Bachelor of Arts in Apologetics

The Bachelor of Arts in Apologetics is designed to provide wide exposure to apologetic topics as well as different philosophies while refining a God honoring philosophy reflecting reality and the revelation of the Creator. Students will also refine critical thinking skills through analysis, discussion, and argumentation.

Student Learning Objectives

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

- Defend the orthodox, historic Christian faith from a variety of attacks.
- Engage people of various worldviews with a persuasive case for the Christian faith.
- Develop a comprehensive, God-honoring Christian philosophy.
- Prepare to enter graduate studies in apologetics or philosophy of religion.
- Cultivate intellectual virtue to become a wise and faithful representative of Jesus Christ.

Knowledge:

Develop a comprehensive, God-honoring Christian philosophy.

Measure	Target	Cycle	Next Collection	Person Responsible
Great Thinkers: "God-honoring Christian Philosophy Paper"	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Problems in Christian Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
Great Thinkers: "God-honoring Christian Philosophy Paper"	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2024-25: 43% (n = 7, used course grade because no assignment was clearly identified as this one) Past Three Years: New process begun in 2024-25. Implications: Populi needs to use the name of the paper instead of an assignment as "Paper 4."
Problems in Contemporary Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. Past Three Years: AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Rubric needs creating and applying to the course.

Defend the orthodox, historic Christian faith from a variety of attacks.

Measure	Target	Cycle	Next Collection	Person Responsible
Introduction to Apologetics: Final exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Problems in Christian Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
Introduction to Apologetics: Final exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2024-25: 59% (n = 17) Past Three Years: AY 2023-24: 74% (n = 23) AY 2022-23: 60% (n = 10) AY 2021-22: 55% (n = 22) Implications: This is the 4th year in a row this measure has not met the target. What is the action plan?
Problems in Christian Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. Past Three Years: AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Rubric needs creating and applying to the course.

Abilities:

Engage people of various worldviews with a persuasive case for the Christian faith.

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Worldviews: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Problems in Christian Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
Worldviews: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2024-25: 63% (n = 19) Past Three Years: New process begun in 2024-25

		Implications:
Problems in Christian Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. Past Three Years: AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Rubric needs creating and applying to the course.

Prepare to enter graduate studies in apologetics or philosophy of religion.

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Apologetic Communication: Final Presentation	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Problems in Contemporary Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
Apologetic Communication: Final Presentation	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2024-25: 100% (n = 2) Past Three Years: New process begun in 2024-25 Implications:
Problems in Contemporary Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. Past Three Years: AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Rubric needs creating and applying to the course.

Attitude:

Cultivate intellectual virtue to become a wise and faithful representative of Jesus Christ.

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Logic & Critical Thinking:	75% of students will earn a grade of	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Final Exam	81/B- of higher on final exam			
Problems in Contemporary Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	**Benchmark for Success**	**Results and Implications**
Logic & Critical Thinking: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2024-25: 30% (n = 10) Past Three Years: New process begun in 2024-25 Implications:
Problems in Contemporary Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. Past Three Years: AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Rubric needs creating and applying to the course.