APOLOGETICS SYLLABUS

I. Objectives: by the end of this class you will be able to
1. Define the terms and outline a system of basic apologetics
2. Identify and discuss the five main approaches to world views
3. Have a deeper commitment to the truths of the faith and be ready to explain them to people who have questions.
4. Have researched one current topic in greater depth

II. Class sessions: four hours each (or may be divided)
1. Introduction to Apologetics/Defending World Views
2. Systems of Apologetics and Strategies for Answering Questions
3. Evangelistic Issue: Jesus and the Bible
4. Inter-religious Issue: Other Gods
5. Modern Issue: Social Ethics

III. Textbook


IV. Assignments
1. Read any 100 pages of the Kreeft textbook before the first class and write a report interacting with two topics of interest to you; do not summarize the content: respond to it. Due session two.

   Memorize I Corinthians 15:3-6. Due session five.

3. Engage five people in a conversation about the gospel: Jesus, spiritual life, salvation. After the dialogue, write down the main points that were discussed. Then write a report about what was said and what could be done differently next time to present and support the gospel. Do this for three of the five encounters. Due two weeks after the class is over.

4. Pick a topic in either philosophy or culture and write a ten page paper. Clear the topic and the primary sources with the instructor by session five. Turn in the paper four weeks after the class is over.

V. Grades

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VI. Bibliography

Contemporary Apologetics


Classic Apologetics

Guinness, Os. (1973). The Dust of Death. Downers Grove, IL: IVCF.