



LEE STROBEL CENTER
for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics

at Colorado Christian University



"They love all men, and by all men are persecuted ... They are poor, and yet they make many rich ... To put it simply: what the soul is in the body, that Christians are in the world." These words are from the Epistle to Diognetus, written about 100 years after Jesus rose from the dead (and

related by historian Bruce Shelley). As some of the earliest Christian writing, these words illustrate that from the very beginning of Christianity believers in Jesus have worked hard to communicate winsomely the realities of our faith: Hey, world! We love you. We're here for you. We bring you the message of abundant life!

That is what Christian apologetics is all about. It's not "apologizing for being a Christian," but rather making a solid case for faith in Jesus, utilizing Scripture, history, philosophy, science, common sense, and well-lived lives.

CCU invites you to become part of a 2000-year-old tradition of faithful apologetic ministry by enrolling for either a bachelor's or master's in Applied Apologetics. Both degrees, offered as part of the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics, provide solid training in making good arguments, engaging appropriate Scripture, sharing your faith in engaging ways, and challenging you to live the Christian life with love and grace.

CCU is unapologetic in requiring of our students academic rigor as well as encouraging them to live their faith with strong minds and warm hearts. All of that is necessary for a Christ-follower to provide that gentle and respectful "defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Join us as we learn together what it takes to be an effective apologist for Jesus!

Most sincerely,

Earl Waggoner, Ph.D.

Dean of School of Biblical & Theological Studies

Becoming Brighter Light (Matthew 5:14-16)

The Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at Colorado Christian University seeks to equip Christians, ministry leaders, and churches to effectively share the grace of God and confidently defend the truth of the gospel, in order to reach our world for Christ.

The Center offers a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Apologetics with four emphases options and a Master of Arts in Applied Apologetics with four emphases options. Courses are taught 100% online and are designed for the working adult. Students are trained in the field of apologetics — the art of defending the Christian faith through intellectual means.

The bachelor's and master's degrees have been designed by world-renowned authors and evangelists Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg in conjunction with leading apologetics and evangelism experts.

Whether you are a layperson who seeks to better understand, defend, and spread your faith or a ministry professional looking to enhance your understanding of the gospel, the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics can help you grow your faith.

APPLIED IN APPROACH

Students are trained to be practitioners and defenders of the faith. The ultimate goal is for graduates to deploy their knowledge and training in a manner that is at once competent, confident, grace-filled, and committed to the ideals of kingdom advancement.

SECURE IN DOCTRINE

The Center's curriculum is anchored to the timeless truths of Scripture and the core doctrines of the faith that define orthodox Christianity.

EXCELLENT IN ACADEMIC QUALITY

The Center's leadership, faculty, subject-matter experts, designers, and editors are committed to both classical and cutting-edge teaching methods. Program courses are designed to be properly rigorous, providing thoughtful content focused on specifically planned and attainable outcomes.



Learn more at strobelcenter.com

About Lee Strobel

Atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel, the former award-winning legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, is a *New York Times* best-selling author of more than 40 books and curricula that have sold 14 million copies in total. He has been described in the *Washington Post* as “one of the evangelical community’s most popular apologists.”

Strobel was educated at the University of Missouri (Bachelor of Journalism) and Yale Law School (Master of Studies in Law). He was a journalist for 14 years at the *Chicago Tribune* and other newspapers, winning Illinois’ highest honor for public service journalism from United Press International. He also led a team that won UPI’s top award for investigative reporting in Illinois.

After probing the evidence for Jesus for nearly two years, Strobel became a Christian in 1981. He subsequently became a teaching pastor at three of America’s largest churches and hosted the national network TV program “Faith Under Fire.” In addition, he taught First Amendment law at Roosevelt University and was professor of Christian thought at Houston Christian University.

In 2017, Strobel’s spiritual journey was depicted in an award-winning motion picture, “The Case for Christ,” which showed in theaters around the world. Strobel won national awards for his books *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for a Creator*, and *The Case for Grace*. His latest books are *The Case for Miracles* and *The Case for Heaven*.

He and co-author Mark Mittelberg recently created the *Making Your Case for Christ* video-driven small-group curriculum, which trains Christians how to share and defend their faith. *The Christian Post* named Strobel one of the top seven evangelical leaders who made an impact in 2017.

