

Accreditation and Educational Effectiveness for 2015-2016

Accreditation

ABSW is accredited by:

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

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The Following degree programs are approved by ATS: MDiv, MCL, DMin

Statement of Educational Effectiveness

The American Baptist Seminary of the West is committed to the highest standards of educational effectiveness in all of its academic programs. Measures of educational effectiveness include the length of time that students take to complete their degrees and placement after graduation in positions appropriate to their vocational objectives.

Masters Programs

The MDiv and MCL programs are advanced academic degrees intended to prepare students for professional careers in pastoral ministries, 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 Master of Arts (MA) is an academic degree offered in cooperation with the member schools and Centers of the GTU. The purpose of the program is to provide a basic understanding of theological or religious studies for further graduate study or for general academic purposes.

The normative time to degree for these programs is 3 to 4 yrs for the MDiv, 2 yrs for the MCL, and 3 years for the MA. The table below shows the time to degree for the 9 master's students that graduated in the 2015-2016 academic year. Four (4) graduated within 4 years, one (1) graduated within 5 years. One (1) of the MCL students graduated within 2 years, and one (1) graduated within 3 years, one (1) graduated within 4 years, one (1) graduated within 6 years. There were no MA graduates in this academic year.

Time to Degree in Years: MDiv Number of Students	
3 to <4	0
4 to <5	4 (80%)
5 to <6	1 (20%)

Time to Degree in Years: MCL Number of Students	
2 to <3	1 (25%)
3 to <4	1 (25%)
4 to <5	1 (25%)
6 to <7	1 (25%)

Time to Degree in Years: MA Number of Students	
NA	NA

The 9 master's students that graduated in academic 2015-2016 are in the following placements as of fall 2016:

Placements: MDiv, MCL	
Full-time Pastor	0
Part-time Pastor	2
Faith based 501c3	1
Interim Pastor	1
Doctor of Ministry Program	1

Associate Pastor	1
Part-time church ministry (catholic)	1
Secular employment/volunteer youth leader	1
Not seeking employment	1

Doctor of Ministry Program

ABSW's Doctor of Ministry program is an advanced academic degree intended to prepare students for professional careers in pastoral ministries, 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 normative time to degree for this program is 3 to 4 yrs. The table below shows the time to degree for the 2 doctoral students that graduated in the 2015-2016 academic year. One (1) of the students graduated within 6 years, and one (1) graduated within 7 years.

Time to Degree in Years: DMin Number of Students	
6 to <7	1 (50%)
7 to <8	1 (50%)

The 2 Doctor of Ministry students that graduated in academic 2014-2015 are in the following placements as of fall 2015:

Placements: DMin	
Pastoral Ministry	1
Airline Steward/applying Navy Chaplaincy	1