



Biblical Theological Seminary

Statement of Educational Effectiveness

Fall 2015

Biblical Seminary’s mission Biblical fulfills this mission through educational programs that engage students in a missional curriculum that prepares students for success in ministry, is faithful in conveying scholarly and applied Scriptural insights, and enables them to find gainful opportunity to serve such that they can effectively use this training.

To measure the effectiveness of its educational programs, Biblical Seminary’s faculty developed outcome assessment plans that are implemented annually. The assessment plans, evaluation rubrics, and annual reports for each program are published in the Comprehensive Outcomes Assessment Plan (COAP), available by request from the office of institutional effectiveness.

Completion Rates			
Source: ATS			
MDIV			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
<2 years	3%	0%	0%
2 to <3 years	5%	2%	18%
3 to <4 years	63%	65%	51%
4 to <5 years	24%	20%	23%
5 to <6 years	0%	9%	0%
6+ years	5%	4%	8%
Professional MA			
<2 years	68%	0%	53%
2 to <3 years	22%	76%	27%
3 to <4 years	0%	8%	10%
4 to <5 years	0%	8%	0%
5 to <6 years	5%	4%	0%
6+ years	5%	4%	10%

Placement Rates			
Source: ATS			
MDIV			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Vocational ministry placement	68%	60%	51%
Non-ministry placement	3%	10%	20%
Further study	3%	10%	20%
Seeking placement	16%	10%	37%
Self-employed			10%
Other	0%	0%	5%
Unknown	10%	10%	14%
Professional MA			
Vocational ministry placement	0%	31%	55%
Non-ministry placement	8%	3%	33%
Further study	8%	9%	4%
Seeking placement	68%	14%	45%
Other	0%	0%	4%
Unknown	16%	16%	8%

Overall satisfaction and Student rating of their learning

Overall Satisfaction with Program							
(1-Lowest; 5-Highest)							
MDiv							
	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		
	BTS	All ATS	BTS	All ATS	BTS	All ATS	
If I had to do it over, I'd still come here	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	
Faculty were supportive & understanding	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4	
My personal faith has been respected	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.3	
I have been satisfied with my experience here	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	
Professional MA							
If I had to do it over, I'd still come here	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.4	
Faculty were supportive & understanding	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	
My personal faith has been respected	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.3	
I have been satisfied with my experience here	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	

Student Rating of Their Learning (1-Lowest; 5-Highest)							
MDiv							
	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		
	BTS	All ATS	BTS	All ATS	BTS	All ATS	
Ability preach well	4	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1	
Ability to use and interpret Scripture	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.4	
Knowledge of church doctrine/history	4.2	4.2	4	4.2	3.7	4	
Ability to lead others	4.3	4.2	4.2	4	4.1	4	
Ability to interact effectively with other religious traditions other than my own					4.1	4.1	
Ability to work effectively within my own religious tradition					3.9	4.3	
Ability to relate social issues to faith	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	
Awareness and appreciation of the globalized context in which ministry is practiced					4.4	4.1	
Ability to think theologically	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.4	
Professional MA							
Ability to use and interpret Scripture	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.1	
Ability to think theologically	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.3	
Ability to relate social issues to faith	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4	4.2	
Ability in pastoral counseling	4.2	4	4.5	4.1	4	4	
Knowledge of Chr. philosophy & ethics	4	3.9	3.8	4	3.6	4	