Strobel and his wife, Leslie, have been married for more than fifty years. Their daughter, Alison, is a novelist and homeschooling expert, and their son, Kyle, is a professor of spiritual theology at the Talbot School of Theology at Biola University.

“Who is the next Billy Graham? It is millions of contagious Christians who are trained, equipped, and deployed! We have a vision to fulfill this mission as quickly as possible!”

– Lee Strobel, founding director





About Mark Mittelberg

Mark Mittelberg is a best-selling author, international speaker, and the Executive Director of the *Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics* at Colorado Christian University (StrobelCenter.com), which offers accredited bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as certificate courses — all online.

Mittelberg recently completed the new book and training course, *Contagious Faith: Discover Your Natural Style for Sharing Jesus with Others*. Prior to that he was the primary author of the *Becoming a Contagious Christian* training course (with Lee Strobel). This course was translated into more than 20 languages and helped nearly two million people around the world share Christ in natural ways. He also wrote the leadership-oriented book, *Becoming a Contagious Church*, which presents an innovative blueprint for church-based evangelism.

Mittelberg's other published works include the *Making Your Case for Christ* training course and *The Case for Christ Daily Moment of Truth* devotional (both with Lee Strobel). His book *Confident Faith* was named *Outreach Magazine's* apologetics Book of the Year. He also wrote *The Reason Why Faith Makes Sense*, which is an update of a classic that touched millions of lives — recreated by Mittelberg for a new generation. His

book *The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask (with Answers)* addresses the ten spiritual questions believers most want to avoid. Mittelberg collaborated with Strobel to produce *The Unexpected Adventure*, a story-based book designed to encourage Christians to seize everyday opportunities to talk about Jesus. Mittelberg's published pieces have sold some three million copies.

Mittelberg was the original Evangelism Director at Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago, and then served as Executive Vice President of the Willow Creek Association. He was also an editorial consultant and periodic guest for Lee Strobel's television show, *Faith Under Fire*. Mittelberg and Strobel have been ministry partners for more than 30 years.

After receiving an undergraduate degree in business, Mittelberg earned a master's in Philosophy of Religion, graduating *magna cum laude* from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois. He also received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mittelberg and his wife, Heidi, live near Denver, Colorado, and are the parents of Emma Jean and Matthew, both of whom serve in ministry roles.

***“We want to equip, mentor, and deploy
leaders who will creatively and effectively
declare and defend the gospel.”***

– Mark Mittelberg, executive director

Bachelor of Arts in Applied Apologetics



The Strobel Center offers a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Apologetics degree designed to prepare leaders and lay people to spread the Good News to their communities, their nations, and the ends of the world.

The Center's programs are regionally accredited and 100% online. Designed for the working adult, students can learn on their own time wherever they have internet access.

It is our duty as Christians to be able to defend our faith to those who question it. As followers of Christ we need to know why we believe in the gospel. CCU's Bachelor of Arts in Applied Apologetics degree from the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics will train and equip you to give this rational defense for your faith.

The applied apologetics bachelor's program will improve your understanding and expression of the essential doctrines of the Christian faith and the evidence which undergirds those doctrines. With this knowledge, the program will prepare you with practical tools to be a witness to audiences from a diverse background of beliefs.

In the Strobel Center's B.A. in Applied Apologetics program you will choose from one of four emphases.

DEGREE QUICK FACTS



EQUIPS YOU FOR

TEACHING PASTOR
APOLOGETICS MINISTRY
EVANGELISM LEADER



OFFERED

100%

ONLINE



PROGRAM LENGTH

120 CREDIT HOURS



TRANSFER CREDITS

UP TO **90**

UNDERGRADUATE-LEVEL
CREDIT HOURS FROM A
REGIONALLY ACCREDITED
INSTITUTION

Bachelor of Arts in Applied Apologetics

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT EMPHASIS

The B.A. in Applied Apologetics with an emphasis in Cultural Engagement provides you with the tools you need to faithfully articulate the gospel with grace and truth while addressing key cultural issues. In a world where you are communicating with individuals from a vast array of backgrounds, it is important to know how to address current issues and tensions from a biblical frame of reference. Cultural Engagement is a critical skill for evangelism and apologetics, whether you are a pastor, missionary, teacher, or just a friend to those who don't know God's grace.

