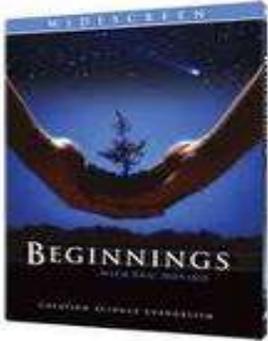




Cornerstone Christian University
Orlando, FL

Master of Creation Science in apologetics (48-hours-2 years or less)

Introducing the ...



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When you graduated from this program would earn a Master or a doctor in Creation Science and Apologetics (CSCA)

Religious basis for Creation science, is this subject interest you enough to get a degree in it?

Creation science is based largely upon chapters 1-11 of the book of Genesis. These describe how God (Hebrew Elohim) calls the world into existence through the power of speech ("God said, 'Let there be light,'" etc) in six days, calls all the animals and plants into existence, and molds the first man from clay and the first woman from a rib taken from the man's side.

A world-wide flood destroys all life except for Noah and his family and representatives of the animals, and Noah becomes the ancestor of the 70 "nations" of the world; the nations live together and speak one language until the incident of the Tower of Babel, when God disperses them and gives them their different languages. Creation science rarely goes beyond these stories, but the bible also contains a complex internal chronology which places the initial act of creation some six thousand years ago, and creation science therefore frequently attempts to explain history and science within this timeframe.

Creation Science or scientific creationism is a branch of creationism, which attempts to provide scientific support for the Genesis creation narrative in the Book of Genesis and disprove generally accepted scientific facts, theories and scientific paradigms about the history of the Earth, cosmology and biological evolution. Its most vocal proponents are fundamentalist Christians in the United States who seek to prove Biblical inerrancy and nullify the scientific evidence for evolution. The main ideas in creation science are: the belief in "creation *ex nihilo*"; the conviction that the Earth was created within the last ten thousand years; the belief that mankind and other life on Earth were created as distinct fixed "baraminological" *kinds*; and the idea that fossils found in geological strata were deposited during a cataclysmic flood which completely covered the entire Earth. As a result, creation

science also challenges the geologic and astrophysical evidence for the age and origins of Earth and Universe, which creation scientists acknowledge are irreconcilable to the account in the Book of Genesis.

Apologetics

Apologetics is the study of the tenants of the defence and proofs of the Christian faith from a practical perspective. Other areas examined are the authority of the Scriptures, the existence of God, miracles, the incarnation, and the various philosophy and methodology in the Scriptures.

Apologetics (from Greek *απολογία*, "speaking in defence") is the discipline of defending a position (usually religious) through the systematic use of reason. Early Christian writers (c 120-220) who defended their faith against critics and recommended their faith to outsiders were called **apologists**.

In modern times, **apologists** refers to authors, writers, editors or academic journals, and leaders known for defending the points in arguments, conflicts or positions that receive great popular scrutiny or are minority views.

The term *apologetics* etymologically derives from the Classical Greek word *apologia*. In the Classical Greek legal system two key technical terms were employed: the prosecution delivered the *katēgoria* (*κατηγορία*), and the defendant replied with an *apologia*. To deliver an *apologia* then meant making a formal speech or giving an explanation to reply and rebut the charges, as in the case of Socrates' defence.

In the English language, the word *apology* is derived from the Greek word, but its use has changed; its primary sense now refers to a plea for forgiveness for a wrong act. Implicit in this is an admission of guilt, thus turning on its head the "speaking in defence" aspect of the original concept. An uncommon secondary sense refers to a speech or writing that defends the speaker or author's position.

Christian Apologetics

Christian apologetics is a field of Christian theology that presents a rational basis for the Christian faith, to defend the faith against objections and misrepresentation, and to expose error within other religions and world views. Christian apologetics have taken many forms over the centuries, starting with Paul of Tarsus, Justin Martyr and Irenaeus, and continuing today with the efforts of many authors and speakers from various Christian traditions, such as Cornelius Van Til, Gordon Clark, Greg Bahnsen, James White, John F. MacArthur, Hank Hanegraaff, Ravi Zacharias, Lee Strobel, Josh McDowell, C.S. Lewis, Ken Ham, Kent

Hovind, William Lane Craig, J. P. Moreland, Ray Comfort, Kirk Cameron, Douglas Youvan, Hugh Ross. Apologists base their defence of Christianity on historical and archaeological evidence, theological and philosophical arguments and scientific investigation.

While there are various types of arguments including ontological, cosmological and teleological, it is the opinion of many Christian apologists that the Gospel is the best defence and living a life according to the tenets of Jesus' teachings is the best argument. To quote one Christian apologist, "the best argument is one that is made without words."

Couse Number	Course Title	Credits Hours
HRM503	Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics I	3
CSA513	Christian Apologetics	3
THS543	Systematic Theology	3
LOG653	Introduction to Logical Thinking	3
PHL663	Introduction to Christian Philosophy	3
CSA573	In the Beginning	3
CSA583	Exploring Creation with General Science	3
CSA593	From Science to the Bible	3
CSA623	Taking Back Astronomy	3
CSA633	The Case for a Creator	3
CSA643	The Case for Faith	3
CSA653	CSA613 Creation as Science	3
CSA683	Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation	3
CSA700	Thesis Research Project	8
	Total Credits	48

Program Course Descriptions

1. Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics I (3-hour)

Description: This course is an introduction to the study of hermeneutics, introducing the student to the science of interpreting the Scriptures. Various phases and methods of understanding interpretation are examined and explored.

