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Mission

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

Vision

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

1.1 **Outcome**
Demonstrate an understanding of the Old and New Testaments through a comprehensive grasp of each book's theme, design, and theology.

1.1.1 **Measures**
Old Testament Knowledge
METHODOLOGY*
SOURCE OF EVIDENCE
Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

1.1.1.1 Targets

Old Testament Survey 1 (Final Exam) **Exceeded**

TARGET 75% of students score an 81/B- or higher on the final exam

FINDINGS 79%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 14 students completed the course of which 11 scored at least an 81/B- in the course (no final exams were used in 2022-23).

IMPROVEMENT TYPE

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

1.1.1.2 Targets

Old Testament Survey 2 (Final Exam) **Exceeded**

TARGET 75% of students score an 81/B- or higher on the final exam

FINDINGS 80%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 10 students completed the course of which 8 scored at least an 81/B- in the course (no final exams were used in 2022-23).

IMPROVEMENT TYPE

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

1.1.2 Measures

New Testament Knowledge

METHODOLOGY*

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

1.1.2.1 Targets

New Testament Survey 1 (Final Exam) Exceeded

TARGET 75% of students score an 81/B- or higher on the final exam

FINDINGS 81%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 21 students completed the course of which 17 scored at least an 81/B- in the course (no final exams were used in 2022-23).

IMPROVEMENT TYPE

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

1.1.2.2 Targets

New Testament Survey 2 (Final Exam) Exceeded

TARGET 75% of students score an 81/B- or higher on the final exam

FINDINGS 80%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 5 students completed the course of which 4 scored at least an 81/B- in the course (no final exams were used in 2022-23).

IMPROVEMENT TYPE

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

1.1.3 Measures

ABHE Bible Exam (Grads Only) - Bible Knowledge Score

METHODOLOGY*

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Test/Exam/Quiz - Academic Direct

1.1.3.1

Targets

ABHE Bible Exam: Bible Knowledge Component

Not Reported this Period

TARGET

Graduates will score at/above the national norm of ABHE schools

FINDINGS

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS

IMPROVEMENT TYPE

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

1.2

Outcome

Defend the theology of the Christian faith with biblical and philosophical arguments that resonate with today’s modern culture.

1.2.1

Measures

Systematic Theology Knowledge

METHODOLOGY*

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

1.2.1.1

Targets

Systematic Theology 1 Theological Integration Paper

TARGET

75% of students score an 81/B- or higher on the theological interpretation paper.

FINDINGS

80%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS

In 2022-23, a total of 5 students completed the course of which 4 scored at least an 81/B- on the theological interpretation paper (if not used in the course, then the final course grade is used for comparison).

IMPROVEMENT TYPE

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

1.2.1.2 Targets

Systematic Theology 2 Theological Integration Paper Not Reported this Period

TARGET 75% of students score an 81/B- or higher on the theological interpretation paper.

FINDINGS

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS This course did not make as a class in 2022-23.

IMPROVEMENT TYPE

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

1.2.1.3 Targets

Systematic Theology 3 Theological Integration Paper Met

TARGET 75% of students score an 81/B- or higher on the theological interpretation paper.

FINDINGS 75%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 4 students completed the course of which 3 scored at least an 81/B- on the theological interpretation paper (if not used in the course, then the final course grade is used for comparison). The 4th student simply did not submit a paper.

IMPROVEMENT TYPE

IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

1.2.2 Measures

ABHE Bible Exam (Grads Only) - Biblical Teaching Score
METHODOLOGY*

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Test/Exam/Quiz - Academic Direct

1.2.2.1 **Targets**

ABHE Bible Exam: Biblical Teaching Component Not Reported this Period

TARGET Graduates will score at/above the national norm of ABHE schools

FINDINGS

ANALYSIS OF
FINDINGS

IMPROVEMENT
TYPE

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DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

2 **Goal Skills**

2.1 **Outcome**

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

2.1.1 **Measures**

Critical Thinking, Research, and Scholarship

METHODOLOGY*

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

2.1.1.1 **Targets**

Introduction to Theological Research: Final Paper Not Met

TARGET 75% of students will score at least an 81/B- on the final research paper.

FINDINGS 29%

ANALYSIS OF
FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 7 students completed the course of which 2 scored at least an 81/B- on the final draft of the research paper. Two students did not submit a paper.

Removing them from the equation would result in 60% (3 of 5 achieved the target).

This was the first year this course was offered, and thus the first year it did not achieve its target. We will wait for 2 consecutive years before re-evaluating.

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IMPROVEMENT

2.1.1.2 **Targets**

Hermeneutics: Final Exegetical Paper **Exceeded**

TARGET 75% of students will score at least an 81/B- on the final exegetical paper.

FINDINGS 92%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 13 students completed the course of which 12 scored at least an 81/B- on the final exegetical paper submission.

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DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

2.1.1.3 **Targets**

Biblical Servanthood and Leadership: Final Paper **Exceeded**

TARGET 75% of students will score at least an 81/B- on the final research paper.

FINDINGS 94%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 18 students completed the course of which 17 scored at least an 81/B- on the final servant leadership paper.

IMPROVEMENT
TYPE

IMPROVEMENT
DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

3 Goal Attitudes

3.1 Outcome
Develop a stronger spiritual walk through a fuller understanding of evangelism, discipleship, leadership, and world missions.

3.1.1 Measures
Evangelism and Missions
METHODOLOGY*
SOURCE OF EVIDENCE
Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

3.1.1.1 Targets
Evangelism & Missions (Final Course Grade) Not Met

TARGET 75% of students will score at least an 81/B- as the final course grade

FINDINGS 62%

ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS In 2022-23, a total of 13 students completed the course of which 8 scored at least an 81/B- as the final course grade. This is the first year this course has not achieved its target; therefore, we will wait until 2 consecutive years below target before requiring an action plan.

IMPROVEMENT
TYPE

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DESCRIPTION

IMPROVEMENT

3.1.2 Measures
 Discipleship & Spiritual Formation
 METHODOLOGY*
 SOURCE OF EVIDENCE
 Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

3.1.2.1 Targets
 Advanced Discipleship (Final Course Grade) **Exceeded**

TARGET	75% of students will score at least an 81/B- as the final course grade
FINDINGS	80%
ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS	In 2022-23, a total of 5 students completed the course of which 4 scored at least an 81/B- as the final course grade.
IMPROVEMENT TYPE	
IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	
IMPROVEMENT	

3.1.2.2 Targets
 Spiritual Formation (Final Course Grade) **Exceeded**

TARGET	75% of students will score at least an 81/B- as the final course grade
FINDINGS	85%
ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS	In 2022-23, a total of 13 students completed the course of which 11 scored at least an 81/B- as the final course grade.
IMPROVEMENT TYPE	
IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	
IMPROVEMENT	

3.1.3

Measures

Leadership

METHODOLOGY*

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

Course Embedded Measure - Academic Direct

3.1.3.1

Targets

Biblical Servanthood and Leadership (Final Course Grade)

TARGET	75% of students will score at least an 81/B- as the final course grade
FINDINGS	94%
ANALYSIS OF FINDINGS	In 2022-23, a total of 18 students completed the course of which 17 scored at least an 81/B- as the final course grade.
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