



Sovereign Grace  
Academy

## COURSE TITLE: **DS200 Introduction to Apologetics**

TERM: Spring 2021 (Apr 8 - May 27)

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### **COURSE OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES**

This course will introduce and compare the various methods of defending the Christian faith. Students will learn the differences between classical, evidential, and presuppositional apologetics and how each addresses the most common questions from unbelievers.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS**

The Holy Bible (Translation: Student's Choice)

Apologetics: A Justification of Christian Belief by John Frame

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Class Attendance**

Class attendance is required and will be checked at each session. A student who misses more than 25% of the class meetings will forfeit credit for the class and receive a failing grade, unless an arrangement is made with the professor to complete the work online. Students are expected to be in class on time.

#### **Academic Character**

Using someone's work without proper citation or handing in another's work as your own is considered plagiarism. This includes materials taken from books or the internet. Intentional cheating in any form compromises your grade and may jeopardize your continuation in this program.

#### **Reading Assignments (25% of Final Grade)**

The reading of assigned sections from the required text is a very important component of this course. Students must complete the readings contained in the syllabus to be able to engage in classroom discussions.

#### **Notebook Assignment (25% of Final Grade)**

Keep a notebook devoted specifically to this course. The notebook should contain all course handouts along with all of the notes and assignments that you do for this course. Organization of materials is important to make them accessible for future use.

#### **Research Project (50% of Final Grade)**

*The research project will be assigned during the final class.*

Each student will choose and respond to one specific objection to Christianity.

This response should include a comparison of the different apologetic methodologies and how each would respond to the objection.

Do not forget to include:

Relevant biblical citations.

Notable historical references and responses to this objection.

*This research project will be submitted in the following format.*

A title page which includes the course title, number, student name, and professor name.

The body of the project should be well-organized and be no less than three pages and no more than five pages (double spaced).

A properly cited bibliography page (Student may choose APA or MLA formatting).

### **GRADING SCALE**

A (100-90) B (89-80) C (79-70) D (69-60) F (59 or below)

## COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	SESSION	CONTENT TO BE COVERED	ASSIGNED READING
04/08/2021	Lecture 1	Introduction to Apologetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is Apologetics</li> <li>- What are the Different Methods?</li> <li>- Discuss the Reading Assignment</li> </ul>	Read: Textbook "A Biblical Perspective on Apologetics" (xxxv, within the introduction.
04/15/2021	Lecture 2	The Myth of Neutrality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying Presuppositions</li> <li>- Proper Utilization of Evidences</li> <li>- Discuss the Reading Assignment</li> </ul>	Read: Textbook Ch 1. Apologetics: The Basics
04/22/2021	Lecture 3	The Noetic Effect of Sin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Effect on the Will</li> <li>- The Effect on Epistemology</li> <li>- Discuss the Reading Assignment</li> </ul>	Read: Textbook Ch 3. Apologetics as Proof: Some Methodological Considerations
04/29/2021	Lecture 4	Objections and Objectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Objections We Face</li> <li>- Objectors We Face</li> <li>- Discuss the Reading Assignment</li> </ul>	Read: Textbook Ch 4. Apologetics as Proof: Transcendental Argument
05/06/2021	Lecture 5	Objection - God's Existence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The rise in atheism and agnosticism</li> <li>- Responding to the objection</li> <li>- Discuss the Reading Assignment</li> </ul>	Read: Textbook Ch 5. Apologetics as Proof: Theistic Arguments
05/13/2021	Lecture 6	<b>**VIDEO PRESENTATION**</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Watch an Apologetics Debate</li> <li>- Discuss the Debate</li> </ul>	N/A; come ready to watch and discuss the video presentation.
05/20/2021	Lecture 7	Objection - Why Does Evil Exist? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Concept of Justice</li> <li>- The Standard of Justice</li> <li>- Discuss the Reading Assignment</li> </ul>	Read: Textbook Ch 7&8. Apologetics as Defense: The Problem of Evil (Part 1&2)
05/27/2021	Lecture 8	Going on the Offensive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Storming the Gates of Hell</li> <li>- Wearing the Armor of God</li> <li>- Discuss the Reading Assignment</li> </ul>	Read: Textbook Ch 9. Apologetics as Offense: Critique of Unbelief

Once the final class is completed, student will have four weeks to return the completed research project which will then be graded. If all materials combine for a passing score, a certificate of completion will be awarded.