christian faith, examine how Jesus Christ and the apostles modeled apologetic engagement, and trace the development of apologetics throughout the history of the Church. By studying the contributions of early church fathers, medieval theologians, Reformers, and contemporary apologists, students will gain an appreciation for apologetics as an enduring ministry of the Church. The module establishes the biblical conviction, historical awareness, and theological perspective necessary for the study of Christian apologetics and provides the foundation upon which the remainder of the certificate program is built.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Explain the biblical mandate for Christian apologetics.
2. Describe how Jesus Christ and the apostles practiced apologetics.
3. Trace the historical development of Christian apologetics from the early Church to the present.
4. Recognize the contributions of major Christian apologists throughout church history.
5. Appreciate the role of apologetics in the mission and witness of the Church.

Week 1

Biblical Foundations of Christian Apologetics

Unit 1 – Introduction to Christian Apologetics

- Definition and meaning of apologetics
- The biblical meaning of *apologia*
- Purpose and scope of Christian apologetics
- Relationship between apologetics and evangelism

Unit 2 – The Biblical Mandate

- Old Testament foundations
- New Testament foundations
- Key apologetic passages
- Defending truth with humility and love

Unit 3 – Jesus Christ as the Master Apologist

- Teaching through questions
- Use of parables and reason
- Responding to opponents
- Integrating truth and compassion

Unit 4 – The Apostolic Model

- Peter's apologetic ministry
- Paul's apologetic engagements
- Stephen's defense before the Sanhedrin
- Apologetics in the apostolic church

Week 2

History of Christian Apologetics

Unit 1 – The Early Church

- The Apostolic Fathers
- Greek Apologists
- Latin Apologists
- Defending Christianity in the Roman Empire

Unit 2 – Medieval Christian Thought

- Augustine
- Anselm
- Thomas Aquinas
- Faith seeking understanding

Unit 3 – Reformation and Enlightenment

- Apologetics during the Reformation
- Rationalism and empiricism
- Deism and skepticism
- Christian responses

Unit 4 – Modern and Contemporary Apologetics

- Twentieth-century developments
- The rise of analytic philosophy
- Contemporary apologetic movements
- Current challenges and opportunities

MODULE 2

Methodology of Christian Apologetics

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module introduces students to the principal methodologies employed in Christian apologetics and develops the essential reasoning skills required for effective apologetic engagement. Students will examine the major schools of apologetic thought, including Classical, Evidential, Presuppositional, Cumulative Case, Reformed Epistemology, Cultural, and Conversational Apologetics. Alongside these approaches, students will develop competence in logic, critical thinking, argument evaluation, and effective communication. The module emphasizes that apologetics is not merely the defense of doctrine but the wise, gracious, and intellectually responsible communication of truth. By integrating sound methodology with biblical character, students will be equipped to engage diverse audiences with clarity, confidence, and respect.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Compare and evaluate the major methodologies of Christian apologetics.
2. Explain the strengths and limitations of different apologetic approaches.
3. Apply principles of formal and informal logic to apologetic discussions.
4. Identify logical fallacies and evaluate the strength of competing arguments.
5. Demonstrate effective communication skills for respectful and persuasive apologetic dialogue.

Week 3

Schools and Methods of Christian Apologetics

Unit 1 – Classical Apologetics

- Historical development
- The two-step method
- Natural theology
- Major proponents
- Strengths and limitations

Unit 2 – Evidential Apologetics

- Historical evidence
- Miracles and the Resurrection
- The cumulative use of evidence
- Major proponents
- Strengths and limitations

Unit 3 – Presuppositional Apologetics

- Presuppositions and worldviews
- The transcendental argument
- Biblical authority as the starting point
- Major proponents
- Strengths and limitations

Unit 4 – Contemporary Approaches

- Cumulative Case Apologetics
- Reformed Epistemology
- Cultural Apologetics
- Conversational Apologetics
- Choosing an appropriate methodology

