

Accreditation

The Graduate Theological Union is accredited by:

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2015 WSCUC Visiting Team Report

2016 WSCUC Commission Action Letter

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The following degree programs are approved by ATS: MA, PhD.

Statement of Educational Effectiveness

The Graduate Theological Union is committed to the highest standards of educational effectiveness in all of its academic programs. Measures of educational effectiveness include graduation rates, the length of time that students take to complete their degrees, and placement after graduation in positions appropriate to their vocational objectives.

Doctoral Program

The GTU doctoral program is an advanced academic research degree intended to prepare students for professional careers in teaching, writing, and scholarship, as well as for leadership opportunities with religious organizations, social service agencies, foundations, museums, libraries, publishing, and in educational institutions.

The table below shows the graduation rates for GTU doctoral student cohorts who entered the program in the years specified.

Year Entered	Number in Cohort	Graduated within 10 Years
2011-12	12	4 (33%)
2012-13	17	10 (59%)
2013-14	26	17 (65%)
Three-Year Total	55	31 (56%)

The normative time to degree for this program is seven years. The table below shows the average time to degree for doctoral students who graduated in the three most recent years.

Graduation Year	Number of Graduates	Average Time to Degree	Median Time to Degree
2020-21	20	6.1	5.8
2021-22	24	6.6	6.6
2022-23	13	8.3	7.0
Three-Year Total	57	7.0	6.6

GTU doctoral program graduates in the three most recent academic years were in the following placements within 6-12 months after graduation:

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-23	Three-Year Total
Full-time teaching	3(15%)	3 (13%)	2 (15%)	8 (14%)
Part-time or adjunct teaching	7 (35%)	5 (20%)	4 (30%)	16 (28%)
Ministry/Chaplaincy	8 (40%)	7 (29%)	3 (23%)	18 (31%)
Government	---	---	---	---
Academic administration	---	3 (12%)	---	3 (6%)
Non-profit administration	1 (5%)	---	1 (7%)	2 (4%)
Research	---	1 (4%)	1 (7%)	2 (4%)
Business	1 (5%)	---	---	1 (1%)
Seeking employment	---	2 (8%)	2 (15%)	4 (7%)
Not seeking employment	---	2 (8%)	---	2 (4%)
Unknown	---	1 (4%)	---	1 (1%)
Total	20 (100%)	24 (100%)	13 (100%)	57 (100%)

Master of Arts

The MA is a two-year degree program that provides a basic understanding of theological or religious studies for further graduate study or for general academic purposes. The table

below shows the graduation rates for GTU MA student cohorts who entered the program in the years specified.

Year Entered	Number in Cohort	Graduated within 4 Years
2017-18	13	8 (62%)
2018-19	13	7 (54%)
2019-20	16	11 (69%)
Three Year Total	42	26 (62%)

The table below shows the average time to degree for MA students who graduated in the three most recent years.

Graduation Year	Number of Graduates	Average Time to Degree	Median Time to Degree
2020-21	16	2.7 years	2.6
2021-22	12	2.8 years	2.8
2022-23	14	5.1 years	4.0
Three-Year Total	42	3.5 years	2.8

GTU MA graduates in the three most recent academic years prior to last year were in the following placements a year after graduation:

	2020-21	2021-2022	2022-2023	Three-Year Total
Further graduate study	3 (19%)	3 (22%)	3 (21%)	9 (20%)
Ministry/Chaplaincy	6 (38%)	2 (14%)	5 (37%)	13 (29%)
Teaching	---	---	3 (21%)	3 (7%)
Business	4 (25%)	3 (22%)	1 (7%)	8 (18%)
Non-profit administration	---	2 (14%)	---	2 (5%)
Writing and Publishing	2 (12%)	---	1 (7%)	3 (7%)
Academic administration	1 (6%)	2 (14%)	---	3 (7%)
Seeking employment	---	1 (7%)	---	1 (2%)
Not seeking employment	---	---	---	---
Unknown	---	1 (7%)	1 (7%)	2 (5%)
Total	16 (100%)	14 (100%)	14 (100%)	44 (100%)

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