INNOVATIVE EVANGELISM EMPHASIS

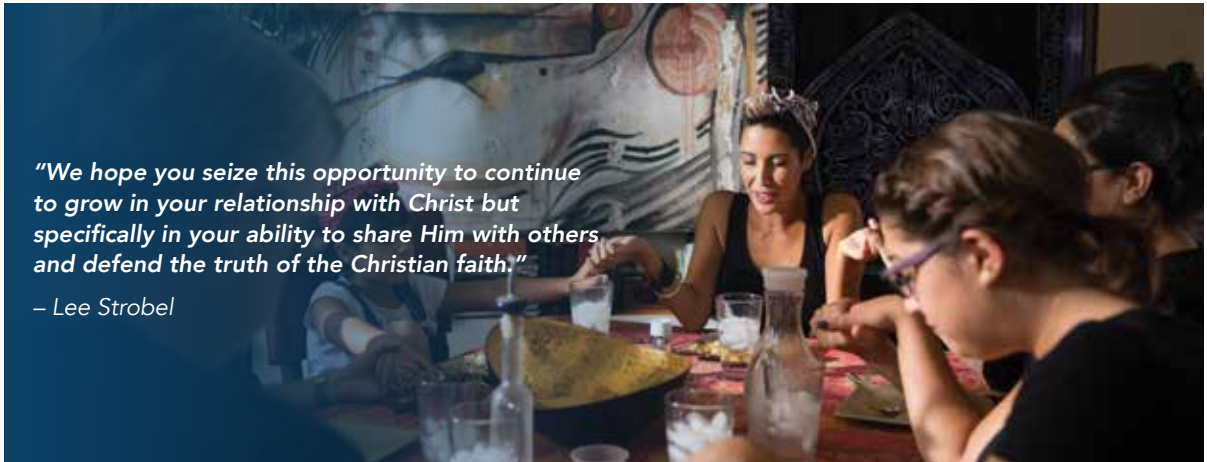
The B.A. in Applied Apologetics with an emphasis in Innovative Evangelism will nourish your passion for outreach and help you develop strategic and creative approaches for sharing the gospel. The church needs to be intentional and equipped to witness to a world of growing apathy, skepticism, and alternative worldviews. The Innovative Evangelism program will help you advance and grow as a leader with a strategy to pursue the mission of the church to reach more and more people for Christ.

GLOBAL APOLOGETICS EMPHASIS

The B.A. in Applied Apologetics with an emphasis in Global Apologetics helps you communicate the truth of the gospel to those caught up in non-Christian and pseudo-Christian belief systems. While engaging with these worldviews you'll need to understand the rationale for their divergent beliefs and how to appropriately answer their challenges. The Global Apologetics emphasis prepares you to defend your faith to a wide range of individuals in a practical way that expresses both the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

PRACTICAL APOLOGETICS EMPHASIS

The B.A. in Applied Apologetics with an emphasis in Practical Apologetics will help you learn how to defend the truth of Christianity using evidence drawn from science, history, philosophy, archaeology, the Bible, and religious experience. To effectively reach people today, apologists need to communicate the truth of our beliefs using everyday ideas and examples. Practical Apologetics will deepen your confidence in the truth of the gospel, and help you declare and defend it effectively in the increasingly diverse marketplace of ideas.



"We hope you seize this opportunity to continue to grow in your relationship with Christ but specifically in your ability to share Him with others and defend the truth of the Christian faith."

– Lee Strobel

Master of Arts in Applied Apologetics



CCU's 100% online Master of Arts in Applied Apologetics program will equip you with the skills and abilities to share and defend the gospel message. Offered through the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at Colorado Christian University, the master's degree in applied apologetics is designed for students who already have a solid theological background.

This degree program combines academic theories and applied practices to prepare you to be a witness to the world. Highly experienced faculty will help you build on your biblical and practical knowledge to be able to fulfill our command and give a reason for our hope in Christ.

The Master of Arts in Applied Apologetics program requires students to choose one of four emphases: Cultural Engagement, Global Apologetics, Innovative Evangelism, or Practical Apologetics.

Everything you need to complete your online master's degree in applied apologetics is available to you from your computer, wherever you have internet access. You can log in to view your instructors' presentations, participate in discussions with your classmates, and submit your weekly assignments at your convenience.