Week 4

Logic, Critical Thinking, and Argumentation

Unit 1 – Foundations of Logic

- Nature and purpose of logic
- Deductive reasoning
- Inductive reasoning
- Abductive reasoning
- Validity and soundness

Unit 2 – Critical Thinking

- Evaluating arguments

- Assessing evidence
- Burden of proof
- Intellectual virtues
- Recognizing cognitive biases

Unit 3 – Logical Fallacies

- Formal fallacies
- Informal fallacies
- Common fallacies in religious debates
- Identifying weak arguments
- Constructing sound arguments

Unit 4 – Conversational Apologetics

- Asking thoughtful questions
- Active listening
- Responding with gentleness and respect
- Persuasive communication
- Engaging in apologetic dialogue

MODULE 3

Worldviews and Christian Epistemology

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module introduces students to the philosophical foundations of Christian apologetics by examining worldviews and theories of knowledge. Students will explore the nature of worldviews, competing philosophical perspectives, and the concepts of truth and reality before investigating how knowledge is acquired, justified, and evaluated. Special attention is given to the relationship between faith and reason, the role of evidence in belief formation, and major epistemological theories that shape contemporary philosophical thought. The module concludes by examining Christian epistemology and its contribution to understanding how human beings know God and affirm the rationality of Christian belief. This foundation prepares students for the study of metaphysics, natural theology, and the philosophical arguments for the existence of God.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Explain the concept and significance of worldviews in philosophical inquiry.
2. Compare major competing worldviews and evaluate their philosophical assumptions.
3. Describe the principal theories of truth and knowledge.
4. Explain the relationship between faith, reason, and evidence in Christian thought.
5. Evaluate the contribution of Christian epistemology to the rational defense of the Christian faith.

Week 5

Worldviews, Truth, and Reality

Unit 1 – Understanding Worldviews

- Definition and characteristics of a worldview
- Components of a worldview
- The role of presuppositions
- Formation of worldviews

- Worldviews and human behavior

Unit 2 – Competing Worldviews

- Theism
- Naturalism
- Pantheism
- Deism
- Postmodernism

Unit 3 – Truth and Reality

- The nature of truth
- Objective and subjective truth
- Correspondence, coherence, and pragmatic theories of truth
- Realism and anti-realism

Unit 4 – The Christian Worldview

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Restoration
- Christianity as a coherent worldview

Week 6

Epistemology: Faith, Reason, and Knowledge

Unit 1 – Introduction to Epistemology

- Definition and scope
- Sources of knowledge
- Belief, truth, and justification
- Limits of human knowledge

Unit 2 – Faith and Reason

- Biblical understanding of faith
- Faith and rationality

- Evidence and belief
- Faith beyond fideism

Unit 3 – Theories of Knowledge

- Foundationalism
- Coherentism
- Reliabilism
- Virtue epistemology

Unit 4 – Christian Epistemology

- Reformed Epistemology
- Properly basic beliefs
- Natural theology
- Knowing God

MODULE 4

Metaphysics and Natural Theology

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module explores the metaphysical foundations of Christian theism by examining the nature of reality, existence, causation, and the being of God. Students will investigate fundamental questions concerning being, time, space, causality, and divine attributes before evaluating the principal philosophical arguments for the existence of God. Classical and contemporary formulations of the cosmological, teleological, ontological, moral, and consciousness arguments will be examined alongside their major critiques. Throughout the module, emphasis is placed on understanding the role of natural theology in Christian apologetics and recognizing both its strengths and limitations. By integrating metaphysical inquiry with philosophical reasoning, students will develop a deeper appreciation for the rational coherence of Christian theism and prepare for subsequent discussions concerning humanity, evil, miracles, and philosophical theology.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Explain the major concepts of metaphysics relevant to Christian apologetics.
2. Analyze philosophical questions concerning existence, causation, time, and reality.
3. Describe the classical attributes of God from a philosophical perspective.
4. Evaluate the principal philosophical arguments for the existence of God.
5. Assess the contribution and limitations of natural theology in defending Christian theism.

