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All faculty are listed at the end of this catalog in the Faculty Roster. There are separate rosters for Full-Time and Part-Time faculty. The entire roster can also be viewed online at <http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?action=faculty&PID=19959&CatID=26> where faculty can be searched for by Department.

HISTORY

The history of the School of Divinity is part of the history of Thomas Road Baptist Church and is the oldest graduate school of the University. The other schools are Liberty Christian Academy, Willmington School of the Bible, and Liberty University. The Seminary is an outgrowth of the vision of Dr. Jerry Falwell, the founding pastor of the Thomas Road Baptist Church. Dr. Falwell believed in Christian education. He believed that one of the most effective means of winning millions to Christ is by training young men and women to serve the Lord in aggressive, evangelical, soul-winning Baptist churches as pastors, staff, and members. The University was founded to help achieve that goal.

Another need, however, still existed. Professional, graduate level training was needed for graduates of Liberty University and other colleges desiring graduate theological education as preparation for ministries in churches similar to Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Founded as Lynchburg Baptist Theological Seminary in September 1973, it began with an enrollment of 41 students with Dr. Jerry Falwell as President and Chancellor. Over forty years later, the School of Divinity continues to demonstrate that a seminary can be built on faith, dedication, and the blessings of God, from

Whom comes Truth.

In 1975, the Seminary was given approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to grant graduate degrees. In 2015, approval was granted by Liberty University's Board of Trustees to combine the School of Religion with the Seminary into the School of Divinity.

The School of Divinity provides quality, well-rounded education, based on academic excellence, emanating from the belief that Christian education should be superior, not inferior, to that provided by other schools. The School of Divinity is committed to the principle that a person's most effective ministry will be in conjunction with a local church, and the vision of the School of Divinity is to equip Christians to reach the entire world through aggressive New Testament church evangelism.

DISTINCTIVES

The School of Divinity is characterized by commitment to the core doctrines of the faith and providing significant experiences to develop practical ministry skills.

The faculty of the School of Divinity are committed to model both scholarship and practice for students. Graduates are grounded in the knowledge of God's Word, a desire to impact the world for God's kingdom, and the skills to engage the culture with the gospel.

Evangelism is a core value throughout the curriculum. Every faculty member and student is expected to manifest a compassion for the lost and a desire to see their salvation.

The School of Divinity is committed to the local church, and prepares graduates to enter into leadership positions in the local church and para-church organizations. As such, experiential learning is essential to the School of Divinity's programs of study.

The Mission of the Rawlings School of Divinity

The School of Divinity exists to come alongside the local church and help it fulfill the Great Commission. In accordance with the mission of Liberty University and within the historic Baptist tradition, the School of Divinity provides undergraduate and graduate programs that train graduates for traditional, Christian ministry positions. The School of Divinity offers programs designed to equip people for lay ministry, personal enrichment, global leadership, church leadership, and advanced scholarly research.

As a Christian community, the School of Divinity seeks to cultivate spiritual growth and faithful service to Christ and His church. As an academic community, the School of Divinity seeks to impart knowledge and necessary skills to men and women for service and leadership in Christian ministry. As a service community, the School of Divinity seeks to respond to the needs of local churches and Christian ministries as they participate in worship, global evangelism, discipleship, and scholarship.

Program Goals and Objectives

In keeping with its stated mission, the School of Divinity strives to achieve the following institutional goals:

Personal Goals

COMMITMENT

We seek to provide an environment in which students are encouraged to strengthen their commitment to Christ, certify their call to service, and develop an abiding love for God and His Word.

LIFESTYLE

We seek to develop a lifestyle of actively communicating the Christian faith through personal integrity, evangelistic witness, and responsible scholarship.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We seek to foster an awareness of the Christian's responsibility to be a productive member of society and to be responsive to the needs and concerns of diverse cultures.

Academic Goals

KNOWLEDGE

We seek to develop cognitive skills for ministry and scholarship through rigorous interaction with the biblical text and disciplines related to professional vocation.

UNDERSTANDING

We seek to provide theological, historical, and intellectual understandings necessary for a self-conscious, critical, and Christian response to the world.

