

Carolina College of Biblical Studies

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## Institution Mission

Carolina College of Biblical Studies exists to disciple Christ-followers, through biblical higher education, for a lifetime of effective servant leadership.

## Program Mission

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) provides students with an interdisciplinary knowledge of biblical studies, church history, and theology. It prepares students to engage in research and analysis that is informed by those disciplines and contributes to the advance of the church, missions, or marketplace.

## Objectives:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the Old and New Testaments through a comprehensive grasp of each book's theme, design, and theology.
- Defend the theology of the Christian faith with biblical and philosophical arguments that resonate with today's modern culture.
- Develop a stronger spiritual walk through a fuller understanding of evangelism, discipleship, leadership, and world missions.
- Demonstrate competency in critical thinking, research, and writing at a scholarly level.

### 1 **Goal** Knowledge

Institutional Goal #1: Graduates demonstrate greater knowledge of the Bible and the central doctrines of the Christian faith resulting in a biblical worldview.

#### 1.1 **Program Learning Objective** Knowledge of the Bible

PLO 1: Demonstrate an understanding of the Old and New Testaments through a comprehensive grasp of each book's theme, design, and theology.

### 1.1.1 Measure

#### Course Artifacts

OT/NT Survey courses teach an overview of the testaments, each book's theme, design, and theology.

#### METHODOLOGY\*

Final exam scores (except in online courses that did not have a final exam...in which course grades were used).

#### SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Final Exam - Academic Direct

### 1.1.1.1 Target

#### BIB 510 Old Testament Survey 1 Met

TARGET	75% of students will earn a grade of at least 81% (B-) in BIB 510 on the final exam (or, course grade if not available).
OUTCOME	82%
ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS	In 2021-22, a total of 11 students completed BIB 510 OT Survey 1. Of that, 9 students scored at least an 81% on the final exam (3 of those grades are actually final course grades because the online course does not have a final exam).

### 1.1.1.2 Target

#### BIB 520 Old Testament Survey 2 Not Met

TARGET	75% of students will earn a grade of at least 81% (B-) in BIB 520 final exam
OUTCOME	69%
ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS	In 2021-22, a total of 16 students completed BIB520. Of that, 11 students scored at least an 81%/B- on the final exam (some were final course grades in the online class).

### 1.1.1.3 Target

#### BIB 550 New Testament Survey 1 Not Met

TARGET	75% of students will earn a grade of at least 81% (B-) in BIB 550
OUTCOME	44%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS

In 2021-22, a total of 9 students completed BIB550. Of that, only 4 scored at or above an 81%/B- on the final exam. (Three students completed a final exam; the other six were online students taking their course grade.)

**1.1.1.4 Target**

BIB 560 New Testament Survey 2 **Not Met**

TARGET

75% of students will earn a grade of at least 81% (B-) in BIB 560

OUTCOME

71%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS

In 2021-22, a total of 7 students completed BIB560. Of that, 5 students scored at or above an 81%/B-. (One student completed the final exam on campus; the other 6 were online students taking their final course grade.)

**1.2 Program Learning Objective**

Theology and Culture

PLO 2: Defend the theology of the Christian faith with biblical and philosophical arguments that resonate with today's modern culture.

**1.2.1 Measure**

Course Artifacts

Course-embedded artifacts, including final exams and key papers.

METHODOLOGY\*

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

**1.2.1.1 Target**

THE 610 Systematic Theology 1 **Not Met**

TARGET

75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B-

OUTCOME

70%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS

In 2021-22, a total of 10 students completed THE 610 of which 7 scored at least an 81%/B- on the final assessment. Of the 10 students, 7 completed the course online and their final course grade was used because they do not currently have an online final exam.

**1.2.1.2 Target**  
THE 620 Systematic Theology 2 **Met**

TARGET 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B-

OUTCOME 75%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2021-22, a total of 12 students completed THE 620. Of those, 9 students scored at least an 81%/B-. Of the total, 9 students were online, using their final course grade due to no final exam.