Week 7

Metaphysics: God, Reality, and Being

Unit 1 – Introduction to Metaphysics

- Definition and scope
- Being and existence
- Substance and properties
- Identity and change

Unit 2 – Reality and Causation

- Necessary and contingent beings
- Cause and effect
- Contingency
- The Principle of Sufficient Reason

Unit 3 – Time, Space, and Divine Existence

- Time and eternity
- Space and transcendence
- Creation *ex nihilo*
- God's relationship to creation

Unit 4 – Divine Attributes

- Divine simplicity
- Omnipotence
- Omniscience
- Omnipresence
- Immutability

Week 8

Arguments for the Existence of God

Unit 1 – Cosmological Arguments

- Classical Cosmological Argument
- Kalam Cosmological Argument
- Contingency Argument
- Philosophical significance

Unit 2 – Design Arguments

- Classical Teleological Argument
- Fine-Tuning Argument
- Biological design
- Contemporary developments

Unit 3 – Additional Arguments

- Ontological Argument
- Moral Argument
- Argument from Reason
- Argument from Consciousness

Unit 4 – Evaluating Natural Theology

- Strengths of theistic arguments
- Common criticisms
- Cumulative case approach
- Limits of natural theology

MODULE 5

Humanity and the Problem of Evil

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module explores the philosophical and theological understanding of humanity while addressing one of the most enduring challenges to Christian belief—the problem of evil and suffering. Students will examine the nature of human persons, the image of God, consciousness, personal identity, and the relationship between mind and body before investigating the philosophical questions surrounding moral evil, natural evil, and divine hiddenness. Major Christian responses, including the Free Will Defense and Soul-Making Theodicy, will be critically evaluated alongside biblical perspectives on suffering and redemption. Through these discussions, students will develop a deeper understanding of the Christian doctrine of humanity and learn to respond thoughtfully to objections concerning God's goodness, power, and presence in a world marked by suffering.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Explain the Christian understanding of human nature and the image of God.
2. Compare major philosophical perspectives on consciousness and personal identity.
3. Analyze the philosophical and theological dimensions of the problem of evil.
4. Evaluate major Christian responses to suffering and divine hiddenness.
5. Present a reasoned Christian response to objections arising from evil and suffering.

Week 9

Humanity, Consciousness, and the Soul

Unit 1 – Human Nature

- What is a human person?
- The image of God
- Human dignity
- Human uniqueness

Unit 2 – Philosophy of Mind

- Mind-body problem
- Dualism
- Physicalism
- Emergentism

Unit 3 – Consciousness and Personal Identity

- Nature of consciousness
- Self-awareness
- Personal identity
- Free will

Unit 4 – Human Destiny

- Immortality of the soul
- Resurrection
- Death and the afterlife
- Christian hope

Week 10

Evil, Suffering, and Divine Hiddenness

Unit 1 – The Problem of Evil

- Logical problem of evil
- Evidential problem of evil
- Moral evil
- Natural evil

Unit 2 – Christian Responses

- Free Will Defense
- Soul-Making Theodicy
- Greater-Good Defense
- Biblical perspectives on suffering

Unit 3 – Divine Hiddenness

- The hiddenness argument
- Faith and divine silence
- God's self-revelation
- Trust amid uncertainty

Unit 4 – Hope and Redemption

- The Cross and suffering
- Resurrection hope
- Eschatological resolution
- Pastoral implications

