

WEST HARPETH CHRISTIAN TUTORIAL

Introduction to Apologetics: Learning to Defend our Faith in the Current Culture

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Prerequisites:

 This course is open to 9th - 12th grade students who are willing to participate in class discussions.



Course Description

Having faith does not require us to leave our brains behind. Instead, God asks us to love Him with our heart, MIND, soul and strength. My desire for this class is to create a safe place for students to ask questions and equip and encourage them to live out 1 Peter 3:15, being prepared to give a defense for the hope that is in them.

Topics covered in this class:

- 1. What is apologetics and why study it?
- 2. Can we know God exists?
- 3. Is the Bible trustworthy?
- 4. Does Science support creation?
- 5. Is there evidence for Jesus' resurrection?
- 6. Why does God allow evil and suffering?
- 7. Cultural apologetics how does culture effect our faith?

a. We will use illustrations from the world of music, art, sports, entertainment, etc.

Books & Supplies

- CSB Apologetics Study Bible
 - ISBN 143364410X (hardcover) or
 - ISBN 1433651173 (softcover)
- Don't Check Your Brains at the Door, by Josh
 McDowell
- Other texts and resources will be provided by the tutor.
 - Some authors include, J Warner Wallace, Paul Little, Frank Turek and more.
- 1" 3 ring binder

Commitment

- This course meets on Tuesdays.
- It is a .5 credit course offered in the SPRING.
- Weekly homework will consist of about 1-2 hours of reading, videos, or podcasts and questions to answer.
- Willingness to participate in class discussion. Class participation makes up 30% of the student's grade.

A typical class will look like...

Class time will consist of lecture, as well as discussion on readings and videos.