



Educational Effectiveness Statement

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Master of Divinity Degree

Master of Divinity Graduation rate: At its 2023 Commencement, Milligan College conferred 12 Master of Divinity degrees (2022, 17; 2021, 17; 2020, (Covid); 2019, 8; 2018, 7; 2017, 11; 2016, 11; 2015, 10; 2014, 17; 2013, 24; and 2012, 18).

Retention/Completion Rate: Based on a Fall 2019 MDiv incoming class of 22 students, the number of students completing their MDiv degree within four years was 8 (45.45%). Of MDiv students entering in Fall 2019 who did not graduate with an MDiv, 2 switched and completed another seminary degree, 1 is still in school, and 6 are no longer attending.

Thesis by Permission: In 2023, 0 MDiv student wrote a thesis as part of their degree requirements (2021, 1; 2020, 0; 2019, 0; 2018, 0; 2017, 0; 2016, 1; 2015, 2; 2014, 0; 2013, 6; 2012, 4).

Graduate Student Questionnaire: 92% (11 of 12) students graduating from the MDiv degree completed the standardized Association of Theological Schools Commission on Accrediting (ATS) "Graduating Student Questionnaire" (GSQ) which indirectly assesses their "satisfaction with progress of skills related to future work" through ratings on a scale of 1-5.

Graduating Student Questionnaire Results

2022-2023	Goals Scale 1-5, 5 highest
4.7	Ability to think theologically
4.8	Ability to use and interpret Scripture
4.4	Knowledge of church doctrine and history
4.0	Knowledge of Christian ethics
4.3	Ability in pastoral counseling
4.3	Ability to preach well
4.2	Ability to conduct worship/liturgy
4.8	Ability to relate social issues to faith

On the scale of 1-5, 100% of students indicated that they are satisfied with the MDiv program of study in terms of capabilities acquired.

The **GSQ** also indirectly assesses the “Importance of Areas of Study to Intended Work by Degree Program” where, on a scale **5) very important; 4) somewhat important; and 3) a little important; 2) neutral; and 1) not important**, all but one area of study ranked between 3.4 and 4.7 indicating that in most cases the curricular design matched students’ vocational plans.

Among the careers identified in the GSQ, 2023 MDiv graduates anticipate careers in a variety of areas (11 respondents):

Percentage	Career Area
73	Congregational ministry, campus ministry
0	Missionary service
27	Chaplaincy, spiritual direction, pastoral counseling, prison ministry
0	Secondary/prep school teaching
0	Other/Undecided

Field Education: The GSQ rated “the importance of Field Education/Internship”

Year	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Of Little Importance
2022-2023	6 (50.0%)	2 (16.7%)	3 (25.0%)	1 (8.3%)

The rating for “Field Education’s Effectiveness in Developing Capacities” remains high with most ranking 4.4 or 4.3 out of a total possible score of 5. Only one was below 4 at 3.3.