MODULE 6

Miracles and Philosophical Christian Theism

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module examines the concepts of miracles, divine providence, and God's continuing action in the world while bringing together the major philosophical themes explored throughout the first half of the program. Students will investigate the nature and purpose of miracles, evaluate classical and contemporary philosophical objections to miraculous events, and explore the doctrines of divine providence and prayer within a Christian worldview. The module concludes by examining philosophical Christian theism, demonstrating how the cumulative philosophical case supports belief in the God revealed in Scripture. By integrating metaphysics, natural theology, philosophical anthropology, and theodicy into a coherent framework, students will be prepared to transition from philosophical arguments for theism to the historical and evidential claims of Christianity.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Explain the biblical and philosophical understanding of miracles.
2. Evaluate major philosophical objections to miracles and divine action.
3. Describe the Christian doctrines of providence and prayer.
4. Explain the distinctive features of philosophical Christian theism.
5. Integrate the cumulative philosophical case for Christian theism as a foundation for historical apologetics.

Week 11

Miracles, Providence, and Divine Action

Unit 1 – Understanding Miracles

- Definition of miracles
- Biblical miracles
- Purpose of miracles
- Categories of miracles

Unit 2 – Philosophical Challenges

- David Hume's critique
- Natural law
- Probability and testimony
- Contemporary discussions

Unit 3 – Providence and Prayer

- Divine providence
- General and special providence
- Prayer and divine action
- God's sovereignty

Unit 4 – Miracles in Christian Apologetics

- Miracles as evidence
- The Resurrection as the central miracle
- Contemporary miracle claims
- Evaluating miraculous reports

Week 12

Philosophical Theology and Christian Theism

Unit 1 – The Nature of God

- Classical theism
- Personal God
- Transcendence and immanence
- Divine perfection

Unit 2 – Christian Theism

- Monotheism
- The Trinity as a unique claim
- Divine attributes in Christian theology
- God and creation

Unit 3 – The Coherence of Christian Theism

- Internal consistency
- Rational defensibility
- Philosophical challenges
- Integrating philosophy and theology

Unit 4 – Integrating the Philosophical Case

- Synthesizing the arguments
- Building a cumulative case for theism
- From philosophical theism to Christian theism
- Preparing for the historical case for Christianity

MODULE 7

Revelation and Scripture

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module marks the transition from philosophical apologetics to historical and evidential apologetics by examining God's self-revelation and the reliability of the Bible. Students will explore the nature and necessity of divine revelation, distinguishing between general and special revelation while examining the inspiration, authority, and interpretation of Scripture. The module also investigates the historical formation of the biblical canon, the manuscript tradition, textual criticism, archaeological discoveries, and common challenges raised against the Bible. Through historical and textual evidence, students will develop confidence in the credibility of Scripture as the foundational source of Christian faith and the central witness to God's redemptive work in history. This module establishes the biblical foundation for the study of Jesus Christ and the historical evidence for Christianity that follows.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Explain the nature and significance of divine revelation in Christian theology.
2. Distinguish between general and special revelation.
3. Describe the inspiration, authority, and transmission of Scripture.
4. Evaluate the historical and textual reliability of the Bible.
5. Respond thoughtfully to major objections concerning the credibility of Scripture.

Week 13

Divine Revelation and the Christian Faith

Unit 1 – Understanding Divine Revelation

- The nature of divine revelation
- General and special revelation
- Revelation and human reason
- The necessity of revelation

Unit 2 – Revelation in Scripture

- Inspiration

- Authority
- Illumination
- Revelation and interpretation

Unit 3 – Revelation in History

- Progressive revelation
- Covenantal revelation
- Fulfillment in Christ
- Revelation and redemption

Unit 4 – Revelation and Christian Apologetics

- Why revelation matters
- Revelation and faith
- Revelation and reason
- Revelation as the foundation of Christian belief

Week 14

The Trustworthiness of the Bible

Unit 1 – Formation of the Biblical Canon

- Canonization of the Old Testament
- Canonization of the New Testament
- Criteria for canonicity
- Apocryphal literature

Unit 2 – Manuscripts and Textual Criticism

- Biblical manuscripts
- Transmission of the biblical text
- Principles of textual criticism
- Reliability of the biblical text

