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PROGRAM OUTCOMES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The MA (Christian Studies) program is orientated toward general theological studies, with no ‘thesis’ option. It provides students with a general knowledge base in Bible, Theology, and Ministry and training in exegetical, critical, and practical skills. Courses are designed to improve the student’s ability to serve Jesus Christ in the church and the world in a lay or para-church ministry, and to be more effective disciples of Christ in all spheres of their lives.

Program Goals	Measurement Means	Cycle	Next Collection Date	Persons Responsible
<p>The Student will have acquired a general knowledge of Scripture, theology, and current contributors and developments within the student’s discipline to enhance further ministry.</p> <p>Supporting Academic Goal 1</p>	<p>DIRECT: 80% of students will achieve B or higher for OT, NT, and TS elective courses (aggregated, excepting TS5201 and TS5101)</p> <p>INDIRECT: Student feedback on Course and instructor form for BI5102 and TS5201</p>		Sep 1, 2023	<p>DIRECT: Dr. Coutts</p> <p>INDIRECT: Academic support assistant</p>



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<p>The Student will demonstrate basic skills for studying the English Bible for personal faith formation and lay leadership, engage critical research, and produce academic writing.</p> <p>Supporting Academic Goals 2 + 4</p>	<p>DIRECT: 80% of students will achieve B or higher on the major Integrative Seminar essay²</p> <p>INDIRECT: Student feedback on Course and instructor form for OT53*, NT53*, and TS6** courses³</p>		Sep 1, 2023	<p>DIRECT: Dr. Coutts</p> <p>INDIRECT: Academic support assistant</p>
<p>The Student will have acquired a framework of faith within which to provide formal or informal ecclesial leadership, to support personal faith formation, and to participate in the church's mission.</p> <p>Supporting Academic Goals 1 + 5</p>	<p>DIRECT: -80% of students will achieve B or higher on the major Integrative Seminar essay² -80% of students will achieve B or higher on the major essay for IN5102⁴</p> <p>INDIRECT: -Reflection Essay for Integrative Seminar² -Graduating Student Questionnaire⁵</p>		Sep 1, 2023	<p>DIRECT: Dr. Coutts</p> <p>INDIRECT: Dr. Coutts</p>



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¹ These are both core, introductory courses: BI5102 Reading the Church's Bible; TS5201 Theological Foundations.

² The Integrative Seminar is the capstone course for the MA- Christian studies program, involving the integration of exegetical skill, theological reflection, and practical wisdom. It features engagement with current issues in culture, a reflection essay on the student's academic and personal development through the program, and culminates in a major essay reflecting skills in research, writing, and critical analysis.

³ OT53*/NT53*/TS6** courses are elective courses in each field, which typically require a major research paper. PTS "Student Feedback on Course and Instructor" forms ask students to assess the following: "This course was a valuable learning experience." As an indirect Measurement means, the question endeavours to ascertain the value the student attaches to the course.

⁴ IN5102 Theology and Practice of Christian Spirituality and Formation

⁵ The Graduating Student Questionnaire will be required from all students graduating from the MA Theological studies program. It asks students to assess how well the program met their expectations (vis a vis both information and formation) and how well they feel equipped with knowledge, skills, and formation to undertake a terminal degree in their field.