Creation Science Evangelism Syllabus

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Motivation, Purpose & Goals

Goal: Equip, educate and mentor young people in Creation Science; and to help students use their interests and passion to do real ministry projects that will have real impact.

We, at Alpha Omega Institute, are excited to offer a valuable educational opportunity for your young adult (ages 14-22) to be involved in our ministry. We desire to equip, fortify, and train young people to have a solid foundation for life.

Students often spend a lot of time reading, filling out worksheets, and writing papers - but much of that fades away once a student graduates. We want to encourage students to not just write a paper, but we want to create a platform for students to do something more meaningful with their writing, research, or other interests. Their paper might instead be a pivotal chapter in a book that could change lives. The harvest is white - we are praying for laborers. We would love to enable your young people to reach beyond their perceived potential.

We want to work together with students to allow their passion, creativity, and hard work to result in skills and projects that will last such as, but not limited to:



Students will:

- Learn more about each topic.
- Learn how to Critically think and evaluate evidence and worldviews.
- Compare and Contrast multiple interpretations of evidence (especially the Creation and Evolution perspectives).
- Gain understanding in why each topic is significant.
- Connect and Cooperate with other students while doing real ministry.
- Apply what they are learning.
- Be better equipped with tools to use in the future to better filter and analyze scientific evidences and interpretations.

Description

On-site students will meet once a week for two hours, where we will have a devotion, creation science teaching, brainstorming time, individual/group work time, and finally a launching time - where we refocus on tasks to accomplish before the next meeting. This class has been adapted for online students as well.

What this class is:

This class will help supplement a student's current science curriculum, such as Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, and Physics. Thus, this class will increase the effectiveness of the class that a student is already taking. This class will make science more relevant to each student that will leave a lasting impact on their life and experience.

What this class is not:

This class is not a substitute for typical science classes. It is not an in-depth and comprehensive course on Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, and Physics.

Benefits of this class:

Although this class may not check a science credit off the required list necessary for graduation, LORD willing, this class will:

- help students better understand and evaluate science and worldviews,
- help solidify the student's foundation that the Bible is the Truth,
- help counteract the apathy and other influences of this culture,
- give students practical ministry experience, and
- help students grow in their relationship with God.

Course Work

Class assignments will be used as opportunities for "real" application for topics that the students are already studying. Course work will be tailored to each individual student. Among other potential assignments or projects, students will complete the following:

- An Introduction Questionnaire
- Complete required readings and videos (TBA)
- Research, write, and edit written material
- Prepare and share at least 1 devotion
- Write 1 Creation Nugget or Facebook post per week
- Do Worldview Surveys

Course Materials

Some materials will be provided, but students may find these optional resources helpful and useful:

- Evolution's Achilles Heels (Book & DVD) by Creation Ministries International
- The Answers Books Set (Books 1-4) by Answers in Genesis
- I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek (Warning: This book contains some old earth views, but disregarding that, it is a great resource.)
- The Story of Reality by Gregory Koukl
- Cold-Case Christianity by J. Warner Wallace

Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Week	Topic
Sept 4	Introduction & Brainstorming	Oct 16	Biology - Abiogenesis
Sept 11	Apologetic Evangelism	Oct 23	Biology - Animals
Sept 18	AOI Testimonies	Oct 30	Geology
Sept 25	Gen 1-11	Nov 6	Geology - Further Exploring
Oct 2	How Old is the Earth?	Nov 13	Fossils
Oct 9	Astronomy	Nov 20	Dinosaurs