Unit 3 – Archaeology and Historical Reliability

- Archaeological discoveries
- Historical corroboration

- Geography and culture
- External historical sources

Unit 4 – Answering Challenges

- Alleged contradictions
- Copyist variations
- Translation issues
- Responding to skeptical claims

MODULE 8

Jesus Christ and the Resurrection

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module examines the historical person of Jesus Christ and the evidence for His resurrection, the central event upon which the Christian faith rests. Students will investigate the historical sources concerning Jesus, including biblical and extra-biblical evidence, while exploring His life, ministry, teachings, miracles, and unique claims about His identity. The module then evaluates the historical evidence for the resurrection by examining the crucifixion, burial, empty tomb, post-resurrection appearances, and the transformation of the early Christian movement. Alternative explanations proposed by skeptics will be critically assessed alongside contemporary historical scholarship. Through historical investigation and careful reasoning, students will develop a well-supported understanding of the historical credibility of Jesus Christ and the resurrection as the foundation of Christian belief.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Evaluate the historical evidence concerning the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.
2. Explain the significance of biblical and extra-biblical sources for the study of Jesus.
3. Assess the historical evidence supporting the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
4. Critically evaluate alternative explanations for the resurrection.
5. Present a coherent historical case for the resurrection as the foundation of Christian faith.

Week 15

Jesus Christ in History

Unit 1 – Historical Sources

- Christian sources
- Jewish sources
- Roman sources
- Criteria of historical reliability

Unit 2 – The Historical Jesus

- Birth and early life
- Public ministry
- Teaching and miracles
- Historical context

Unit 3 – The Claims of Jesus

- Messianic claims
- Divine claims
- Authority and identity
- Responses of His contemporaries

Unit 4 – Jesus in Historical Perspective

- The quest for the historical Jesus
- Critical scholarship
- Contemporary historical research
- The significance of Jesus in history

Week 16

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Unit 1 – The Historical Event

- Crucifixion
- Burial
- The Empty Tomb
- Post-resurrection appearances

Unit 2 – Historical Evidence

- Eyewitness testimony
- Early Christian creeds
- Conversion of Paul
- Conversion of James

Unit 3 – Alternative Explanations

- Swoon theory
- Hallucination theory
- Stolen body theory
- Legend theory

Unit 4 – The Significance of the Resurrection

- Foundation of Christian faith
- Vindication of Jesus
- Hope of resurrection
- Apologetic importance

MODULE 9

The Christian Faith and Its Uniqueness

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module examines the distinctive truth claims of Christianity and equips students to respond thoughtfully to major objections raised against the Christian faith. Students will explore the uniqueness of Jesus Christ, the message of the Christian gospel, and the Christian worldview while evaluating Christianity in relation to competing religious and philosophical perspectives. The module also addresses contemporary challenges to Scripture, Christian doctrine, miracles, and belief in God, emphasizing careful reasoning, biblical fidelity, and respectful dialogue. By integrating historical evidence, theological reflection, and apologetic reasoning, students will develop confidence in articulating the uniqueness of Christianity and responding to intellectual objections with clarity, humility, and conviction.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Explain the distinctive claims of Christianity concerning Jesus Christ and the gospel.
2. Evaluate Christianity as a coherent worldview in comparison with alternative religious and philosophical systems.
3. Analyze major contemporary objections to Christian belief.
4. Construct thoughtful and biblically grounded responses to common apologetic challenges.
5. Demonstrate respectful and persuasive engagement in conversations concerning the truth claims of Christianity.

