



## Master of Divinity Degree

**Master of Divinity Graduation rate:** At its 2016 Commencement, Milligan College conferred 11 Master of Divinity degrees (2015, 10; 2014, 17; 2013, 24; and 2012, 18).

**Retention/Completion Rate:** Based on a 2012 MDiv incoming class of 17 students, the number of students completing their MDiv degree within four years was 8 (47%). Of MDiv students entering in 2012 who did not graduate with an MDiv, 4 switched and completed another seminary degree, 2 are still in school, and 3 are no longer attending.

**Thesis by Permission:** In 2016, 1 MDiv student wrote an exemplary thesis as part of their degree requirements (2015, 2; 2014, 0; 2013, 6; 2012, 4).

**Graduate Student Questionnaire:** 82% (9 of 11) students graduating from the MDiv degree completed the standardized Association of Theological Schools Commission on Accrediting (ATS) “Graduating Student Questionnaire” (GSQ) which indirectly assesses their “satisfaction with progress of skills related to future work” through ratings on a scale of 1-5.

### Graduating Student Questionnaire Results

2015-2016	Goals Scale 1-5, 5 highest
4.5	Ability to think theologically
4.6	Ability to use and interpret Scripture
4.4	Knowledge of church doctrine and history
3.9	Knowledge of Christian philosophy and ethics
4.4	Ability in pastoral counseling
3.9	Ability to preach well
4.0	Ability to conduct worship/liturgy
4.8	Ability to relate social issues to faith

On the scale of 1-5, 98% of students indicated that they are satisfied with the MDiv program of study in terms of capabilities acquired.

The **GSQ** also indirectly assesses the “Importance of Areas of Study to Intended Work by Degree Program” where, on a scale **1) very important; 2) somewhat important** and **3) not important**, every area of study ranked between 1.4 and 2.3 indicating that in most cases the curricular design matched students’ vocational plans.



Among the careers identified in the GSQ, MDiv graduates anticipate careers in a variety of areas:

Percentage	Career Area
33.3	Congregational ministry, campus ministry
11.1	Missionary service
22.2	Chaplaincy, spiritual direction, pastoral counseling, prison ministry
11.1	Secondary/prep school teaching
22.2	Other/Undecided

56% of MDiv students were offered a position or planned to remain in his or her current position as of May 2016.

**Field Education:** The GSQ rated “the importance of Field Education/Internship”

Year	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Of Little Importance
2015-2016	5 (55.6%)	2 (22.2%)	2 (22.2%)	0

The rating for “Field Education’s Effectiveness in Developing Capacities” remains high at 4.4 out of a total possible score of 5.0.