

## BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (ThB) ~ OBJECTIVES, MEASUREMENTS, & OUTCOMES

Some Theology courses are offered only every second year, or twice in three years, so in some years there is no data. Further, enrolment in the program is small so the amount of data available is limited.

### OBJECTIVE 1 – Bachelor of Theology students will have a comprehensive knowledge of the Bible

This objective expands the institutional objectives related to Bible knowledge by immersing students in Bible and theological concepts. In this degree, students take at least 21 hours of Bible courses, including courses in biblical languages which use the Bible as the primary text.

**Benchmark: 80% of ThB students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in Bible courses<sup>1</sup>**

**Data:**

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Percentage meeting Benchmark	100%	67%	81%	82%
Number of courses	7	4	6	5
ThB students enrolled in above courses	17	6	16	11

### OBJECTIVE 2 – Bachelor of Theology students will demonstrate an understanding of the central doctrines of the Christian faith and articulate them clearly

Not only do students need to know the central doctrines of the Christian faith (Institutional Objective #1), but they also need to be able to articulate them to be able to share with others. Students enrolled in this degree take at least seven theology courses (19.5 hours) which guide them from a high-level overview, through a systematic study of theology, with focused examination of the doctrine of Christian perfection, the development of Christian theology, and current theologies. One of the major requirements of the two-part Christian Doctrine course is the completion of a multi-step catechism project.

**Benchmark 1: 80% of ThB students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in required theology courses<sup>2</sup>**

**Data:**

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Percentage meeting benchmark	100%	100%	86%	75%
Number of courses	6	2	4	5
ThB students enrolled in above courses	12	3	7	16

**Benchmark 2: 80% of ThB students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in Catechism projects in Christian Doctrine I & II**

**Data:**

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Percentage meeting benchmark	100%	na	75%	100%
ThB students completing catechism projects	2		4	4

**OBJECTIVE 3 - Bachelor of Theology students will have a firm grasp of the historical and philosophical development of Christian doctrine**

The final paper assignments in Historical Theology (TH 404) and Philosophy for Understanding Theology (PH 302) require that students demonstrate their understanding of both the historical and philosophical development of Christian doctrine, and how it impacts contemporary church and culture.

**Benchmark: 80% of ThB students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in the historical and philosophical papers**

**Data:**

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022 (to date)
Percentage meeting Benchmark	100%	100%	na	71%
Number of courses	1	1		2
ThB students enrolled in above courses	4	1		7

**OBJECTIVE 4 - Bachelor of Theology students will conduct skillful, biblically sound, and theologically accurate exegesis**

Students have several opportunities in which to apply their biblical and theological knowledge to biblical exegesis. This starts in their second year with Inductive Bible Study (BT 200) and progresses to more advanced courses.

**Benchmark: 80% of ThB students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) exegetical assignments<sup>3</sup>**

**Data:**

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Percentage meeting Benchmark	100%	100%	40%	83%
Number of courses	1	2	2	3
ThB students enrolled in above courses	1	4	5	12

**OBJECTIVE 5 – Bachelor of Theology students will have a thorough working knowledge of, and competence in the use of the tools and resources available for ongoing student and research**

Several of the courses in this degree require in-depth research papers providing opportunity to hone the skills initially addressed in first-year Writing and Research Study. This includes research of the biblical texts in their original languages using contemporary tools as aids. Assessment of this program and a perceived weakness in writing and research skills among students who are likely to pursue post-graduate education, has led to the reinstatement of an additional course in research methods effective spring 2023.

**Benchmark: 80% of ThB students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in research assignments<sup>4</sup>**

**Data:**

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Percentage meeting Benchmark	100%	na	67%	91%
Number of courses	3		2	3
ThB students enrolled in above courses	8		6	11

## OBJECTIVE 6 – Bachelor of Theology students will demonstrate their ability to undertake graduate-level study

One of the goals of this program is to prepare students for advanced biblical or theological study, and especially as a pathway to doctoral studies and teaching in higher education.

**Benchmark 1: 80% of ThB students will complete their academic career with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 (B+)**

**Data:**

	2019 graduates	2020 graduates	2021 graduates	2022 graduates
Percentage meeting Benchmark	100%	67%	na	100%
Number of ThB graduates	2	3		2

**Benchmark 2: 80% of ThB students will pursue further theological education within five years of Kingswood graduation**

**Data:**

	2014 graduates	2015 graduates	2016 graduates	2017 graduates
Percentage meeting Benchmark	67%	na	75%	0%
Number of ThB graduates	6	0	4	1

## CONCLUSION / ACTION STEPS

For the most part, students are achieving the objectives of the Bachelor of Theology program. Like several other programs, low enrolment means one student who fails to meet a benchmark impacts outcomes significantly.

One action step arising from examination of the program is the re-implementation of Research Methods (EN 205), effective spring 2023 as a required course for the program. This course expands on the skills taught in Writing and Research (EN 135), emphasising the entire research and writing process.

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<sup>1</sup> Biblical Literature I (OT 101); Biblical Literature II (NT 101); Gospels (NT 205); Acts & Romans (NT 206); Pentateuch (OT 201); Introduction to Bible Study Tools – Greek (NT 308); Introduction to Bible Study Tools – Hebrew (OT 308).

<sup>2</sup> Basic Christian Beliefs (TH 203); Christian Doctrine I & II (TH 305 & 306); Historical Theology (TH 404); Apologetics (TH 405); Doctrine of Holiness (TH 411).

<sup>3</sup> Exegesis Project (BT 200); Research/Exegesis Projects (NT 308 & OT 308); Exegesis Project (BT 301).

<sup>4</sup> Research papers in Church History (HI 303); Reformation Church History (HI 405); Historical Theology (TH 404); Apologetics (TH 405); Research Methods, effective Spring 2023 (EN 205); and Research projects in); Introduction to Bible Study Tools – Greek (NT 308); Introduction to Bible Study Tools – Hebrew (OT 308).