



MBTS GREAT COMMISSION APOLOGETICS PROGRAM 2025

The Great Commission Apologetics program is designed to equip believers to defend the faith for evangelism and discipleship in accordance with the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). Participants will be trained in the fields of theology, textual criticism, missiology, and apologetics to articulate and defend the Gospel according to Scripture.

Learning mode: Hybrid (Microsoft Teams online & in-class lectures)

In-class venue: No.17, Jalan Pantai 9/7, Seksyen 9, 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

LEVELS OFFERED

CERTIFICATE LEVEL

This level is designed for individuals seeking a foundational understanding of apologetics but are not yet ready to commit to a comprehensive academic program. Students will acquire a broad, introductory knowledge of key topics in Christian apologetics and discipleship, with an emphasis on developing critical thinking skills and an ability to engage with contemporary challenges to the Christian faith. The certificate program provides a solid grounding in the essential concepts and methodologies of apologetics, preparing students for further study or practical application in various ministry contexts.

Assignments: 1 quiz, 1 final exam

DIPLOMA LEVEL

The Diploma level is designed for individuals who are new to academic study and wish to deepen their understanding of apologetics within a structured educational framework. Students will be provided with curated resources to facilitate their learning and will receive guidance in developing critical thinking and analytical skills. Emphasis will be placed on evaluating various apologetic arguments and materials, with opportunities for students to apply their learning through practical assignments. Additionally, students will be encouraged to integrate their academic studies into their personal ministries and contexts, fostering both intellectual and practical growth.

Assignments: 1 reading assignment, 1 book review, 1 practical assignment, 1 final exam

MASTERS LEVEL

The Masters level is an advanced program for individuals seeking to specialize in Christian apologetics. It is designed for students who already possess a foundational understanding of apologetics and are familiar with the demands of academic inquiry. At this level, students will engage in rigorous research and critical analysis of complex apologetic issues, demonstrating advanced reasoning and scholarly proficiency. Assessment will focus on the ability to conduct original research, critically evaluate competing arguments, and contribute to the academic discourse in the field of apologetics. Practical application will be encouraged through assignments and integration into the students' respective ministries or professional contexts.

Prerequisite: Any secular degree

Assignments: 1 reading assignment, 1 research paper, 1 practical assignment, 1 final exam

**Masters students without a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) or its equivalent are required to complete additional courses under Theological Foundations (below) during the program.*

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Courses (Credit)	Dates	Time
Introduction to Biblical Apologetics (3)	6-11 Jan	7pm-10:15pm (Mon-Fri) 9am-12pm (Sat)
Canon & Textual Criticism (3)	17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28 Feb	7pm-10:15pm
The Deity of Christ & the Trinity (3)	16-21 Jun	7pm-10:15pm (Mon-Fri) 9am-12pm (Sat)
Theodicy & Biblical Violence (3)	8-13 Sept	7pm-10:15pm (Mon-Fri) 9am-12pm (Sat)
Cults & Heresies (3)	29 Sept – 4 Oct	7pm-10:15pm (Mon-Fri) 9am-12pm (Sat)
Historical Apologetics (3)	25 Jan 1, 8, 15, 22 Feb	8am-12pm
The Gospel & Messianic Prophecy (3)	5, 12, 19, 26 Apr 3 May	8am-12pm
Secularism & the LGBT Movement (3)	31 May 7, 14, 28 Jun 5 Jul	8am-12pm
Philosophy & Science in Apologetics (3)	9, 16, 23, 30 Aug 6 Sept	8am-12pm
Interfaith Dialogue (3)	11, 18, 25 Oct 8, 15 Nov	8am-12pm

For more information, please contact Sze Jiun (MBTS KV Academic Officer):
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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMA & MASTERS LEVELS

Courses	Dates	Time
Spiritual Formation (2)	22 Jan, 12 Feb, 19 Mar, 28 Apr, 26 May, 25 Jun, 30 Jul, 27 Aug, 17 Sept, 22 Oct	8pm-10pm
Practicum (2)	14 Jan	8:30pm-9:30pm

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

Price: RM150 / credit, USD80 / credit

Courses	Total Credits
Introduction to Old Testament I & II (2 credits / module)	4
Introduction to New Testament	3
Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
Christian Theology I / II / III (Choose 2 out of 3 modules, 2 credits / module)	4
Church History I / II	3
Old Testament book	3
New Testament book	3
Elective	3

FACULTY



SAMUEL NESAN

is a co-founder of Explain International. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



DR. STEPHEN WELLMUM

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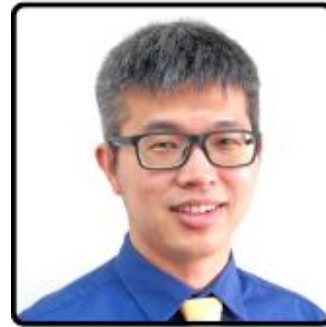
DR. KYLE ESSARY

holds a Ph.D. in biblical studies and focuses his research on Old Testament narrative, cultural identity in Genesis, and biblical theology.



DR. JARED WELLMAN

holds a Ph.D. in Theology from South Africa Theological Seminary (2017) and is a Ph.D. candidate at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Apologetics. He is the author of *The Church Member* and has served as an adjunct professor at various seminaries.



DR. CHUAH CHIA CHOON

holds a Ph.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He serves as the Dean of Doctoral Studies & Mission Initiatives at Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary.



DR. STEPHEN BOYCE

holds a Ph.D. in the area of canon and text from Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary. His focus of study was on the Gnostic texts and the canonical gospels.



CLAYTON CARVER

is a pastor in Missouri. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in Christian Apologetics at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he is analysing the apologetics of C.S. Lewis.

FEES

Levels	Application Fee	Tuition Fee	Student Fee*	Graduation Fee
Audit	-	RM160 / course	-	-
Certificate	RM100	RM200 / course	-	RM100
Diploma	RM100	RM300 / course (RM100 / credit)	RM200 / year	RM300
Masters	RM100	RM450 / course (RM150 / credit)	RM200 / year	RM500

**Applicants approved after 31 June only pay RM100 for year of application*

DEVELOPED COUNTRY FEES

- **Diploma** – USD150 / course (USD50 / credit)
- **Masters** – USD240 / course (USD80 / credit)