

# MASTER OF ARTS IN POLEMICS & APOLOGETICS TO ISLAM (MAPI)



**Up to 30%  
Ministry Tuition  
Discount**

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN POLEMICS & APOLOGETICS TO ISLAM (*for Christians only*) is a fully accredited 36-unit graduate degree designed to be completed in 2 years (24 months) of full-time study (9 units per term). This international program may be completed entirely through distance learning with no residency requirement.

Students may utilize a variety of delivery venues to complete their courses:

- Distance Education courses fulfilled through the VIU Populi Learning Management System (7-weeks)
- Distance custom arranged courses if needed (15-weeks)
- Residential intensive module courses (6 consecutive evenings in the classroom, with 14 additional weeks to complete assignments by distance)

## STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To understand the origins, basic doctrines, and practices of Islam, including its beliefs about Christianity.
- To defend the Christian Faith when interacting with Muslims.
- To explain and appreciate the two foundations of Islam, the Qur'an and Muhammad.
- To introduce and assess various methods employed by Christians when engaging with Muslims.

## DIRECTOR, DR. JAY SMITH & VIU FACULTY

Program director, Dr. Jay Smith (Ph.D. Melbourne School of Theology), is an internationally known scholar, researcher, speaker and public debater on topics related to Islam. Among the hand-picked faculty are some of the most distinguished and recognizable evangelical scholars in this field of study such as Dr. Daniel Janosik, Dr. Daniel Brubaker, Dr. Sasan Tavassoli, and Professor Al Fadi. His motivated faculty are involved in the recent research of the rare Quranic manuscripts. Students in this course of study should be highly motivated researchers and possess a love for both truth and people.

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## Core Requirements – 6 units

TH530 Prolegomena & Bibliology (3)  
TH540 Theology Proper & Creation (3)  
RW499 Research Methods and Technology Skills (P/F)  
CM501 Church/Mission Experience I (P/F)  
CM502 Church/Mission Experience II (P/F)  
CM503 Church/Mission Experience III (P/F)  
Prerequisite: Undergraduate Logic or PH510 Logic (3)

## Major Requirements – 30 units

IS501 Introduction to Islam in the 21st Cent (3)  
IS502 Deen (Practices) & Iman (Beliefs) (3)  
IS503 Assessment of Muhammad (3)  
IS504 Historical Assessment of Islam's beginnings (3)  
IS505 History of Islam (3)  
IS506 Historical Assessment of the Qur'an (3)  
IS507 Apologetics and Polemics to Islam (3)  
IS508 Responding to Islamic Christology (3)  
IS509 Responding to Islamic Bibliology (3)  
IS510 Methodology of Ministry to Muslims (3)

**Complete Comprehensive Exam – Pass/Fail**

**Total Semester Hours: 36**

## FAQS

### Is VIU accredited?

Yes, VIU is fully accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

### Is VIU affiliated with a church or denomination?

No, we are an independent evangelical non-profit 501(c)(3) religious corporation founded by Dr. Norman Geisler and Dr. Joseph Holden (President).

### Financial Aid?

VIU offers one of the most affordable tuition rates in the country, and international students pay the same tuition price as U.S. students. Apply for our ministry or need-based scholarships, Veterans' Benefits, and qualified applicants may utilize the flexible *Pay-As-You-Go* program to avoid student debt.

### Can I complete my degree from home?

Yes, students may complete their entire degree through Distance Education without relocating to southern California or attending campus courses.

### Can I transfer previously earned coursework?

Yes, you may transfer in from another institution up to 50% of the VIU program. Simply send your official academic transcripts for evaluation of transfer credit.

### What if I don't want a masters degree, but would like to take courses?

No problem. VIU is open to everyone. You can either complete the entire program for academic credit and receive a Certificate of Completion, or take individual courses for personal enrichment. Those taking courses as certificate credit or for personal enrichment do not need to hold any previously earned degree.

### Can I begin my VIU masters program before I graduate from my current school?

Yes, if you would like to start your VIU degree program prior to graduating from your current school, you can be admitted as a 'certificate' student and begin courses. Once you complete your current degree we will convert all VIU *certificate* credit to *degree* credit.

### How can I start taking courses?

The first step is to complete the online Application for Admission located at [www.ves.edu](http://www.ves.edu). After you are admitted to VIU as a student, then you can enroll in your courses anytime. Schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor today!

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