

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (ThB) ~ OBJECTIVES, MEASUREMENTS, & OUTCOMES 2022-2023

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 courses¹

Data:

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Percentage meeting Benchmark	67%	81%	82%	100%
Number of courses	4	6	5	3
ThB students enrolled in above courses	6	16	11	7

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 courses²

Data:

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Percentage meeting benchmark	100%	86%	75%	100%
Number of courses	2	4	5	5
ThB students enrolled in above courses	3	7	16	7

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

Data:

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Percentage meeting benchmark	na	75%	100%	100%
ThB students completing catechism projects		4	4	2

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:

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Percentage meeting Benchmark	100%	na	78%	100%
Number of courses	1		2	1
ThB students enrolled in above courses	1		9	2

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

Theology 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 assignments³

Data:

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Percentage meeting Benchmark	100%	40%	83%	80%
Number of courses	2	2	3	2
ThB students enrolled in above courses	4	5	12	5

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 study and research

Several of the courses in this degree program require in-depth research papers providing opportunity to hone the skills initially addressed in first-year Writing and Research course (EN 135). 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 assignments⁴

Data:

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Percentage meeting Benchmark	na	67%	91%	89%
Number of courses		2	3	5
ThB students enrolled in above courses		6	11	9

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:

	2020 graduates	2021 graduates	2022 graduates	2023 graduates
Percentage meeting Benchmark	67%	na	100%	100%
Number of ThB graduates	3		2	3

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

Data:

	2015 graduates	2016 graduates	2017 graduates	2018 graduates
Percentage meeting Benchmark	na	75%	0%	50%
Number of ThB graduates	0	4	1	2

CONCLUSION / ACTION STEPS

The data addressed in this report comes from the “COVID-19 years,” each influenced by the pandemic and accompanying health and safety regulations in different ways. While this cannot be used as an excuse, it was a contributing factor to the overall student learning experience. Although 2022-2023 was a more ‘normal’ years, at Kingswood, the impact of COVID-19 was by no means over. Canadian border restrictions were not fully removed until October 2022 and some ministry sites only re-opened during the 2022-2023 year. Further, it should be noted that lower enrolment in programs and courses means that one student failing to meet a benchmark can significantly impact the percentage of students meeting a target. For this reason, the analysis of data looks at trends more than minute fluctuations.

For the most part, students are achieving the objectives of the Bachelor of Theology program.

¹ 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).

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

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

⁴ 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).