Biblical Worldview & Apologetics

2017-18   Grade level: High School +

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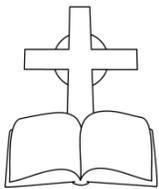
> **It's my first week of college and they're already trying to make me an atheist!**
> -M, a former Worldview student

70% of youth will leave church by the time they are 22. (Rainer, 2008, *Essential Church?*)

80% of those reared in the church will be "disengaged" by the time they are 29 years old. Unlike earlier generations… these "leavers" are unlikely to seek out alternative forms of Christian community… When they leave church, many leave the faith as well." (Drew Dyck, 2010, *Generation Ex-Christian*)

Course Description

This course is a survey of biblical Christian worldview and Christian apologetics. It is designed to equip students with the knowledge of how to think about the world in a Christian way, and to apply scriptural principles to a critical analysis of American culture, society, and politics. In it, we will examine the evidences for essential parts of the Christian faith in order to equip students to be ready to make a defense of the hope that is in them (1 Peter 2:15). The worldview content is based on Summit Ministries' *Thinking Like a Christian* curriculum, and the apologetics content is based on materials and readings from the Christian Apologetics Alliance. Lessons are augmented with Bible study and current events discussions.

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One unique aspect of this course is the effort of the tutor to equip students for understanding the worldviews held by most college and university faculty, so that students can stand firm in their faith when challenged in the college classroom. Even for students not destined for college, the ability to understand the worldviews competing against biblical Christianity will be critical to understanding the reasons that Christianity is a thinking person's faith, with implications that apply to all aspects of life and culture.

Sample Worldview Topics

Islam   Human Origins   Post-Modernism

The purpose of suffering   Secular Humanism

Oprah's Theology   Pantheism

Sample Apologetics Topics

The Existence of God   Is Jesus a Myth?

Reliability of the New Testament   Evidence for the Resurrection

Refuting Christmas Myths

Your Tutor

   Dr. Peter Wielhouwer is a professor of Political Science at Western Michigan University, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. Before moving to Michigan, he taught at Spelman College (in Atlanta) and Regent University's School of Government.

   A nationally recognized expert in faith & politics, he is widely published in professional journals and books, is listed in the Heritage Foundation's *Policy Experts Guide*, regularly speaks on American politics for universities and faith-based organizations, and often provides political analysis on WKZO, WBCK, and WMUK. He has taught on worldview issues for more than 15 years.

   Peter and his wife Deb are the parents of six great kids, and they have been home schooling since 1999. Peter has many years of experience teaching students of all ages, from middle school through adult, and has served many years as an elder in churches where they family has had memberships

Course Resources & Costs

Tutor fee (KAT) ($135/semester)	$270	**Total Tutor Tuition and Fees**
Copy and Materials fees ($30/semester)	$60	**$330***

* Discounts available: 5% discount on tutor, copy and material fees if paid in full at the beginning of the course. 7.5% loyalty discount for previous Wielhouwer students. (Only one discount applies.)

KAT Rent Fees ($15/semester) (Does not include other KAT fees)	$30	

Families will be responsible for obtaining curriculum and books. Details will be available by early summer.