

FAQ

Can I major in Apologetics?

Yes; but it is a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with an Apologetics Emphasis.

Can I minor in Apologetics? Yes

How is Apologetics distinct from Philosophy?

Apologetics is a specialized discipline within Christian philosophy. Philosophy is the 'love of wisdom,' and involves pursuing answers to the 'big questions' of life. Christian Apologetics involves articulating faithful Christian answers to those questions in rationally compelling fashion.

Our Apologetics students are required to take all of the courses that regular Philosophy students take within their major. Apologetics is not less than regular Philosophy, but rather something more.

Why study Apologetics?

God commands us to be involved in apologetic ministry (1 Peter 3:15) and Scripture demonstrates active apologetics (e.g., Acts 17) – as we seek to become like Him, apologetics will be a part of our discipleship. Studying apologetics will deepen and strengthen your own understanding of and commitment to the Lord God. In our increasingly post-Christian context, an ability to vigorously defend and promote the truth of Christ will be paramount.

Why does OBU have an Apologetics track?

OBU desires to be a leader in bringing Apologetics to the undergraduate classroom. Jesus Christ lies at the center of what we do and who we are at OBU; thus, the promotion and defense of the Christian faith is essential. Our new Apologetics track situates OBU at the leading edge of undergraduate instruction in Christian Apologetics at a time when the contemporary church increasingly recognizes the desperate need for Apologetic training.

What kind of student should consider Apologetics?

Anyone who is passionate about presenting and defending the Christian faith in the marketplace of ideas.

What majors would complement an Apologetics minor?

Virtually any major fits with Apologetics. In particular, students majoring in Ministry, Communications, Science, Education, History, and the Social Sciences might consider an Apologetics minor.

What can you do with an Apologetics degree?

All future possibilities for regular Philosophy students are also open to Apologetics students—graduate work in Philosophy (and other disciplines), research jobs, law, ministry, business, etc. In addition, Apologetics students may go on to writing and/or speaking ministries, bringing their defense of the Christian faith into the public square.

OBU APOLOGETIC EXTRAS

Several times a semester, the OBU Philosophy Department sponsors Philosophy Forums, public lectures or panel discussions intended to bring philosophical and apologetic issues to the forefront of campus attention and discussion. Once or twice a year we invite prominent Christian philosophers from across North America to present our Forum lecture.

Our goal is to complement in-class curricular apologetic education with on-the-ground apologetic experience and ministry. To that end, each year, OBU Apologetics students attend out-of-town Apologetics conferences or seminars – traveling to Dallas, New Orleans, and elsewhere to increase our exposure to apologetic ministries and sharpen our own apologetic skills.

CONTACT & APPLICATION INFORMATION

For more information about OBU's Apologetics opportunities, or to apply to the Apologetics program, please contact any OBU Admissions Counselor, admissions@okbu.edu or 405-585-5000, or:

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OBU Apologetics Degrees

does
GOD
exist?



Apologetics at OBU:
Rigorously, rationally, and relationally
presenting and defending our
evangelical Christian faith.

Can you
trust the
BIBLE
?

Is
Christianity
TRUE
?



Join OBU's Apologetics program...

and be part of one of the nation's first undergraduate programs in Christian Apologetics.

Be challenged to understand your faith better, and to establish stronger intellectual foundations for your beliefs.

Apologetics students are equipped to employ data, insights, and arguments from a myriad of academic disciplines (e.g., history, theology, philosophy, science) in their rational defense of the Christian worldview.

Upon completion of your Apologetics program, you will:

- Understand the need for and purposes of apologetics in your Christian life and ministry
- Be conversant with the major apologetic questions faced in Christian ministry
- Be able to identify, consult, and recommend resources to address apologetic questions
- Understand and be able to respond to other religious traditions
- Articulate the centrality of conceptions of mind, consciousness, and will to a vibrant intellectual and spiritual Christian faith
- Demonstrate the ability to craft tight logical theistic arguments
- Live out 1 Peter 3:15's calling to always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you for the reason for the hope that you have

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Contemporary Christian Apologetics

Our 'gateway' apologetics course introduces students to the purpose, topics, and questions of contemporary apologetic ministry, and equips students to engage in active apologetics.

World Religions

In a diverse, multicultural and pluralistic society, Christians will regularly encounter people with diverse religious beliefs and practices. This course equips students to understand and respectfully engage alternative religions, ultimately pointing others toward true saving faith in Jesus Christ.

History of Christian Apologetics

How have Christians historically defended and promoted their faith in the face of objections, doubts, and opposition? In this course, you will meet and read the work of past Christian apologists from every age of church history.

Historiography, Miracles, and the Resurrection

The possibility of miracles is discounted by many contemporary thinkers. In this course, students will explore principles of studying history, analyze arguments for and against miracles, and see that the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ best explains the historical data.

Logic

There is no excuse for Christians to use faulty, flawed, or fallacious rational argumentation. In this course students will master the elements of sound logical reasoning and implement logic in the defense of their Christian faith.

Can you prove the existence of God with arguments?

Is Christianity anti-scientific?

Does evolution disprove Christianity?

Do all religions lead to heaven?

If GOD is good, why does evil exist?

Is there any proof for life after death?

What is the meaning of life?

LIST OF COURSES / DEGREE SHEET

(major emphasis, minor)

Philosophy Major, Apologetics Emphasis

Common Core..... 39 hours
(common to all Hobbs College degree majors)

Flex Core..... 15-16 hours
(common to all B.A. Philosophy students)

Major..... 36 hours

- PHIL 2143 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 2343 History of Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 2703 Contemporary Christian Apologetics
- PHIL 3203 Logic
- PHIL 3423 World Religions
- PHIL 3533 Ethics
- PHIL 3603 History of Contemporary Apologetics
- PHIL 4653 Epistemology
- PHIL 4673 Historiography, Miracles, and the Resurrection
- PHIL 4800 Christian Philosophy Colloquium
- PHIL 4900 The Christian Philosopher Colloquium

Either

- PHIL 4553 Philosophy of Mind **or**
- PHIL 4603 Metaphysics

Either

- PHIL 2363 Philosophy of Religion **or**
- PHIL 3103 Philosophy of Science

ONE additional philosophy course of your choosing

Minor (area of study outside of philosophy) 18 hours

Total credits needed to graduate 128 hours

Apologetics Minor 18 hours

- PHIL 2703 Contemporary Christian Apologetics
- PHIL 3203 Logic
- PHIL 3603 History of Christian Apologetics
- PHIL 4800 Christian Philosophy Colloquium
- PHIL 4900 The Christian Philosopher Colloquium

Choose three of the following

- PHIL 2363 Philosophy of Religion
- PHIL 3103 Philosophy of Science
- PHIL 3423 World Religions
- PHIL 4553 Philosophy of Mind
- PHIL 4603 Metaphysics
- PHIL 4653 Epistemology
- PHIL 4673 Historiography, Miracles, and the Resurrection