Vocational Goals

RELATIONSHIPS

We seek to develop communicative, administrative, and relational skills necessary for professional competence.

ETHICS

We seek to provide opportunities for students to explore the moral dimensions and ethical implications of their chosen vocation.

EVANGELISM

We seek to cultivate sensitivity to others and a concern for world evangelization through local church ministries and vigorous defense of the gospel.

CHURCH GROWTH

We seek to develop biblical and scientific expertise in establishing, developing, and sustaining growing churches and ministries.

DEGREE COMPLETION PLANS

Degree Completion Plans for programs offered by the Rawlings School of Divinity can be accessed online at <http://www.liberty.edu/dcps>.

Centers

Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement

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Executive Director, Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement

Associate Professor of Theology and Apologetics

The culture around is changing and Christians need to be prepared to defend their faith both from internal and external challenges to Christianity. To this end, the Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement partners with departments across Liberty University and with other organizations to equip students, faculty, and the wider Christian community. The Center resources Liberty University and Christians worldwide by hosting various events and featuring a website with articles and video clips from our Fellows, Liberty lecturers, and scholars from around the world.

The Center's *Distinguished Senior Fellows* are Liberty faculty members from various University departments who are known as outstanding scholars in their field and have years of experience engaging the culture. These Senior Fellows take part in faculty/student engagement events, are featured in videos on our website, take part in our theological fellowships, and serve as advisors to the Center. Our current Senior Fellows include: Dr. Shawn Akers, Dr. David Baggett, Dr. Ken Dormer, Dr. Mark Foreman, Dr. Chris Gnanakan, Dr. Gary Habermas, Dr. Tad Hardin, Dr. Emily Heady, Dr. Ed Hindson, Dr. Gary Isaacs, Dr. Rena Lindevaldsen, Dr. Linda Mintle, Dr. Norman Mintle, Dr. Karen Swallow Prior, Dr. Gary Sibcy, and Dr. Chad Thornhill.

The Center also includes an interdisciplinary *Student Fellowship Program*. Student Fellows are Liberty students of various majors who have excelled academically and have the goal of leading in cultural engagement. Student Fellows have the opportunity to learn from our Senior Fellows, serve as ambassadors for the Center, and research and write in the area of apologetics and cultural engagement.

PURPOSE

The Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement is a cooperative effort between the School of Divinity and the Seminary designed to inform and equip individuals to engage culture by addressing the biblical, theological, philosophical, and cultural questions of today's world from a distinctively Christian worldview.

Center for Asian Ministries

Timothy T. Chong, B.A., M.Div, S.T.M., Ph.D.

Dean, Center for Asian Ministries

Professor of Theology and Biblical Studies

The Center for Asian Ministries at Liberty University exists to support and guide

ministries and programs that have Asian ties geographically, ethnically, socially, ministerially, and academically. The purview of the Center extends beyond Asia to all parts of the world through Asian connections and promotes the growth of Asian ministries for Christ. As the Center is located in the United States, it also engages in Asian American issues.

The Center is not limited only to Asians but to all those who want to serve in Asian ministry contexts. It provides the students, faculty, staff, and those who are interested in Asian ministries with biblical, theological, and other types of support so that they may become effective followers and leaders in the discipleship ministries of Jesus Christ.

As such, the Center endeavors to stand alongside Asian churches, promote Liberty University in Asia and beyond, assist Liberty University's academic programs to be strengthened on campus and to expand in Asia and beyond, train and mobilize champions for Christ who work in relation to Asian ministries in global locations, research the futures of Asian churches.

MISSION

Through Liberty University, the Center for Asian Ministries supports and guides Christ's champions and ministries for Asia and beyond in fulfilling the Great Commission, alongside the church. (Matt 28:18-20)

VISION

The Center for Asian Ministries envisions the uniting of all peoples together in Christ by assisting Christ's champions and ministries for Asia and beyond in order to reach the world with the Gospel. (Eph 1:10)

Center for Chaplaincy

Steven E. Keith, B.A., M.Div., D.Min.

