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# Leadership University Apologetics 204 Cultural & Biblical Paradigms of Modern Society

# **Mission Statement**

To empower and equip leaders to be sent and positioned for ministry in the inner cities around the world for the cause of the gospel.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

World view has a direct impact on lifestyle choices, convictions, and even identity; 21<sup>st</sup> century culture has been shaped by an atheistic worldview and has had ramifications on the individual as well as general public and governmental sectors of society. This course will address prevailing cultural thought and standards as well as provide Biblical response for standards of living and evangelism. The Christian worldview will be presented to provide the student with more than conviction...they will be equipped with present day facts and historical evidence to support the need for society to return to biblical standards of living.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course:

- 1. The collective and compromising religious agenda that cries coexist at the expense of naming the God of the Bible as the one true God will be exposed for its fallacies.
- 2. Students will gain awareness of modern hot topics currently affecting laws governing states and country.
- 3. Students will gain confidence to address gender theories plaguing our classrooms and courtrooms.
- 4. Students will be able to confront the religious dogma that is stereotyping the church, and hindering the Holy Spirit.

#### **REQUIRED TEXT**

A New Kind of Apologist. General Editor, Sean McDowell. Harvest House Publishers 2016

(*Textbooks, workbooks, lab fees, etc. are a normal part of the cost of your education.*) Photocopies of the pages will not be accepted for credit. This constitutes a breach of copyright law and drives up the cost of textbooks. You will enter your book assignments into the portal each week for review.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

#### Attendance

You are expected to attend each class. Class attendance ensures your learning the material in its entirety. Only one excused absence will be allowed, with a prior approval by the professor. Unexcused absences are not acceptable and may result in the loss of points and/or the inability to complete assigned work.

#### Late Work

Late work will only be accepted under special circumstances and only with prior **approval** from the professor (see guidelines for absences). If late work is allowed, a late penalty of 10% will be applied.

Leadership University upholds the highest of standards when it comes to development of classwork and assignments. All work should be your own. Plagiarism is unacceptable and will result in an immediate failure of the course.

If you did not write the words, they do not belong in your paper. You cannot COPY AND PASTE anything from a book, the internet or any other source and put it in your paper.

Do NOT include direct quotes unless the quote is cited properly and gives the author credit. Describe the material in your own words. Do not use words you do not understand.

You are free to consult with classmates about assignments, but please ensure that your work is your own. If your work looks too much like your classmates, plagiarism rules may be enforced.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Students are required to complete reading assignments on time and be prepared for class discussions and activities. Students are required to complete all assignments on time, complete assigned reading and be prepared for class discussions and activities. All written assignments must be entered into the portal using the Homework link at the bottom of each corresponding lesson. Grades cannot be given to assignments that are not turned in through the portal.

# **An Overview of the Course Assignments:**

- 1. Homework Assignments
- 2. Weekly in Class Quizzes
- 3. Midterm
- 4. Final Exam

## **Points Possible**

Quizzes (7 x 20)	140 points	
Homework (6x 25)	150 points	
Midterm	150 points	
Final Exam	200 points	

Total points possible = 640

# **Grading Scale**

$$A = 640 - 576$$

$$B = 577 - 512$$

$$C = 513 - 488$$

$$D = 384 - 319$$

$$F = 320-0$$

\* The course lecture schedule will be adjusted and developed as the course unfolds. However, the book exercises—and all other assignments—will continue to be due on the dates identified in the schedule below.

# **Course Schedule**

Dates	Topic	Assigned Reading	Assignment (Questions will be assigned weekly from reading)
13-Apr	Communicating to Modern Culture and Worldviews About The Bible	Chp. 5 and interview w/ J.P. Moreland pg. 65	Questions TBA
20-Apr	No Class due to holiday	Chp. 27	
27-Apr	Heaven, Hell and Eternity: Is there only one road to God. Could there be another way?	Chp. 16	Questions TBA
4-May	Crossing The Political Divide	Chp. 20	Questions TBA
11-May	No Class due to holiday		
18-May	Relationships, Identity & Sexual Orientation	Chp. 21	Take home Mid-Term
25-May	Abortion	Chp. 22	Questions TBA
1-Jun	Women in Ministry (and other doctrinal debates within the church)	CHp.15 & 18	Questions TBA
8-Jun	Inclusion, tolerance, and keeping God's standard in love	Introduction Chp. 1	Questions TBA
15-Jun	No Class due to holiday	Study for final	
22-Jun	In Class Closed Book Final		