

**ADVANCE Ministry Preparation**

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The Chinese Baptist School of Church Leadership

華人浸信會教會領袖學院

**CLL 3415 Christian Apologetics**

CLL 3415 基督教護教學

Cantonese/Mandarin

粵語/華語

3 Credit Hours

3 學分

12-week online course

12周在線課程

About 4 hours of recorded video lectures and online interaction each week

每周約4小時的講座視頻和在線互動

Choice of Cantonese or Mandarin Video Lectures

自選粵語或華語視頻講座

Assignments may be submitted in Chinese or English

作業可以中文或英文提交

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

課程簡介

Christian apologetics is the reasoned defense and proclamation of the Christian faith. This course will examine the biblical foundations, practice, and arguments cogent to the discipline with a special emphasis on leading church leaders to confidently share and defend the faith and to develop church members who share and defend their faith on a regular basis.

基督教護教學是基督教信仰的理性辯護和宣講。本課程將檢視聖經的基礎、實踐，以及與此學科相關的論點，並特別強調引導教會領袖有信心地分享及維護信仰，以及培養教會肢體定期分享及維護信仰。

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

課程目的

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe and explain basic aspects of specific apologetic arguments for the Christian faith.
2. Understand the relevance of the Bible to apologetics for evangelistic effectiveness.
3. Articulate and defend the Christian faith and various arguments for the Christian faith which are intellectually responsible and consistent with Scriptural teaching.
4. Distinguish and express the difference between apologetics as proof (giving a rational basis for faith), apologetics as defense (answering the objections of unbelievers to the faith), and apologetics as offense (exposing the foolishness of unbelieving thought).
5. Acquire a heartfelt desire to present the gospel, persuade seekers of its truthfulness, and strengthen the faith of those who wrestle with objections to the gospel.
6. Have renewed desire for Christians to clearly understand biblical truths and apply them in their lives.

完成本課程後，學生應該能夠

1. 描述並解釋基督教信仰特定辯護論據的基本方面。
2. 瞭解聖經對於傳福音有效性的辯護學的相關性。
3. 闡明並維護基督教信仰及各種基督教信仰的論據，這些論據在理智上是負責任的，並且與聖經教導一致。
4. 區分並表達作為證明的辯護（提供信仰的理性基礎）、作為辯護的辯護（回答不信者對信仰的反對）和作為攻擊的辯護（揭露不信思想的愚昧）之間的差異。
5. 獲得一種衷心的渴望來呈現福音、說服尋求福音的人福音的真實性、並加強那些與反對福音的聲音搏鬥的人的信心。
6. 重新渴望基督徒能清楚明白聖經真理，並在他們的生活中應用這些真理。

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOK 必備課本

方鎮明，《知己知彼：基督教護教學》(香港：浸信會出版社，2023)

駱德恩，《愈辯愈明：從哲學，科學，歷史論證基督信仰》(香港：天道書樓，2014)

## GRADING 評分

### Online Participation: 20%

Set aside about three hours each week to watch video lectures and participate in online interaction.

### Weekly Quizzes: 30%

These quizzes will cover the weekly lecture material and the assigned reading as determined by the instructor.

### Mid-term and Final Examinations: 20%

The mid-term and final examinations will cover the lecture material and the assigned reading as determined by the instructor.

### Term Paper and Video Report: 30%

Write a research paper according to the requirements as determined by the instructor and present a video report.

### 在線參與:20%

自選時間，觀看預先錄影的講座視頻和參與在線互動，每週約需要3小時。

### 每週小測驗:30%

這些小測驗將涵蓋講義材料和指導老師確定的指定閱讀材料。

### 期中及期末考試:20%

該測試將涵蓋講義材料和指導老師確定的指定閱讀材料。

### 論文及報告:30%

按照導師確定的要求撰寫研究論文，並提交視訊報告。

### **GRADING SCALE**

### **評分等級**

	<b>A</b>	<b>A-</b>
	94-100	90-93
<b>B+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>
87-89	84-86	80-83
<b>C+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C-</b>
77-79	74-76	70-73
<b>D+</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D-</b>
67-69	64-66	60-63
	<b>F</b>	
	0-59	

### **LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENTS**

### **講座與作業**

This course will span 12 weeks. Students set aside about 4 hours each week to watch recorded lectures and participate in online interaction. Assignments include weekly quizzes, mid-term examination, final examination, and a research paper.

本課程為期 12 週。學員每週預留約4小時的時間，觀看錄影講座並參與線上互動。作業包括每週小測驗、期中考試、期末考試和研究論文。

<b>Week 周</b>	<b>Lecture 講座</b>	<b>Reading 閱讀</b>	<b>Assignment 作業</b>
1	Challenges to the Christian Faith 基督教信仰面臨的挑戰	方 1-4 駱 1	Quiz
2	Why do we need apologetics? 為什麼我們需要護教學？	方 5-7	Quiz
3	Faith and Reason	方 8	Quiz

信仰與理性			
4	Methods of Apologetics 護教學的方法	方 9-12, 附錄 駱 附錄	Quiz
5	Arguments for God's Existence 神存在的論據	駱 2	Quiz
6	Christianity and Science 基督教與科學	駱 3-4	Mid-term Exam
7	Biblical Prophecy Fulfillment 聖經預言的應驗		Quiz
8	The Resurrection of Jesus 耶穌的復活	駱 5-6	Quiz
9	The Problem of Evil 惡的問題	駱 7	Quiz
10	Moral Objections to the Bible 對聖經的道德異議		Quiz
11	Biblical Inerrancy 聖經無誤論		Final Exam
12	Conclusion 總結		Research Paper

### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY 精選參考書目

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