DEGREE QUICK FACTS



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

PASTOR OR MINISTRY LEADER
EVANGELISM POINT PERSON
APOLOGETICS MINISTRY



COMPLETE IN AS LITTLE AS

17 MONTHS
WITH FULL-TIME STUDY



PROGRAM LENGTH

39 CREDIT HOURS



TRANSFER CREDITS

UP TO **9** GRADUATE-LEVEL CREDIT
HOURS FROM A REGIONALLY
ACCREDITED INSTITUTION

Master of Arts in Applied Apologetics

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT EMPHASIS

CCU Online's M.A. in Applied Apologetics with an emphasis in Cultural Engagement will equip you to analyze, evaluate and create new ways to faithfully share the gospel. Attention will be given to current trends, challenges, and elements in contemporary culture, with a view to defending the gospel with grace and truth. The student will learn to assess the major influences in our society, from art to philosophy, and how they relate to truth. Whether you are a pastor, missionary, teacher, or a friend to those who don't know God's grace, cultural engagement is a critical skill for evangelism and apologetics.

INNOVATIVE EVANGELISM EMPHASIS

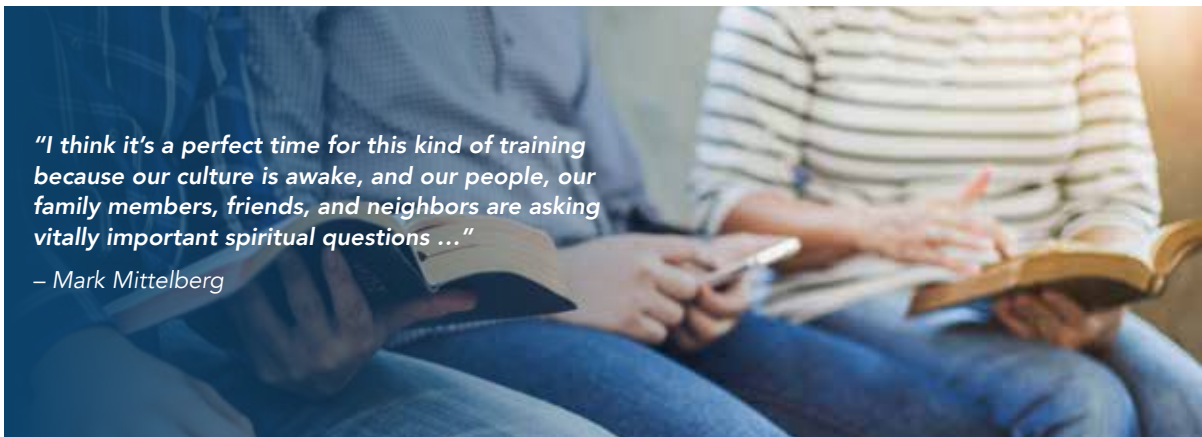
CCU Online's M.A. in Applied Apologetics with an emphasis in Innovative Evangelism equips you to develop strategic and creative approaches to spreading the gospel through advanced relational, congregational, and small group evangelism. Your passion for apologetics and the church will be harnessed to develop intentional and tactical approaches to share God's love to a broken world. The Innovative Evangelism program will help you advance and evolve as a leader with a strategy to pursue the mission of the church and to be an evangelistic point person.

GLOBAL APOLOGETICS EMPHASIS

CCU Online's M.A. in Applied Apologetics with an emphasis in Global Apologetics will prepare you to engage major world religions, using the truth of the gospel to challenge non-Christian and pseudo-Christian belief systems. The Global Apologetics emphasis prepares you to design arguments which articulate the distinctions between opposing views and advance a gracious defense of the Christian faith. As a global apologist, you will be trained to understand the rationale for these divergent beliefs and to lovingly present truth to the variety of people you want to reach.

PRACTICAL APOLOGETICS EMPHASIS

CCU Online's M.A. in Applied Apologetics with an emphasis in Practical Apologetics will prepare you to witness effectively for Christ, using evidence drawn from science, history, philosophy, archaeology, the Bible, and religious experience. You will analyze, evaluate and create persuasive arguments using a variety of practical, apologetic approaches to communicate evidence for the Christian worldview and the message of the cross. Practical Apologetics will enable you to articulate the truth of the gospel in everyday life, not only in theoretical and academic settings.



