



St. Paul Theological Seminary

The Canadian Coptic Centre
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada



Course	Christian Apologetics
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Course Description	The course evaluates modern systems of thought and demonstrates the validity and truthfulness of Christian doctrines. It also addresses current societal questions and challenges to Christianity from other worldviews expressed in philosophy, science, religion and culture, while formulating a proper Christian response.
Course Objective	To equip the students so that they are “Always ready to give a defense to everyone who asks them a reason for the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear.” 1 Peter 3:15

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to:

- Understand the need to defend the Christian faith in today’s age. (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- Learn about the current challenges that face the Christian believer. (1 Chronicles 12:32)
- Give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you (1 Peter 3:15)
- Know how you ought to answer each one (Colossians 4:6)
- Reason with others on matters pertaining to the Christian faith (Acts 18:4)

Learning Methods

- The course content will be delivered via lectures, including the full outline to assist in note taking.
- Lectures will include video clips and other visual aid as a tool to augment the learning process.
- During the course of the subject, the instructor will facilitate an in-class interaction and dialogue. Students are expected to engage in role-playing as a method to ameliorate the learning process.

Course Lectures:

1. Introduction to Christian Apologetics
2. Current cultural challenges to the Christian faith
3. Arguments for the existence of God
4. A Refutation of Atheism
5. Truth (Ontology & Epistemology)
6. Cults & Worldviews (Secular Humanism, Eastern Mysticism, Postmodernism)
7. Christianity and Science (Faith & Reason)
8. The Evolution Theory – Creationism and Intelligent Design
9. Theodicies to the Problem of Evil
10. The Reliability of the Scriptures
11. The Case for the Resurrection of Christ
12. The Distinctiveness of Christianity

Required readings

- Timeless Truth in Truthless Times, 2018 By George Basilius serve as a companion book to the entire course. It would be great to read it before the first lecture.