**1.2.1.3 Target**  
THE 630 Systematic Theology 3 **Met**

TARGET 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B-

OUTCOME 67%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2021-22, a total of 9 students completed THE 630 with 6 scoring at least an 81%/B- on the final exam/course grade.

**1.2.1.4 Target**  
PHI 510 Culture & Worldviews **Met**

TARGET 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B-

OUTCOME 86%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2021-22, a total of 14 students completed PHI 510. Of those, 12 students scored at/above an 81%/B- on the final exam.

**2 Goal Skill**

Institutional Goal #3: Graduates demonstrate the resolve to be independent researchers, critical thinkers, effective communicators, and lifelong learners. Institutional Goal #4: Graduates demonstrate abilities for successful careers and Christian service in the church and marketplace.

## 2.1 Program Learning Objective

### Communication & Research

PLO 4: Demonstrate competency in critical thinking, research, and writing at a scholarly level.

### 2.1.1 Measure

#### Course Artifacts

75% of students will score at least a 81%/B- on final exams (or course grades if no exam is available)

#### METHODOLOGY\*

Final exam or key assessment artifact in selected courses.

#### SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

### 2.1.1.1 Target

GEN 500: Intro. to Theological Research Not Reported this Period

TARGET 75% of students earn a score of at least 81%/B- on the final research paper

OUTCOME

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS This course is new beginning in Fall 2022; thus no data was available in 2021-22.

### 2.1.1.2 Target

BTI 510 Hermeneutics Met

TARGET 75% of students earn a score of at least 4 out of 5 on Communications Rubric for final course paper

OUTCOME 77%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2021-22, a total of 13 students completed the exegetical paper in BTI510. Unfortunately, this assessment looks at the total paper, including hermeneutical concept and not merely writing alone. A focused "communication" rubric needs to be designed to assess more directly communication across the board.

### 2.1.1.3 Target

HIS 510 Church History Nothing Entered

TARGET 75% of students earn a score of at least 81%/B- on the Great Cappadocian Fathers

paper.

OUTCOME

ANALYSIS OF  
FINDINGS

### 3 **Goal** Disposition

Institutional Goal #2: Graduates demonstrate Christian character and spiritual maturity evidenced by spiritual transformation. Institutional Goal #7: Nurture a culture of helping others through a servant's heart.

#### 3.1 **Program Learning Objective** Spiritual Walk

PLO 3: Develop a stronger spiritual walk through a fuller understanding of evangelism, discipleship, leadership, and world missions.

#### 3.1.1 **Measure** Course Artifacts

Various course artifacts from the program.

METHODOLOGY\*

Scores/rubric

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

#### 3.1.1.1 **Target** MIN510: Spiritual Formation class **Exceeded**

TARGET 75% of students will score at least 81% (B-) on the final exam grade (or final course grade if no exam is available).

OUTCOME 100%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2021-22, a total of 11 students completed MIN 510 (4 online). Of those students, all 11 scored at least an 81%/B- on the final exam.



3.1.1.2

**Target**

MIN660: Advanced Discipleship class Not Reported this Period

TARGET 75% of students will score at least 81% (B-) on the final exam

OUTCOME

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS

3.1.1.3

**Target**

MIN520: Evangelism & Missions class Met

TARGET 75% of students will score at least 81% (B-) on the final exam

OUTCOME 85%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2021-22, a total of 13 students completed the MIN 520 final exam (6 final course grades due to online course format). Of those, 11 scored at least an 81%/B- on their final exam.

3.1.1.4

**Target**

LE650: Biblical Servanthood & Leadership class Exceeded

TARGET 75% of students will score at least 81% (B-) on the final servant leadership paper.

OUTCOME 100%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2021-22, a total of 4 students completed LE650. Of those, all 4 scored at least an 81%/B- on the final servant leadership paper.