Week 17

The Uniqueness of Christianity

Unit 1 – The Person of Jesus Christ

- Uniqueness of Christ
- Incarnation
- Sinlessness
- Mediatorship

Unit 2 – The Christian Gospel

- Salvation by grace
- Atonement
- Forgiveness
- New creation

Unit 3 – Christianity as a Worldview

- Creation
- Human dignity
- Redemption
- Hope

Unit 4 – Christianity Among World Religions

- Truth claims
- Religious pluralism
- Exclusivity of Christ
- Comparative evaluation

Week 18

Responding to Major Objections

Unit 1 – Challenges to Scripture

- Alleged contradictions
- Scientific objections
- Ethical objections
- Historical objections

Unit 2 – Challenges to Christian Doctrine

- The Trinity
- The Incarnation
- Miracles
- Hell and judgment

Unit 3 – Challenges from Skepticism

- Atheism
- Agnosticism
- Secular criticism
- New Atheism

Unit 4 – Principles of Apologetic Response

- Evaluating objections
- Constructing responses
- Intellectual humility
- Respectful dialogue

MODULE 10

Christianity in Contemporary Society

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module equips students to apply the principles of Christian apologetics within contemporary society by engaging the intellectual, cultural, ethical, and public challenges facing the Christian faith. Students will examine the influence of secularism, moral relativism, consumerism, and digital culture while considering Christianity's role in public discourse, higher education, the media, and the arts. The module culminates by integrating philosophical, historical, experiential, and moral evidence into a coherent cumulative case for Christianity. Emphasis is placed on effective communication, cultural discernment, and respectful dialogue, enabling students to articulate the Christian worldview with clarity, conviction, and grace in diverse social and intellectual contexts.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Analyze contemporary cultural trends from a Christian worldview.
2. Explain the role of Christianity in public discourse and intellectual life.
3. Construct a cumulative apologetic case that integrates multiple lines of evidence.
4. Apply principles of conversational apologetics in real-world settings.
5. Communicate the Christian faith effectively in both personal and public contexts.

Week 19

Christianity in the Public Square

Unit 1 – Christianity and Contemporary Culture

- Secularization
- Moral relativism
- Consumerism
- Digital culture

Unit 2 – Christianity and Public Discourse

- Truth in a pluralistic society
- Religious liberty
- Ethics and public life
- Christian witness

Unit 3 – Christianity and Intellectual Life

- Universities
- Media
- Arts and literature
- Public scholarship

Unit 4 – Christian Witness Today

- Cultural engagement
- Evangelism
- Apologetics in ministry
- Living a persuasive Christian life

Week 20

Building the Cumulative Case for Christianity

Unit 1 – Integrating the Evidence

- Philosophical evidence
- Historical evidence
- Experiential evidence
- Moral evidence

Unit 2 – Constructing an Apologetic Case

- Developing a cumulative argument
- Addressing diverse audiences
- Answering questions
- Presenting Christianity persuasively

Unit 3 – Conversational Apologetics

- Asking effective questions
- Listening with understanding
- Responding with clarity
- Engaging respectfully

Unit 4 – Applied Christian Apologetics

- Case studies
- Public presentations
- Personal evangelism
- Future directions in apologetics

MODULE 11

Science, Origins, and Creation

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This module examines the relationship between science and the Christian faith by exploring the nature of scientific inquiry, the historical interaction between Christianity and the development of modern science, and contemporary discussions concerning cosmology and origins. Students will investigate the philosophical foundations of science, evaluate major models describing the relationship between science and religion, and examine scientific theories concerning the origin of the universe alongside Christian doctrines of creation. Contemporary perspectives on creation—including Young Earth Creationism, Old Earth Creationism, Evolutionary Creation, and Intelligent Design—will be critically examined in light of Scripture, philosophy, and scientific evidence. Through this interdisciplinary study, students will develop a balanced understanding of science and faith as complementary avenues of truth while learning to engage current debates with intellectual rigor, theological faithfulness, and respectful dialogue.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Explain the nature, scope, and limitations of scientific inquiry.
2. Describe the historical relationship between Christianity and the development of modern science.
3. Compare the major models of interaction between science and religion.
4. Evaluate contemporary scientific theories concerning cosmology and origins from a Christian perspective.
5. Articulate a biblically informed and intellectually responsible understanding of creation and the cosmos.

