

Doctor of Ministry in Apologetics

The Graduate School of Ministry and Missions in conjunction with the Veritas Graduate School of Apologetics offers the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) as a three year professional degree that purposes to equip those actively involved in ministry with a higher level of competency. This degree, which usually is a terminal program, prepares pastors and teachers for apologetic and evangelistic Christian ministry and outreach.



D.Min. Apologetics Program Objectives:

1. Increase the student's understanding of the Bible and of the doctrines of the historic Christian faith.
2. Develop an ability to defend the Bible and the doctrines of the historic Christian faith.
3. Develop a Christian worldview that recognizes all truth as God's truth.
4. Understand and evaluate contemporary theological and moral issues from a biblical perspective.
5. Mature in relationship with God by Bible study, prayer, and worship.
6. Develop an awareness of and involvement in evangelism and world missions.
7. Train for church-related, counter-cult, and apologetic ministries
8. Increase in skills required for Christian ministry: apologetics, evangelism, historical inquiry and contemporary application, theological reflection and ethical understanding, ministry analysis, and application.
9. Demonstrate familiarity with a representative body of knowledge and praxis relating to apologetics.
10. Evidence maturing personal qualities appropriate of Christian character and levels of ministerial excellence.
11. Show self-awareness in your capacity to plan appropriate continuing education.
12. Evidence collegiality as you work with faculty mentors, colleagues, and other professionals.

Online Education Courses – 18 hours

Doctoral Apologetic Courses

AP801 Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3)*

AP802 New Religious Movements (3)*

AP804 World Religions (3)*

AP800–900 Electives (9)

Resident Seminars – 12 hours

Doctoral Seminar Courses

AP, CE, ME, or PT 900 level (12)

Ministry Project – 6 hours

MP901 Ministry Project (3)

MP902 Ministry Project Defense (3)

Total hours for the D.Min. in Apologetics: 36 hours.

*Required course if not previously completed

Suggested Course Sequence
for D.Min. in Apologetics

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP, CE, ME, or PT900	3	AP, CE, ME, or PT900	3
AP800 Elective	3	AP800 Elective	3
	6		6
Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP, CE, ME, or PT900	3	AP, CE, ME, or PT900	3
AP800 Elective	3	AP8–900 Elective	3
	6		6
Year Three			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
MP901	3	MP902	3
AP8–900 Elective	3	AP8–900 Elective	3
	6		6

Total hours: 36