

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

ONLINE ACADEMY

Associate of Arts – Apologetics: Course Descriptions

Summer Semester after 10th Grade

UNIV 104 (CSB 3101) – Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning

Designed to equip students for success as they transition into the online classroom, this course offers strategic information tailored to ensure academic excellence in this unique learning environment; this information includes Liberty University's foundations and beliefs, Liberty University Online resources for success, Blackboard navigation techniques, time management strategies, the adult learner's responsibilities, methods for identifying and avoiding academic misconduct, scholarly research tactics, and approaches for selecting the appropriate courses towards completion of the preferred degree program.

College Credits: 3

GOVT 220 (HIS 3220) – American Government

The issues, interest and institutions of American politics, emphasizing the struggle between liberalism and conservatism.

College Credits: 3

11th Grade - Fall Semester

ENGL 101 (LAN 3101) – Composition & Rhetoric

Through the critical engagement of a variety of texts, including written, oral, and visual, this course prepares students to become careful readers, critical thinkers, and skilled writers. Drawing upon rhetorical theory, it emphasizes the practices of analytical reading, informed reasoning, effective writing, and sound argumentation. The course requires 4,000 words of writing in no fewer than five writing projects, three of which are argumentative essays incorporating external sources.

College Credits: 3

RLGN 104 (BIB 3107) – Christian Life & Biblical Worldview

This is a study in the development and application of the biblical worldview. This course will include an introduction and application of critical thinking skills, as well as a study of religious and philosophical worldviews. Special attention will be given to the theology and methodology of evangelism.

College Credits: 4

ENGL 102 (LAN 3102) – Composition & Literature

Composition and Literature continues the emphasis on writing. Two analytical papers—based upon studies of the short story, poetry, and drama—and a research paper, sequentially developed, are required.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101

BIBL 104 (BIB 3106) – Survey of Old & New Testament

This survey course is designed to lay a foundational understanding of Scripture via a historical survey of the Old and New Testaments. The student will engage a range of learning activities related to the issues interacting with biblical literature, basic hermeneutical principles, key themes and persons of the canon, and the redemptive theme of Scripture.

College Credits: 4

11th Grade - Spring Semester

COMS 101 (LAN 3103) – Speech Communication

Study and practice in communicating ideas competently in public speaking. Students are also given a foundation for the development of communication skills in other human communication contexts, including dyadic and small group communication.

College Credits: 3

THEO 104 (BIB 3104) – Intro to Theology Survey

This course is an introduction to the basic tenets of Christianity.

College Credits: 4

APOL 220 (BIB 3220) – Intro to Apologetics

This course equips students with a foundational understanding of, and skills within, the field of apologetics. Students will explore the major apologetic issues that arise today and will learn both critical thinking skills and theological principles in order to respond persuasively.

College Credits: 3

RLGN 301 (BIB 3301) – Research & Writing for Religious Disciplines *Religion Associate Track Only

This course builds upon the concepts for scholarly research and writing to prepare students for completing scholarly research and writing specifically within the religious disciplines. The course covers various methods and aims for research within religious disciplines, tools for performing scholarly research, and the tools for writing clearly and effectively in an academic setting.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: BIBL 104, THEO 104, ENGL 101, ENGL 102, & UNIV 104

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MATH 115 (or higher)

Students must take MATH 115 or higher. MATH 115 is recommended.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: MATH 110, Math Assessment, or SAT/ACT

BIOL 101 (SCI 3101) – Principles of Biology

An examination of the fundamental characteristics common among living things. Emphasis is placed upon studies of the cell, energy, metabolism, reproduction, heredity, ecology, phylogeny and the diversity of life.

College Credits: 3

BIOL 103 (SCI 3103) – Principles of Biology Lab

Laboratory exercises selected to demonstrate basic biological concepts. Emphasis is on plant and animal cell chemistry, composition and function, organismal structure and function, biological diversity and population ecology.

College Credits: 1

12th Grade – Fall Semester

ENGL 202 (LAN 3202) – American Literature II

A survey of American literature following the American Renaissance. Two critical papers are required.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101 & ENGL 102

APOL 310 (BIB 3310) – Apologetics in a Secular Age

This course develops an apologetic approach which takes into account the values and plausibility structures of the late modern, secular age. Particular emphasis will be given to understanding current cultural movements and values and constructing a person-centered approach to the apologetic task.

College Credits: 3

PSYC 101 (ASC 3101) – General Psychology

Introduction to Psychology as a scientific discipline concerned with the study of behavior. Consideration will be given to such topics as human development, motivation, emotion, perception, learning, personality, intelligence, measurement, and applied areas.

College Credits: 3

**Subject material may be considered sensitive by some students*

BIBL 360 (BIB 3360) – Methodical Study of Scripture

This course is an introduction to the basic principles of biblical interpretation and hermeneutical procedures. The student will develop the skills to practice a methodical approach to the observation, interpretation, and application of the Scripture across its various genres.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: BIBL 104 & RLG 301

12th Grade – Spring Semester

THEO 360 (BIB 3362) – Theological Interpretation of Scripture

This course is a survey of biblical theology with specific attention given to the primary theological themes of the Old and New Testament. It explores how each testament informs the redemptive storyline of the Bible. Various soteriological themes and theological systems such as dispensationalism and covenant theology are addressed. This is to lay a foundation for understanding the relationship between biblical theology and current theological issues.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: BIBL 104, RLG 301, & BIBL 360

APOL 320 (BIB 3320) – Apologetics and the Gospel

This course examines key questions related to the identity and ministry of Jesus, particularly as it relates to the historicity of the New Testament's portrayal of Jesus. Primary attention is given to examining historical evidence related to Jesus' existence, his ministry, miracles, deity, death, and resurrection as well as understanding Jesus as a part of the larger biblical story.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: APOL 220

APOL 330 (BIB 3330) – C.S. Lewis and the Apologetic Imagination

This course examines the apologetic writings of C. S. Lewis. Particular focus is given to understanding Lewis within his context as well as drawing from various aspects of his apologetic approach for the current cultural moment.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: APOL 220

RLGN 340 (BIB 3340) – Global Religious Movements

This course examines modern religious movements, with focus upon the major world religions. Particular attention is given to the historical development, beliefs, and practices of the major world religions as well as a comparative analysis of various religious beliefs.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: APOL 220