*Director, Center for Chaplaincy
Chaplain, Colonel, USAF, Retired
Professor of Chaplaincy*

The culture in which chaplains serve is progressively becoming more secular and pluralistic. Chaplains are faced with ministry challenges not previously experienced. The Center for Chaplaincy prepares students to minister effectively in the changing environment by providing exceptional education, research, publications, outreach opportunities, and strategic partnerships. Educationally, the Center develops cutting edge curriculum to best prepare students to be biblically sound spiritual leaders and soul care providers. Further, the Center designs and conducts research to advance understanding for chaplain-care and leadership. Additionally, the Center produces and encourages scholarly chaplain publications to advance effective evangelical chaplain ministry. Furthermore, the Center organizes and promotes chaplain outreach locally and globally. Finally, the Center forms strategic partnerships across Liberty University and with other likeminded Universities and organizations to synergize education and ministry efforts.

PURPOSE

The Center for Chaplaincy's purpose is to educate and equip chaplain students to

be Champions for Christ in secular and pluralistic ministry environments.

Center for Christian/Community Service

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*Director of Christian/Community Service
Professor of Biblical Worldview*

N. Troy Matthews, B.A., M.R.E., Ed.D.

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*Assistant Director of Christian/Community Service
Assistant Professor of Biblical Worldview*

Darren C. Wu, B.S.M.E., M.A.R., Ed.D.

*Christian/Community Service Coordinator
Assistant Professor of Biblical Worldview*

PURPOSE

The **Center for Christian/Community Service** guides the Academic and Experiential Learning programs in planning, developing and maintaining quality programs. It also seeks to maintain efficient and cost effective measures in the administration and delivery of its programs.

MISSION

“To instruct students in understanding and applying the biblical worldview, to educate them to be servant leaders and to promote, throughout the Liberty community, a life-long practice of caring service.” Philippians 2:4-5; Matthew 28:19-20

OBJECTIVES

The Center for Christian/Community Service seeks to support the University in fulfilling its Mission and Aims by providing experiences for students that:

1. Promotes the development of the biblical/Christian worldview.
2. Develops a sense of responsibility to mankind which entails selfless service, and active and clear communication of the Christian faith.
3. Offers opportunities to explore and practice ways to glorify God and advance the cause of Christ through his/her chosen careers.
4. Provides avenues to explore ways of displaying Christian commitment and virtue through local churches, or social, civic, athletic, artistic, or scholastic organizations compatible with the University's mission.

The Liberty University Christian/Community Service Official Policy Handbook and a list of service opportunities are available online at <http://www.liberty.edu/cser>.

Academic Program
(BWVW 101, 102, 301)

PURPOSE

The Academic program is designed to assist students in developing and demonstrating competency and proficiency in the biblical/Christian worldview. The curriculum is regularly reviewed for quality and for compliance with accreditation standards.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOME

The student will be able to:

1. Articulate and apply the biblical/Christian worldview to contemporary issues.

Center for Youth Ministries

Jonathan Geukgeuzian, B.S., M.R.E., D.Ed.Min.

Chair, Department of Christian Leadership and Church Ministries

Executive Director, Center for Youth Ministries

Associate Professor of Youth Ministries

The world's youth population ages 10-24 has grown to 1.8 billion and is at a historic high. There is some estimation that 40% of the world's population is comprised of all those under the age of 24, both children and youth. The growing trend of religious un-affiliation among young people continues to be a concern to pastors, youth pastors, parents, and churches. This demographic in our culture is one of the greatest mission fields in the world, not to mention that many countries definition of youth is expanding upward to the age of 39.

The Center for Youth Ministries partners with departments across the university to assist local churches, pastors, youth pastors, and parents with resources to help understand the culture of youth in the world in which they live. The Center also seeks to help equip students who are training for youth ministry, as well as those who currently serve youth in ministry, by providing training in a co-curricular effort alongside the Department of Christian Leadership and Church Ministries.

PURPOSE

The Center for Youth Ministries exists through the School of Divinity to recruit, equip, and network those called to youth work, both in the local church and youth organizations to carry out the Great Commission to students and their families.

