Accreditation and Educational Effectiveness for 2019-2020

Accreditation
BST 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, MTS, DMin

Statement of Educational Effectiveness
Berkeley School of Theology 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, MCL and 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, 1.5 yrs for the MTS, and 3 years for the MA. The table below shows the time to degree for the 3 MDiv students that graduated in the 2019-2020 academic year. One (1) graduated within 3.5 years, one (1) graduated within 4 years, and one (1) graduated within 5 years.

Time to Degree in Years: MDiv	Number of Students
3 to <4	1 (33%)
4 to <5	1 (33%)
5 to <6	1 (33%)

Time to Degree in Years: MCL	Number of Students
2 to <3	NA
3 to <4	NA
4 to <5	NA
6 to <7	NA

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

The 3 MDiv students that graduated in academic 2015-2016 are in the following placements as of fall 2020:

Placements: MDiv	
Full-time Pastor	1
Hospital Chaplain	1
Director of a Mortuary	1

Doctor of Ministry Program

BST'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 3 doctoral students that graduated in the 2019-2020 academic year. Two (2) of the students graduated within 3 years, and one (1) graduated within 5.5 years.

Time to Degree in Years: DMin	Number of Students
3 to < 4	2 (66%)
4 to < 5	0
5 to < 6	1 (33%)

The 3 Doctor of Ministry students that graduated in academic 2019-2020 are in the following placements as of fall 2020:

Placements: DMin	
Pastoral Ministry	1
Director of a Theological Institute	1
Director of 501c3 ministering to returnees	1