

# Accreditation and Educational Effectiveness for 2020-2021

## 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 5 MDiv students that graduated in the 2020-2021 academic year. One (1) graduated within 3.5 years, one (1) graduated within 5 years, and two (2) graduated within 6 years, and one (1) graduated within 9 years.

Time to Degree in Years: MDiv Number of Students	
3 to <4	1 (20%)
4 to <5	0
5 to <6	1 (20%)
6 to < 7	2 (40%)
9 to < 10	1 (20%)

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 5 master's students that graduated in academic 2020-2021 are in the following placements as of fall 2021:

Placements: MDiv	
Part-time Pastor	2 (40%)
CPE Training	1 (20%)
Regional Denominational IT and Communications	1 (20%)
Further Education	1 (20%)

## 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 4 doctoral students that graduated in the 2020-2021 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	1 (25%)
4 to < 5	1 (25%)
5 to < 6	0
6 to < 7	1 (25%)
10 to < 11	1 (25%)

The 4 Doctor of Ministry students that graduated in academic 2020-2021 are in the following placements as of fall 2021:

Placements: DMin	
Full-time Pastoral Ministry	2 (50%)
College Professor	1 (25%)
Director of Trauma Healing Center Rwanda	1 (25%)