



# GRACE BIBLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ACADEMIC QUALITY REPORT 2024

## Educational Quality and Effectiveness

The purpose of GBTS is to train the next generation of pastors, church planters, and missionaries with a commitment to confessional Baptist doctrine, academic rigor, and a passion for the local Church. GBTS graduates are consistently on the front lines of ministry.

### GBTS Faculty

- 100% of GBTS faculty members currently serve or have recently served in pastoral ministry.
- Of the 8 faculty members in our regular teaching rotation, 6 hold Doctoral degrees (75%).
- Faculty-to-student ratio is 1:8
- 100% of faculty members teach live courses to facilitate interaction with students

### Program Design and Delivery

- 100% of regular GBTS courses taught in the 2022-2023 academic year featured live lecture and direct faculty-student interaction.
- 3 on-campus intensives offered during the 2022-2023 academic year.
- Residential and distance students alike have the opportunity to interact with professors and peers in a live, synchronous course format.
- 100% of M.Div. and MAPS students are matched with a personal academic advisor

### Admissions Statistics

- 81% Acceptance Rate 2023-2024
- 38% of admitted students in 2023-2024 were in the M.Div. program
- 50% Acceptance Rate 2024-2025
- 60% of admitted students in 2024-2025 are in the M.Div. program

### Currently Enrolled Student Composition (Fall 2024)

GBTS offers four degree programs, each uniquely designed for the preparation of students for ministry service in the local church. The Fall 2024 semester enrollment included:

- Master of Divinity: 52%
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 13%
- Certificate of Ministry: 20%
- Diploma of Divinity: 3%
- Pastoral Auditors: 12%

## Course Evaluations

Course Evaluations play an important role in gauging academic quality and student outcomes at GBTS. The following data is taken from courses during the 2024 calendar year.

- 94% of course evaluations indicated that students agree or strongly agree that the “course lectures were engaging and promoted student interaction with the instructor.”
- 90% of course evaluations indicated that students agree or strongly agree that the “course objectives as stated in the syllabus were achieved in the course.”
- 87% of course evaluations indicated that students agree or strongly agree that “this course equipped me with skills and knowledge to be a better interpreter of Scripture.”
- 95% of course evaluations indicated that the “course subject material was made relevant to pastoral ministry.”

## Graduate Statistics

- 100% of GBTS graduates in the last 3 years are actively involved in local church ministry.
- 75% of GBTS graduates in the last 3 years are serving in full-time vocational ministry.
- Graduates are currently serving in full-time ministry roles as interns for HeartCry Missionary Society and as pastors/pastoral interns in local churches.
- GBTS M.Div. graduates in the last 3 years completed their degree in an average of 4.25 years.
- GBTS has eight prospective graduates in May 2025 spread across 3 degree programs (3 Certificate, 3 MAPS, and 2 M.Div.)