Department of Biblical Studies

Mark Allen, B.A., Th.M., D.Min., Ph.D.

Chair, Department of Biblical Studies

Director of Biblical Languages

Associate Professor of Religion

Biblical Studies Major (B.A.)

The B.A. in Biblical Studies focuses on foundational studies prior to seminary or graduate programs. This program offers a thorough study of the books, themes, history, and development of the Christian Bible.

PURPOSE

The B.A. in Biblical Studies is a well-rounded degree that seeks to provide students with a foundation in Old Testament, New Testament, biblical languages, biblical backgrounds, hermeneutical methodology. This purpose is accomplished with a view to preparing students for their chosen vocation and to equipping them to engage the culture relevantly with the truth of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
2. Apply the principles of biblical interpretation.
3. Analyze the syntax of biblical Greek.
4. Analyze the background, theological motifs, literature, and content of the Bible.

Program of Study

Religious Studies Major (B.S.)

The B.S. in Religious Studies major will provide an undergraduate degree program for students who have a particular interest in pursuing further academic studies in the various religious studies disciplines. Concentrations are offered in Biblical Languages, Global Studies, New Testament, Old Testament, and Theology and Apologetics.

PURPOSE

The B.S. in Religious Studies seeks to provide the student with a general knowledge of the Bible, church history, apologetics, and hermeneutical methodology, while allowing these students to focus on one of six concentrations: Biblical Languages; Old Testament; New Testament; Theology and Apologetics; and Global Studies. This purpose is accomplished with a view to preparing students for their chosen vocation and to equipping them to engage the culture relevantly with the truth of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
2. Apply the principles of biblical interpretation.

3. Analyze the major figures, events, and issues within church history.
4. Distinguish between the major religions of the world.

Biblical Languages Concentration

- The student will be able to analyze the syntax of biblical Greek and Hebrew.

Global Studies Concentration

- The student will be able to analyze the essential principles and current issues of global engagement.

New Testament Concentration

- The student will be able to analyze the background, theological motifs, literature, and content of the New Testament.

Old Testament Concentration

- The student will be able to analyze the background, theological motifs, literature, and content of the Old Testament.

Theology and Apologetics Concentration

- The student will be able to evaluate and defend the major doctrines of and challenges to Christianity.
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Programs of Study

Concentrations

Biblical Greek Minor

Biblical Languages Minor

Biblical Studies Minor

New Testament Minor

Old Testament Minor

Department of Christian Leadership and Church Ministries

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Chair, Department of Christian Leadership and Church Ministries

Executive Director, Center for Youth Ministries

Associate Professor of Youth Ministries

PURPOSE

The Liberty University Department of Christian Leadership and Church Ministries exists to recruit strategically, equip practically, and challenge biblically those called to Christian ministry - both in the context of the local church and Christian organizations. Our goal is to lead the local church by holistically training students in calling, competency, and character. Our academic program includes action-oriented curriculum with the understanding that pastors train pastors and leaders equip leaders in a ministry context. With over two hundred and fifty years of combined pastoral/ministerial experience, our faculty desires to provide opportunities for students to have first-hand training and equip them for a life-long calling to the Gospel ministry.

Career Opportunities

Ministry Director

Para-church Leadershi

Ministry roles in Bi-vocational settings

Camp Director

Children's Pastor/Director

Christian Education Director

Evangelist

Minister of Worship and Music

Church Administration

Ministry Associate

International Pastor

Senior and Associate Pastor

Women's Ministry Director

Youth Pastor

Media Ministry

Camp and Outdoor Adventure Leadership Major (B.S.)

The major in Camp and Outdoor Adventure Leadership provides an undergraduate degree program for students who desire to gain the knowledge, value and skills that would be needed for providing Camp and Outdoor Adventure Leadership in a church and para-church vocation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the BS in Camp and Outdoor Adventure Leadership is to equip students with the Biblical foundation and professional skills necessary for the planning, organizing, programming, and marketing strategies needed for a successful career in Christian camping and outdoor adventure ministry programs.