2. Christian Apologetics (3-hour)

Description: The standard for Christian apologetics, this systematic approach presents both the methods and reasons for defending Christianity.

3. Systematic Theology (3-hour)

Description: This course explores the difficulty in determining the true nature, method, scope, and motivation for a systematic study of theology. This course further proposes the promise of God as the center of theology and applies the solution for the study of the system of doctrine taught in the Word of God, made a contribution to theological discipline.

4. Introduction to Logical Thinking (3-hour)

Description: Logical thinking course can be defined as the process of allowing your mind to think of something carefully. You will need to consider all aspects of the problem along with possible advantages and disadvantages of each solution before coming to a decision.

5. Introduction to Christian Philosophy (3-hour)

Description: Combined with biblical exegesis and biblical theology, philosophy is the most important field--historically and conceptually--for developing a Christian worldview. The study of philosophy is the search for truth. This course will introduce the student to the major secular philosophical approaches regarding the questions of the Existence of God, Knowing & Reason, Death, Evil, Faith, Right & Wrong and Truth.

6. In the Beginning (3-hour)

Description: A compelling evidence for creation and the flood as this course presents the evidence that revolutionizes our understanding of origins and carefully explained it. The categories of evidence from biology, astronomy, earth science, and the physical sciences are fully explained. The hydro plate theory, developed during 35 years of study and research by Walt Brown is also discussed. This theory explains a catastrophic event in Earth's history and solves a host of recognized problems.

7. Exploring Creation with General Science (3-hour)

Description: This book sets the stage for all the further Apologia courses with an introduction to science history, the Scientific Method, the correct process of scientific experiments, an analysis of scientific dating processes, and the overall benefits of science via introduction to various branches.

8. From Science and the Bible (3-hour)

Description: The evidence of creation presented here is entertaining, educational and easy to understand. At times, it presents a humorous look at the predicament in which evolution finds itself trying to explain that which only God can do.

9. Taking Back Astronomy (3-hour)

Description: One of the major stumbling blocks to the presentation of the Gospel in our culture today involves astronomy. For decades, public school students (and even seminary students!) have been taught that the world is far older than the Bible chronology suggests, even billions of years older. This naturally causes a disconnect for people, who assume that modern "science" is unbiased and correct.

10. The Case for a Creator (3-hour)

Description: Are Christianity and science incompatible? If there is a God, is he only an impersonal starter force? An introductory high school biology class first propelled Lee Strobel toward a life of atheism. God and science, he reasoned, were mutually exclusive.

11. The Case for Faith (3-hour)

Description: Ex-newspaperman Strobel's Christian apologetics read like feature interviews in the religion pages rather than a theological treatise. To knock down what he calls "the Big Eight" roadblocks to faith, he questions experts about them rather than logically bulldozing his way to solutions.

12. Creation as Science (3-hour)

Description: In this third component to the Reasons To Believe foundational series, Hugh Ross draws from the depths of his studies in both science and Scripture to show how creation and evolution intertwine.

9. Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation Subtitle (3-hour)

Description: Attention Home schoolers. Beautiful and inviting to readers, this book is designed like a museum tour, giving readers of all ages a visual feast as well as a solid foundation in creation science.

13. I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist (3-hour)

Description: All worldviews, including atheism, require faith. I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist argues that Christianity requires the least faith of all because it is the most reasonable.

14. The Design Revolution (3-hour)

Description: Dembski, a philosopher/mathematician who has been an important theorist for the intelligent design movement, handles a wide range of questions and objections that should give both fans and detractors of ID plenty to chew on.

15. Thesis Research Project

Master's Thesis Research Project (8 credits)

Description: This final course culminates the entire course of studies required by this program. This is a very involved endeavor and will require an undivided attention. Student are allowed to choose their own research topic and getting it approved by the Thesis Review Board. Upon the approval of the research topic, a proposal containing the first three chapters, table of content and partial bibliography must be submitted to The Thesis Review Board. A fee of one hundred (\$350.00) dollars must be submitted with the proposal. Proposal will not be reviewed without this fee. The Review Board will review the research proposal. The board will either approve it, approve it with recommendations, or denied it. If the dissertation is denied, a separate fee will be required for revisions. Students are solely responsible to present the research project as required the first time to avoid any denial proposal and extra fee.

Tuition \$6740.00 include Technology and administrative fees

Minimum Initial payment of \$200.00 is required

Minimum Monthly payment: \$200.00 (if this payment is an issue, we can work with your budget. Simply tell us how much you can afford monthly, we'll extend your payment to reflect that)

Books are extra and will be order by the students

These courses may be revised, replaced, or discontinued without notice if it is deemed necessary to better serve our students.