

EP 101: Christian Evidences and Apologetics
Veritas Bible Institute Spring 2015
Tuesdays from 3-5 pm
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2 Credit

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Course Description

This course is designed to help students develop the ability to explain the believability and truthfulness of Christianity. We will answer common questions about the existence of God, the reliability of the Bible, the problem of evil and suffering in the world, evolution, and more.

Course Objectives

Students should be able to . . .

- Develop greater confidence in the evidences for Christianity.
- Identify and understand common questions people raise that seem to challenge the Christian faith.
- Articulately and compassionately respond to common questions that challenge Christianity.
- Engage skeptics in discussions about evidences for Christianity.

Textbooks

Boa, Ken, and Larry Moody. *I'm Glad You Asked*. Colorado Springs: Cook Communications, 1994.

Newman, Randy. *Questioning Evangelism: Engaging People's Hearts the Way Jesus Did*. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 2004.

Course Requirements

Reading (5 points each, 60 points total)

Each week the student will have reading to complete. The students are required to complete all the required reading before the class begins in order to participate in and benefit from the class discussions. At the beginning of each exam there will be a place to check off reading progress.

Assignments (10 points each, 120 points total)

Each week there will be several questions that correspond to the reading. The students are required to complete all the reading questions before each class. If a student misses class, it is

their responsibility to contact the instructor or another student to get a copy of the questions for the following week.

Exams (100 points each, 200 points total)

There will be two take-home exams; a mid-term exam due on March 4th and a final exam due on April 29th.

Exams

Mid-term exam	March 3 rd
Final exam	April 28 th

Attendance

In order to maintain high standards of learning, students will only be allowed two absences per course. Any exceptions must be approved by the course instructor.

Course Schedule

		Hour 1	Hour 2	Newman	Boa/Moody
Week 1	13-Jan	Intro	Faith and reason	intro-ch. 1*	Ch 1-2*
Week 2	20-Jan	Relativism	Exclusivism	ch. 2-4	8*
Week 3	27-Jan	Existence of God			3
Week 4	3-Feb	Hell	Those who haven't heard?		9
Week 5	10-Feb	The Bible		ch. 7	6
Week 6	17-Feb	Problem of Evil and suffering		ch. 5, 6	7*
Week 7	24-Feb	Evolution			
Week 8	3-Mar	Mid-term exam			
Week 9	10-Mar	Christianity and injustice		ch. 10	10
Week 10	17-Mar	Uniqueness of Jesus	Res. Of Jesus	ch. 11-13	
	24-Mar	Spring Break			
Week 11	31-Mar	Morality		ch. 8	
Week 12	7-Apr	Miracles	Archeology		4
Week 13	14-Apr	Is salvation by grace too easy?			11, 12, 13
Week 14	21-Apr	Christianity and other religions			
Week 15	28-Apr	Final Exam			

*Optional reading