"I think it's a perfect time for this kind of training because our culture is awake, and our people, our family members, friends, and neighbors are asking vitally important spiritual questions ..."

– Mark Mittelberg

What Makes CCU Unique?

Colorado Christian University has a century-long legacy of serving students who desire a challenging, Christ-centered education. Located in Lakewood, Colorado, CCU was founded in 1914. In just over 10 decades, what began as a one-room school with two students and a single teacher has become the premier interdenominational Christian university in the Rocky Mountain region.

The College of Adult and Graduate Studies (CAGS) at Colorado Christian University offers over 100 undergraduate, graduate, licensure, and certificate program options, with nearly all available completely through CCU Online. All courses incorporate a Christ-centered worldview — integrating high-level academics with timeless faith — and are designed specifically for adult learners.

CAGS and CCU Online provide students with several options for accelerated degree completion, including flexible transfer credit policies and opportunities to earn college credit for life experience.

More than 8,000 adult students are currently enrolled through CCU Online or attend on-site classes at one of several Colorado locations.

CCU produces engaged, ethical graduates ready to change the world. CCU Online students from all or no-faith backgrounds are invited to be a part of the CCU community — and discover how all things are possible.

CCU's College of Undergraduate Studies (CUS) enrolls more than 1,500 students in traditional programs on the University's residential campus in Lakewood, a suburban community 10 miles west of downtown Denver with easy access to the nearby Colorado foothills.

CUS offers more than 100 programs in business, liberal arts, music, sciences, and pre-professional programs for traditional-age high school graduates and transfer students. Undergraduate students enjoy hundreds of activities beyond academics, including Best of Colorado trips, Division II NCAA athletics, intramural sports, student-led ministries, and overseas missions.

The CCU Cougars compete in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC), one of the largest and most competitive conferences in the nation. Men's sports include: baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, and track and field. Women's sports include: basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, track and field, and volleyball.



Christ-centered higher education transforming students to impact the world with grace and truth.

Why Students Choose CCU Online

Colorado Christian University is dedicated to providing an affordable, flexible, and accessible Christian liberal arts higher education to adult students who will become leaders in their communities, countries, and the world. Discover the "Top 5 Reasons Why" students selected CCU Online.*



1. CHRIST-CENTERED INTEGRATION OF FAITH AND LEARNING

Every class is taught with a Christian worldview and with a focus on servant leadership. We have a high priority to take what is learned and apply it to make positive impacts in the world.



2. FLEXIBILITY OF OUR ONLINE FORMAT

You don't have to put your life on hold to succeed as a CCU student. Our flexible online format allows you to juggle life, work, and family while earning your degree from almost anywhere in the world.



3. AFFORDABILITY

CCU Online's guaranteed undergraduate tuition means that you know exactly what your degree will cost from the start. When you earn a degree from CCU Online, your locked-in tuition rate can give you peace of mind.



4. CARING SUPPORT STAFF

At CCU, our support staff is invested to ensure that students are successful from the first class, to graduation, and beyond. Experience the difference of a Christ-centered approach.



5. MILITARY-FOCUSED

CCU isn't just military-friendly, we're military-focused. We honor our nation's military with a unique tuition discount for active duty military and their spouses.

*CCU Online New Student Enrollment Survey, Fall 2018

CHECK THIS OUT!

Learn more about the five reasons at: ccu.edu/whyccu.

Flexible Education That's 100% Online



Thousands of adult students have already earned accredited degrees from CCU without ever setting foot on campus. How? By earning their degree 100% online.*

YOU HAVE THE TIME

Flexibility is the calling card for online degree programs — and a main reason why our College of Adult and Graduate Studies offers online education through CCU Online.

Whether you routinely travel for work, have an unpredictable schedule, or keep track of multiple schedules in your family, online courses are flexible enough to work with you. As long as you have internet access, you will be able to log into your courses.

EARN THE SAME DEGREE

At CCU, “online” refers only to the format of the courses. You will earn the same accredited degree whether you take courses in a classroom or online. You will be

prepared to succeed in your field in the same way that we prepare our students who take courses in the classroom.

EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY, ONLINE

Most students learn best in community, that’s why we offer a cohort model of learning for adult students. The cohort system groups you with other students who are in your same degree or certificate program, and you stay together in your courses until you graduate.