In addition, students will develop the ability to evaluate models of camping and outdoor adventure ministry programs and various philosophies of Christian camping.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Articulate/justify essential truths of Christianity.
 2. Demonstrate competence in the use of sound principles of biblical interpretation.
 3. Demonstrate the professional skills necessary for planning, organizing, programming, and marketing strategies needed for a successful career in Christian camping and outdoor adventure leadership programs.
 4. Evaluate models of leadership and programs, as well as various philosophies of Christian camping ministries.
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Career Opportunities

Camp Executive Director	Children's Camp Director
Camp Director	Christian Education Director
Camp Assistant Director	Wilderness Guide
Camp Chief Operations Officer	Ministry roles in bi-vocational settings
Camp Chief Financial Officer	Missionary
Ministry Associate	Para-church Leader
Camp Development Officer	Camp Facilities and Grounds
Camp Program Director	Outdoor Ministry Founder
Woman's Camp Director	Youth Pastor
Camp Human Resources/ Benefits	Camp Media/ Marketing Ministry

Program of Study

Cognates

Christian Leadership and Church Ministries Major (B.S.)

The major in Christian Leadership and Church Ministries provides an undergraduate degree program for students who desire Christian leadership development and ministry training in a broader context of the local church, para-church and nonprofit organizations. Additionally, partnership with other schools within Liberty University provides cognates for marketability, based on students' future vocational goals (See cognates). This degree would help students gain the knowledge, values and skills needed for providing Christian leadership in a church and/or para-church vocation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the BS in Christian Leadership and Church Ministries is to equip students with professional skills in planning, organizing, and developing Christian ministries. In addition, students will develop the ability to evaluate models of leadership, programs, and various philosophies of Christian ministries.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Articulate/justify essential truths of Christianity.
 2. Demonstrate competence in the use of sound principles of biblical interpretation.
 3. Demonstrate professional skill in planning, organizing, and developing Christian ministries.
 4. Evaluate models of leadership & programs, as well as various philosophies of Christian ministries.
 5. Demonstrate competence in engaging their culture from a biblical worldview of leadership.
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Career Opportunities

Ministry Director
Para-church Leadership
Ministry roles in
 bivocational settings
Camp Director
Children's Pastor/Director
Christian Education Director
Evangelist

Church Administration
Ministry Associate
Missionary Pastor
Senior and Associate Pastor
Women's Ministry Director
Youth Pastor
Next Generation Pastor
Media Ministry

Program of Study

Cognates

Pastoral Leadership Major (B.S.)

The B.S. in Pastoral Leadership provides thorough preparation in the exposition of biblical scriptures and processing of leadership dynamics. The B.S. in Pastoral Leadership prepares the student to excel in ministry aptitude beyond some entry level seminary students.

The Pastoral Leadership program is designed to prepare men for local church pastoral ministry. The B.S. in Pastoral Leadership major, minor, concentration and cognate prepare men who desire to serve in the role of pastor/shepherd/elder (1

Timothy 2, Titus 1). Likewise, the Women's Leadership cognate and minor are designed to equip female students who desire to serve and lead in a ministry context with special attention given to women.

PURPOSE

The B.S. in Pastoral Leadership is designed to provide a thorough, biblically-based approach to practical ministry leadership. This program emphasizes sound doctrine and the ability to exposit biblical Scriptures from an accurate, conservative, evangelical hermeneutic principle. Building upon the said foundation, the program also focuses on an effective homiletic presentation. Lastly, this program is designed to equip the student with leadership skills that parallel higher levels of leadership study.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate and demonstrate the skills necessary for Pastoral ministry.
 2. Plan, organize, and develop Christian ministries.
 3. Biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
 4. Apply the principles of biblical interpretation.
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Program of Study

Cognate

Youth Ministries Major (B.S.)

The BS in Youth Ministries degree equips students who desire training in Youth Ministries for the local church and in the broader context of para-church and nonprofit organizations. This degree will help the student gain the knowledge, values and skills needed for providing Youth Ministries in a church and para-church vocation. Additionally, partnership with other schools within Liberty University provides cognates for marketability, based on students' future vocational goals (See cognates).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the BS in Youth Ministries degree is to equip students to demonstrate competence in engaging and educating adolescents within their culture from a biblical worldview. This program also equips students to demonstrate professional skills in planning, organizing, and developing Christian youth ministries.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Articulate/justify essential truths of Christianity.
2. Demonstrate competence in the use of sound principles in biblical interpretation.

