

Accreditation

The Graduate Theological Union is accredited by:

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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
2008-09	36	18 (50%)
2009-10	42	17 (40%)
2010-11	17	5 (29%)
Three-Year Total	95	40 (42%)

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
2018	15	7.2
2019	17	6.7
2020	17	5.9
Three-Year Total	49	6.9

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

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Three-Year Total
Full-time teaching	5 (22%)	6 (35%)	5 (29%)	16 (29%)
Part-time or adjunct teaching	3 (13%)	2 (12%)	5 (29%)	10 (18%)
Ministry/Chaplaincy	8 (35%)	4 (24%)	2 (12%)	14 (25%)
Government	---	---	1 (6%)	1 (2%)
Academic administration	3 (13%)	1 (6%)	2 (12%)	6 (11%)
Research	1 (4%)	---	1 (6%)	2 (3%)
Business	3 (13%)	1 (6%)	---	4 (7%)
Seeking employment	---	2 (12%)	---	2 (3%)
Unknown	---	---	1 (6%)	1 (2%)
Total	23 (100%)	16 (100%)	17 (100%)	56 (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
2014-15	30	18 (60%)
2015-16	23	17 (74%)
2016-17	26	13 (50%)
Three Year Total	79	48 (61%)

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
2018	10	2.5 years
2019	18	2.8 years
2020	14	2.2
Three-Year Total	42	2.5 years

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

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Three-Year Total
Further graduate study	7 (35%)	3 (17%)	6 (43%)	16 (31%)
Ministry/Chaplaincy	6 (30%)	9 (50%)	2 (14%)	17 (33%)
Teaching	2 (10%)	2 (11%)	2 (14%)	6 (12%)
Business	1 (5%)	1 (6%)	1 (7%)	3 (5%)
Non-profit administration	2 (10%)	1 (6%)	1 (7%)	4 (8%)
Writing and Publishing	1 (5%)	---	---	1 (2%)
Academic administration	1 (5%)	1 (6%)	1 (7%)	3 (5%)
Seeking employment	---	---	1 (7%)	1 (2%)
Not seeking employment	---	1 (6%)	---	1 (2%)
Total	20 (100%)	18 (100%)	14 (100%)	52 (100%)

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