YOU’RE SET UP FOR SUCCESS

CCU’s online classes are hosted in an electronic platform which connects you with your professors as well as your classmates — even if they are on the other side of the world. Group discussion forums and document sharing are built into the course experience, so you will have plenty of time to connect with and get to know

your classmates. Integrated video and web conferencing tools use HD audio, video, a web-based interface, and webcams to improve learner engagement and help students and faculty feel like they’re in the same room together, regardless of their location or device.

CONNECT WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE

The CCU Online learning platform also provides a mobile app that allows students to check updates, watch videos, or receive notifications on their smartphones.

A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

Tuition for an online course is the same as that of an in-seat course, no matter which state you live in. Visit the College of Adult and Graduate Studies tuition website for specific cost information for your program at ccu.edu/cags-tuition.

** Note: CCU’s Pre-Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is not offered online.*

Be at Your Best with a Degree for Real Life

We recognize a traditional college experience might not provide the flexibility you need to earn your degree. That's why the College of Adult and Graduate Studies (CCU Online) has developed carefully planned programs that help you get where you want to go, in a way that works for you.

AWARD-WINNING ACADEMICS

Our programs have won awards for their excellence and are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). We also have special accreditations for a number of programs — to ensure that your degree is recognized wherever you go.

QUICK PROGRESSION

Each class is typically five or seven weeks long (most are five). You will take one class at a time, where you will focus on one topic of study. This format is helpful because you can see your progress toward your degree. Every five weeks you're a few credits closer to your goal!

TIERED STRUCTURE

Most of our degrees have a tiered structure. This means that even if you're not sure that you want to earn a full bachelor's degree, you could choose to first earn your certificate, which would then apply to your associate or bachelor's degree if you decided later that you wanted to continue in your program.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Earning your degree provides you with skills that you can immediately use in the workplace, qualifying you to excel with your job responsibilities — which is key to a successful career. By learning how to find meaning and leadership opportunities right where you are, you will be able to contribute your talents and gifts to a world that needs you to be at your best.

GET STARTED TODAY!

We would love to talk to you about your educational goals and help prepare a degree plan that fits your life. Visit strobcenter.com and complete the Request Info form or call us at **303.963.3311**.



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CCU Online Graduate

Continuing Education

CCU's online Continuing Education Courses and Certificates provide opportunities to develop professionally, personally, and spiritually in understanding and sharing the gospel. Take individual courses or earn a certificate in one of four specific subject areas: Cultural Engagement, Global Apologetics, Innovative Evangelism, or Practical Apologetics.

Continuing Education Courses are non-credit bearing, allowing you to gain practical skills, tools, and knowledge without having to complete an entire degree. Although these self-paced online courses and certificates can be completed in whatever time-frame works for you, each continuing education course is designed to take five weeks and a certificate made up of six courses can be completed in six to eight months. You can also take one course at a time and apply your course toward the certificate when you're ready.

Learn more at strob中心.com

Applied Apologetics Certificates

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

The Cultural Engagement Certificate provides you with the tools you need to faithfully articulate the gospel while addressing key cultural issues. This program focuses on how to navigate from a biblical perspective through interactions around current issues and tensions. This six-course certificate program will equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to interact with and engage individuals from a vast array of backgrounds and differing worldviews with grace and truth.



GLOBAL APOLOGETICS

The Global Apologetics Certificate helps you defend and communicate the truth of the gospel to people from a variety of different worldviews. This six-course certificate program provides understanding and insight into the rationale behind many divergent beliefs, and it equips you to appropriately answer common challenges to the Christian faith in a practical way that expresses both the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.



INNOVATIVE EVANGELISM

The Innovative Evangelism Certificate will nourish your passion for outreach and help you develop strategic and creative approaches for sharing the gospel. This six-course certificate program prepares and provides intentional and innovative ways to witness to a world of growing apathy, skepticism, and alternative worldviews. Each course in this program will help you advance and grow as a leader with a strategy to effectively share the love of Christ with the world.



PRACTICAL APOLOGETICS

The Practical Apologetics Certificate will help you learn how to defend the truth of Christianity using evidence drawn from science, history, philosophy, archaeology, the Bible, and religious experience. With a focus on using everyday ideas and relatable examples to communicate the truth of our beliefs, this six-course certificate will deepen your confidence in the truth of the gospel, and help you declare and defend it effectively in the increasingly diverse marketplace of ideas.







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