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 paper	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 paper	Results: AY 2025-26: 100% (n = 3) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 43% (n = 7, used course grade because no assignment was clearly identified as this one) New process begun in 2024-25. Implications: Only one course instance this AY. It was not based on the new artifact; thus, the results above are based on the final course grade. The new artifact needs to be fully integrated this year.
Problems in Contemporary Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2025-26: 100% (n = 4) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Small sample size, but solid work.

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 2025-26: 71% (n = 31) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 59% (n = 17) AY 2023-24: 74% (n = 23) AY 2022-23: 60% (n = 10) Implications: Some faculty/teaching training has been done to improve this particular item. We've seen improvement this year, but it's still below the standard. The goal is to see how it continues to improve with recent changes by the Program Director.
Problems in Christian Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2025-26: 100% (n = 4) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Small sample size, but solid work.

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 2025-26: 79% (n = 14) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 63% (n = 19) New process begun in 2024-25 Implications: --
Problems in Christian Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2025-26: 100% (n = 4) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Small sample size, but solid work.

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 2025-26: 75% (n = 4) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 100% (n = 2) New process begun in 2024-25 Implications: --
Problems in Contemporary Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2025-26: 100% (n = 4) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24

		Implications: Small sample size, but solid work.

Attitude:

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

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Logic & Critical Thinking: Final Exam	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
Logic & Critical Thinking: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: No course offerings this year Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 30% (n = 10) New process begun in 2024-25 Implications: --
Problems in Contemporary Apologetics: Capstone section	Score a 4 out 5 on the capstone section	Results: AY 2025-26: 100% (n = 4) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: McCuddy has not created the rubric. AY 2023-24: No data to report. New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: Small sample size, but solid work.