
THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - FALL 2006
CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS PH.D. SEMINAR
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Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense (*ἀπολογία*) to every one who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. 1 Peter 3.15

TEXT BOOKS:

REQUIRED

1. Boa, Kenneth, and Robert Bowman. *Faith Has Its Reasons*.
2. Bahnsen, Greg. *Van Til's Apologetic: Readings & Analysis*.
3. Cowen, S. *Five Views on Apologetics*.
4. Murphy, Gannon. *Voices of Reason in Christian History: The Great Apologists: Their Lives and Legacies*.
5. Craig, William L. *Reasonable Faith; rev ed.*
6. Bush, L. Russ. *Classical Readings in Christian Apologetics*.

ASSIGNMENTS:

All texts are to be read as per the dates on the syllabus. The student should be ready to discuss and answer questions regarding the readings. The student will also prepare a research paper related to apologetics. Copies of the paper will be distributed to all in the seminar one week in advance of the student's presentation of his research findings.

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CLASS & ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

THE FOLLOWING CAN BE MODIFIED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROFESSOR.

Aug 16	Introduction to the Course
23	History of Apologetics Bush, L. Russ. <i>Classical Readings in Christian Apologetics</i> .
30	History of Apologetics Bush, L. Russ. <i>Classical Readings in Christian Apologetics</i> .
Sep 06	History of Apologetics

- Bush, L. Russ. *Classical Readings in Christian Apologetics*.
- 13 History of Apologetics
Murphy, Gannon. *Voices of Reason in Christian History: The Great Apologists: Their Lives and Legacies*.
- 20 Apologetics Theory
Boa, Kenneth, and Robert Bowman. *Faith Has Its Reasons*.
- 27 Apologetics Theory
Boa, Kenneth, and Robert Bowman. *Faith Has Its Reasons*.
- Oct 03-08 FALL BREAK
- 11 Gospel-Centered Apologetics
- 18 Apologetics Theory
Cowen. S. *Five Views on Apologetics*.
- 25 Apologetic Arguments
Craig. William L. *Reasonable Faith; rev ed.*
- Nov 01 **Paper Presentations: Scott Mescher & James Lee**
Apologetic Arguments
Craig. William L. *Reasonable Faith; rev ed.*
- 08 **Paper Presentations: David Evans & Brian Trapp**
Apologetic Arguments
Craig. William L. *Reasonable Faith; rev ed.*
- 15 **Paper Presentation: Victoria Douglas**
Apologetic Arguments
Craig. William L. *Reasonable Faith; rev ed.*
- 22 THANKSGIVING BREAK

A SHORT BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Guidelines for papers submitted in this course are found in the Southern Seminary Manual of Style available in the LifeWay Christian Bookstore located in the Honeycutt Center.

In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g., tape recorders, special adaptive equipment, special note-taking or test-taking needs) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the course.