MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

CORE VALUES: FOCUS AND CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES

The Curriculum Competencies to be addressed include Disciple Making, Doctrinal Integrity, and Servant Leadership. The core values of the seminary include the following:

- Doctrinal Integrity
- Characteristic Excellence
- Spiritual Vitality
- Servant Leadership
- Mission Focus

Each academic year one of the core values is highlighted. **Spiritual Vitality** is the core value focus for the 2019-2020 academic year.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a semester-length, practical learning experience that involves the student, through the supervision of an academic professor and an approved apologetic ministry. The student will practice the art of apologetics under supervision within an apologetic ministry. Several apologetics ministries have been approved for student supervision. Students may also request approval of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Institute of Christian Apologetics for other supervision options.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

In order to serve churches effectively through team ministry, the students, by the end of the course, should:
1. Be able to apply their knowledge and comprehension of apologetics to serving effectively in an applied ministry context.
2. Value applied ministry.
3. Grow in their ability to apply apologetics ministry skills.

**COURSE METHODOLOGY**

1. Students will regularly spend time in a ministry setting or working on a ministry project.
2. Students will meet regularly with apologetics mentors.
3. Students will read assigned materials and write book reviews.
4. Students will be involved in evaluation both from an apologetics mentor and a self-evaluation.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Students will secure a place of ministry (either paid or volunteer). They will perform at least 4 hours of ministry a week at their place of ministry for at least 12 weeks during the semester they are enrolled in the course.
2. In consultation with the professor of record students will submit a Practicum Approval Form. If needed, students will submit a Mentor Training Verification Form documenting that they have secured a qualified mentor. The professor of record may serve as the mentor.
3. The teacher of record will review and approve or reject each Practicum Approval Form and Mentor Training Verification Form.
4. Students will meet at least monthly with their mentors. These meetings should include honest evaluation of the student’s strengths, passions, and areas that need improvement, as well as addressing personal, relational, and professional issues.
5. Each week, students must complete a Weekly Report Form and submit it to the teacher of record.
6. Each student will submit a Personal Evaluation Paper at the end of the course. This evaluation should include a short summary of how the student’s involvement in ministry has helped in personal growth as a Christian minister during this semester and should include reflections on how the student’s ministry experience related to his/her call to ministry. The student should list any problems/successes that related to his/her professional development. This evaluation should be 2-3 double-spaced pages in length.
7. Students must submit a book review of each required book. Reviews should include: (1) some professional biographical data concerning the author; (2) an identification of the major elements of content; (3) an assessment of the author’s aim or purpose and of the degree of its fulfillment; and (4) a critical evaluation of the book. The reviews should follow Turabian form. Reviews should be 5-7 double-spaced pages.
Required Textbooks*


*The professor of record—not the mentor—will assign books to be reviewed.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MENTORS

Apologetics Mentors should have at least a Master’s Degree from an accredited theological seminary or the equivalent or relevant professional experience in Christian apologetics. The qualifications of those proposed mentors lacking a Master’s degree from an accredited theological seminary will be evaluated by the Director of the Institute for Christian Apologetics. If a proposed mentor is rejected, it is the student’s responsibility to find a replacement.
PRACTICUM APPROVAL FORM
NOBTS—APOLOGETICS PRACTICUM PHIL6370

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I have established a learning agreement with the above-named student for the Apologetics Practicum requirement of MA in Christian Apologetics degree.

I understand that my responsibilities include the following:

1. Supervise the student in various aspects of his project.
2. Meet with the student regularly to discuss his/her experience in this project.
3. Help the student discover his/her strengths as well as identify lesser strengths.
4. Submit a final evaluation report to the teacher of record.

Apologetics Mentor | Date

Institute for Christian Apologetics Director | Date

Please retain a copy of this form for your personal file.
I read (or viewed) the Apologetics Mentor Training Material provided by the Institute for Christian Apologetics office of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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MENTOR’S EVALUATION OF STUDENT FORM  
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NAME OF STUDENT: _____________________________________________  
DATE: __________

PRACTICUM:__________________________________________________________

Please evaluate:

1. Student’s attitude toward your ministry:

2. Student’s co-operation:

Did this student make significant contributions or did he/she impose limitations upon the ministry?

Please list any problems encountered with this student:

Overall evaluation of student’s performance:  GOOD_______  FAIR_______  POOR_______

Number of apologetics ministry hours completed [48 hours minimum] ______________________

Apologetics Mentor’s Signature____________________________________________________

Student’s Signature______________________________________________________________

Note: This evaluation will be used if needed in counseling the student regarding his/her ministry and may affect his/her grade. Use back of sheet for additional comments if necessary. Please go over your evaluation with the student and let the student return this form to our office.
SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY


