

Accreditation and Educational Effectiveness for 2018-2019

Accreditation

ABSW is accredited by:

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
In the United States and Canada

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The Following degree programs are acknowledged or approved by ATS: BA Equivalency, MDiv, MCL, MTS, 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.

BA Equivalency

The BA Equivalency has been created to train pastors and active lay people leading churches without formal training. In an effort to meet this need the American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) has created a three-tiered program that begins with a 6 course Certificate Program that can earn units toward a 20 course BA Equivalency program that can earn units towards a Master of Divinity degree. The normative time to achieve the certificate for these programs is: 1 to 2 years for the 6 course Certificate; 2 to 5 years for the BA Equivalency.

Time to Degree in Years: BA Equiv Number of Students

6 to <7	1(100%)
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Placements: BA Equiv

Active Latino Immigrant Church Pastor	1
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Masters Programs

The MDiv, MCL & MTS 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, 18 months to 2 yrs for the MTS, 3 years for the MA and 4 to 5 years for the dual degree option (MDiv/MCL). The table below shows the time to degree for the 9 master's students that graduated in the 2018-2019 academic year. Two (2) of the MDiv students graduated within 3 years, five (5) graduated within 4 years, two (2) graduated within 5 years, and one (1) graduated within 8 years. Two (2) of the MCL students graduated within 3 years. There were no MA graduates in this class.

Time to Degree in Years: MDiv Number of Students	
3 to <4	5 (83%)
4 to <5	0
5 to <6	1 (17%)
8 to <9	0

Time to Degree in Years: MCL Number of Students	
2 to <3	1(100%)
3 to <4	0
4 to <5	0

Time to Degree in Years: MDiv/MCL Number of Students	
3 to <4	1(50%)
4 to <5	0
5 to <6	0
6 to <7	0
7 to <8	1(50%)

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

The 9 master's students that graduated in academic 2018-2019 are in the following placements as of fall 2019:

Placements: MDiv, MCL, MDiv/MCL	
Full-time Pastor	1
Part-time Pastoral Position	0
Bi-vocational Pastor/secular	2
Military Chaplain	1
Prison Chaplain	1
Doctor of Ministry Program	1
Other master's level theological training	1
Retired active volunteer	1
Faith based 501c3	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 4 doctoral students that graduated in the 2016-2017 academic year. Two (2) students graduated within 3 years, and two (2) graduated within 5 years.

Time to Degree in Years: DMin	Number of Students
3 to <4	0
5 to <6	1 (25%)
6 to <7	0
7 to <8	2 (50%)
8 to <9	1 (25%)

The 4 Doctor of Ministry students that graduated in academic 2018-2019 are in the following placements as of fall 2019:

Placements: DMin	
Pastoral Ministry Korea	1
Immigrant Denominational Executive	1
Pastor US Immigrant Congregation	1
Retired Pastoral Volunteer	1

