



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 2023-2024 academic year featured live lecture and direct faculty-student interaction.
- 3 on-campus intensives offered during the 2023-2024 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%

Graduation Rates and Statistics

Summary Enrollment and Graduation Data

| Degree Program | Enrollment Year | Students Admitted | Graduates | 2025 Scheduled Graduates | Continuing | Withdrawn |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|
| M.Div 5-year | 2019-2021 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| | 2022 | 20 | - | - | 17 | 3 |
| | 2023 | 11 | - | - | 7 | 4 |
| | 2024 | 4 | - | - | 4 | - |
| MAPS 4-year | 2019-2021 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| | 2022 | 4 | - | 2 | 4 | - |
| | 2023 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| | 2024 | 1 | - | - | 5 | - |
| Cert 3-year | 2019-2021 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | |
| | 2022 | 4 | - | 1 | 4 | |
| | 2023 | 4 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | 2024 | 6 | - | - | 6 | - |
| Diploma 5-year | 2019-2021 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| | 2022 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| | 2023 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2024 | - | - | - | - | - |

Graduation Rates

- Master of Divinity: 20% with an additional 20% scheduled for May 2025.
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies: 20% with an additional 20% scheduled for May 2025.
- Certificate of Ministry: GBTS has its first three graduates with at least 3 years in the program scheduled for May 2025. This graduation rate will be 60%.
- Diploma of Divinity: GBTS discontinued admission to this program in 2023 and has no graduates yet who have been awarded the Diploma of Divinity.

How are graduation rates calculated?

GBTS began accepting students to formal degree programs in 2019. Because the length of the programs are 5 years (M.Div. and Diploma), 4 years (MAPS), and 3 years (Certificate), relatively few students have been enrolled in their respective programs long enough for traditional methods of calculating graduation rates to reflect student success. The graduation rates above are calculated by determining what percentage of students who have been enrolled for sufficient time to complete their program have graduated. Data for additional graduations in May 2025 account for students who have completed coursework requirements, scheduled their graduate exit interview, and requested their graduating student pastoral recommendation letter.

Graduate Employment and Ordination

As a Baptist seminary, GBTS does not ordain seminary graduates or provide recommendations for student ordination. This responsibility is deferred to the student's local Church.

- 100% of GBTS graduates in 2022-2024 are actively involved in local church ministry.
- 75% of GBTS graduates in 2022-2024 are serving in full-time vocational ministry.
- GBTS 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 2022-2024 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.)

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.”