



Apologetics for Biblical Counselors (TH708) Course Syllabus

I. Learning outcomes for TH708

Apologetics for Biblical Counselors will equip students with a biblically-derived apologetic methodology, preparing them to give an intelligent and thoughtful defense for the Christian faith.

II. Required Reading

Voddie Baucham Jr., *Expository Apologetics: Answering Objections with the Power of the Word*, (Wheaton: Crossway, 2015).

K. Scott Oliphint, *Covenantal Apologetics: Principles and Practice in Defense of Our Faith*, (Wheaton: Crossway, 2013).

Alasdair Groves et al., "[Digital JBC Must Reads: On Apologetics](#)," *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*.

III. Lectures

K. Scott Oliphint, 2012, [Apologetics & Counseling](#).

William Edgar, [Apologetics 101: Introduction](#), (Lectures 1-28).

IV. Logos m.Ed. Substitution Allowance

[Logos Mobile Ed](#) courses are seminary-level courses developed by world-class scholars. These courses are integrated into Logos Bible Software and require either a paid subscription or an outright purchase to access. The "basic" level of Logos Bible Software is free to download from Logos. Students may substitute the following course for the required reading and lectures, namely, *Introducing Covenantal Apologetics (AP120)*. Students who take the m.Ed. option must complete the relevant reading, videos, quizzes, and activities.

V. Assignments

Written assignments should be turned in together at the close of a course.

1. **Complete the assigned reading and lectures (or complete AP120).**
2. **Write an adult Sunday school lesson which summarizes the detrimental nature of psychology and the resultant psychotherapies for believers.** This lesson should serve as a manuscript for a one hour lesson.



3. **Write a five page (double-spaced) essay which compares and contrasts evidential/classical apologetic methodology with presuppositionalism.** Summarize both views and provide critical evaluation. Footnote all citations.
4. **Write a ten page (double-spaced) research paper which responds to the criticisms offered by the anti-biblical counseling movement as represented by [Martin and Deidre Bobgan](#).** Cite at least five texts (monographs, commentaries, lexica, etc.) not utilized in the required reading. Include a title page and bibliography, and footnote all sources. Consult Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th Ed., (Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press, 2018) for questions of pagination.