3. Demonstrate professional skill in planning, organizing, and developing Christian youth ministries.
 4. Evaluate models of leadership and programs, as well as various philosophies of Christian youth ministries.
 5. Demonstrate competence in engaging and educating adolescents within their culture from a biblical worldview.
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Career Opportunities

Youth Ministry Director
Para-church Leadership
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Youth Camp Director
Children's Pastor/Director
College Ministry Pastor/Director

Church Administration
Ministry Associate
Associate Pastor
Next Generation Pastor
Media Ministry

Programs of Study

Cognates

Camp and Outdoor Adventure Leadership Minor

Expositional Preaching Minor

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to deliver an expository sermon, from different genres, for the purpose of Christ-centered proclamation.

Pastoral Leadership Minor

Women's Leadership Minor

Youth Ministries Minor

Department of Global Studies

Melody Harper, B.A., M.S.W., M.A.
Chair, Department of Global Studies
Director, Undergraduate Global Studies Programs
Assistant Professor of Global Studies

Global Studies Major (B.S.)

Students majoring in Global Studies will be well-equipped for international engagement. They will learn the skills necessary to thrive, build relationships, and establish healthy careers in other cultures while developing an understanding of the particular dynamics that are associated with living and working abroad. To help accomplish this goal, the B.S. in Global Studies program requires students to either double-major or minor in another area.

PURPOSE

The B.S. in Global Studies seeks to provide students with a thorough foundation for effective engagement in intercultural careers and service. The program combines a comprehensive theory of global engagement with practical experience, culminating in a semester-long cultural immersion internship.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Analyze essential principles of effective global engagement.
 2. Demonstrate competency in cultural adaptation, research, and communication.
 3. Employ critical thinking skills in addressing current issues in global engagement.
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Program of Study

Global Studies Minor

Department of Theological Studies

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Chair, Department of Theological Studies
Assistant Professor of Apologetics and Theology

PURPOSE

The Department of Biblical and Theological Studies aims to provide a thorough, biblically-based, cognitive, and spiritual foundation for students who desire to pursue further academic training at the graduate level or who want to be better prepared for Christian life and service. In the current academic climate, there is a need for individuals who are educated and equipped to speak to foundational doctrinal issues for both academic professionals and lay people from an orthodox,

biblically-informed evangelical position. These programs will lay the foundation for students who have an interest in further pursuing development in this area.

Career Opportunities

Academic Leadership Christian Educator
Archaeologist Historical Tour Guide
Author Research Assistant
Biblical Translator

Theology and Apologetics (B.A.)

The B.A. in Theology and Apologetics seeks to equip students to use Scripture, logic and philosophy in order to defend the rationality of Christian belief and articulate core Evangelical Christian doctrines. Students will learn how to integrate theology and apologetics in various settings thus being able to engage the culture with both tactfulness and theological precision.

PURPOSE

The new BA in Theology and Apologetics helps to reach the goal of “Training Champions of Christ” by equipping students to be able effectively engage the world around them. The goal of the new BA in Theology and Apologetics is help equip Liberty University students to be able to:

1. Articulate core Evangelical Christian doctrines.
2. Engage the culture with both tactfulness and theological precision.
3. Equip to use Scripture, logic and philosophy to defend the rationality of Christian belief.
4. Integrate theology and apologetics in various ministry settings

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Biblically justify essential truths of evangelical Christianity.
 2. Apply the principles of biblical interpretation.
 3. Evaluate various aspects of culture for the purpose of defending and explaining Christian theology.
 4. Propose a response to the major worldviews from a Christian perspective.
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Programs of Study

Cognates

Apologetics and Cultural Engagement Minor

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOME

The student will be able to evaluate various aspects of culture from a Christian worldview in order to engage the world biblically.

Theology Minor