

Summit Bible College Course Syllabus

Class: 112 Intro to Apologetics, 407 Christ Apologetics, 640 Adv. Apologetics

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Grading System:

40% Homework – Take online tests. Set up an account for yourself at www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests/. **25%** Attendance, Lectures and Participation Notes (turn in notes with final) **20%** Final Exam (see below) Turn it in by email, if possible, **saved with title as: your last name first, class, your level.** **15%** What percent of the book *Introducing Apologetics* did you read? _____ % This question is not part of your final exam, but it is 15% of your final course grade. Although this question is based on your honor, I am asking God to bless your ministry in proportion to your integrity regarding this question.

Week 1 – Chapters 1

Lecture: The need for Apologetics (Introduction), Nature of Apologetics (1),

Homework: Do week 1 online questions for chapter 1. Read chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5 for next week.

Week 2 – Chapters 2, 3, 4, and 5

Lecture: Faith & Human Wisdom (2), Objections to Apologetics (3) Relevance of Apologetics (4), Apologetics and the heart (5), Audiences for Apologetics (6)

Homework: Do week 2 online questions for chapters 2-5. Read chapters 6-9 for next week.

Week 3 – Chapters 6, 7, 8, and 9

Lecture: Audiences for Apologetics (6) Major Worldviews (7), Polytheism versus Monotheism (8), Cosmological Arguments (9)

Homework: Do week 3 online questions for chapters 6-9. Read chapters 10-12 for next week.

Week 4 – Chapters 10, 11 and 12

Lecture: Darwinism, intelligent design and their fallacies (10), Existence of evil in the world (11), God's existence (12)

Homework: Do week 4 online questions for chapters 10-12. Read chapters 13-15 for next week.

Week 5 – Chapters 13, 14 and 15

Lecture: Quest for historical Jesus (13), Divinity of Jesus Christ (14), Resurrection of Jesus Christ (15) **Class Discussion:** What is the resurrection of Jesus? Pages 200-203

Homework: Do week 5 online questions for chapters 13- 15. Read chapters 16-18 for next week.

Week 6 – Chapters 16, 17 and 18

Lecture: Incarnation of Jesus and The Trinity (16), Atoning work of Jesus (17), Religious Pluralism I and its Effects (18)

Homework: Do week 6 online questions for chapters 16-18. Read chapters 19-21 for next week.

Week 7 – Chapters 19, 20 and 21

Lecture: Effects of Religious Pluralism II (19), Inerrancy of the Bible (20), Historical Criticism challenge (21) **Class**

Homework: Do week 7 online questions for chapters 19- 21. Read chapters 22- 25 for next week.

Week 8 – Chapters 22, 23, 24 and 25

Lecture: Christianity versus Natural selection (22), Versions of materialism (23), Christian defense of Truth (24), Cultural & Moral Differences (25) **Class**

Homework: Do week 8 online questions for chapters 22-25.

Final - Open Book. You have two weeks to complete it.

In 3-5 pages you must have a witnessing dialogue with someone from any cult or major religion you choose. (Choose a cult or religion that is practical and relevant). Outline all the arguments that you are going to defend against initially from that cult belief system. Make sure you include the commonalties you have from a Biblical worldview with their belief system and the essential fallacies that you must defend against. It can be a dialogue initiated by you or the person you are conversing with. Keep this dialogue close to a systematic format as much as possible. **Here is a (general example) of what a dialogue format should look like. (This is a Christian Counseling dialogue not a Christian Apologetics dialogue. It's just an example)**

(Usually I pray first but in this case I wanted to ask her a few questions, first.)

Me: So, 'D' tell me about your concerns and why you are seeking my counsel?

D: I figured I've tried everything else, maybe you Christians can help me.

Me: That's not how I operate in this ministry. Are you interested in knowing my policies in counseling?

D: Well, kinda.

Me: 'Kinda' isn't going to make it. Either you want to know my rules or you don't. If you don't want to know my rules, this counseling session never happened. Would you like to know how I operate or not? Yes, or No?

D: Well, if you put it that way, I do. Yes.