Week 21

Science and the Christian Faith

Unit 1 – Understanding Science

- The nature and scope of science
- Scientific methodology
- Observation, hypothesis, and theory

- The limits of scientific inquiry

Unit 2 – Historical Relationship between Science and Christianity

- Christianity and the rise of modern science
- Historical myths and misconceptions
- Contributions of Christian scientists
- Lessons from history

Unit 3 – Models of Science and Religion

- Conflict Model
- Independence Model
- Dialogue Model
- Integration Model

Unit 4 – Science, Philosophy, and Theology

- Scientism and its limitations
- Philosophy of science
- Theology as a complementary discipline
- Integrating scientific and theological knowledge

Week 22

Origins, Creation, and the Cosmos

Unit 1 – The Beginning of the Universe

- Modern cosmology
- The Big Bang
- Cosmic expansion
- The beginning of space and time

Unit 2 – Design and Fine-Tuning

- Fine-Tuning of the universe
- Anthropic principle
- Teleology in nature
- Philosophical implications

Unit 3 – Christian Perspectives on Creation

- Creation *ex nihilo*
- Divine action in creation
- Providence and natural laws
- Stewardship of creation

Unit 4 – Contemporary Discussions on Origins

- Young Earth Creationism
- Old Earth Creationism
- Evolutionary Creation
- Intelligent Design
- Comparative evaluation

MODULE 12

Humanity, Technology, and the Future

Duration: 2 Weeks

Module Description

This capstone module explores contemporary developments in science and technology that raise significant philosophical, ethical, and theological questions for Christian apologetics. Students will examine biological evolution, human uniqueness, consciousness, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, transhumanism, neuroscience, quantum physics, and emerging scientific frontiers through the lens of a Christian worldview. The module also considers humanity's future scientific and technological challenges while emphasizing the continuing relevance of Christian theology in addressing questions of human identity, morality, purpose, and ultimate reality. By integrating biblical teaching, philosophical reasoning, scientific understanding, and apologetic engagement, students will develop a coherent Christian philosophy of science and technology that equips them to engage thoughtfully with the intellectual challenges of the modern world.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Evaluate contemporary scientific discussions concerning human origins, consciousness, and artificial intelligence from a Christian worldview.
2. Explain the ethical and theological implications of emerging technologies.
3. Analyze recent developments in neuroscience, quantum physics, and related scientific disciplines in relation to Christian thought.
4. Develop a coherent Christian philosophy of science and technology.
5. Integrate biblical, philosophical, historical, and scientific perspectives into a comprehensive apologetic framework for engaging contemporary culture.

Week 23

Life, Humanity, and Consciousness

Unit 1 – Biological Origins

- Biological evolution
- Speciation
- Human origins

- Christian responses

Unit 2 – Humanity and the Image of God

- Human uniqueness
- Human dignity
- The image of God
- Human vocation

Unit 3 – Consciousness and Artificial Intelligence

- Philosophy of mind
- Consciousness
- Artificial intelligence
- Machine intelligence and personhood

Unit 4 – Ethics in an Age of Technology

- Biotechnology
- Genetic engineering
- Transhumanism
- Christian ethical engagement

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Frontiers in Science and Christian Thought

Unit 1 – Quantum Physics and Reality

- Quantum mechanics
- Indeterminacy
- Causality
- Philosophical implications

Unit 2 – Neuroscience and Human Freedom

- Brain and mind
- Free will
- Moral responsibility
- Human identity

Unit 3 – The Future of Science and Theology

- Emerging technologies
- Space exploration
- Environmental stewardship
- Future scientific challenges

Unit 4 – Integrating Science and Christian Faith

- Developing a Christian philosophy of science
- Scientific vocation and Christian witness
- Contemporary apologetic engagement
- Future directions in science-faith dialogue