

Statement of Educational Effectiveness

The School of Theology and Religious Studies has demonstrated effectiveness in helping students attain their educational goals by a very reasonable time to degree completion rate and a high placement within their first year. In terms of relevance to career aspirations, 80% of the graduates of 2010-11 said their present occupation was “highly related” to their STRS degree, while another 10% said it was “moderately related.” A preponderance of graduates go into education or religious work (100% of 2008-09 graduates, 87.5% of 2009-2010 graduates, 95% of 2010-11 graduates, and 89% of 2011-12 graduates). Of all doctoral students who enrolled between 2002 and 2012, over 80% finished their degrees in seven years or less.

The School of Theology and Religious Studies provides the following research as objective evidence of educational effectiveness.

I. Time to degree completion on 2002-2012		Graduated in two years or less	Graduated in three years	Graduated in four years	Graduated in five years*	Graduated in six years	Graduated in seven years	Graduated in eight years or more	TOTAL						
Master's/Licentiate	43	9.7%	72	16.7%	78	18.2%	74	17.2%	65	15.1%	53	12.3%	44	10.2%	429
Doctoral	0	0.00%	7	0.4%	19	10.8%	29	16.6%	42	24%	45	26%	33	18.8%	175
First Professional	4	2.2%	15	8.2%	36	19.9%	42	23.2%	36	19.9%	26	14.3%	22	12.1%	181

II. Student satisfaction as gauged by alumni survey (1=strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree):

Question: “The courses I took were well taught.”

2008-09: 4.3 (n=12)

2009-10: 4.4 (n=28)

2010-11: 4.3 (n=20)

2011-12: 4.3 (n=10)

Question: “My program had high academic standards.”

2008-09: 4.4 (n=13)

2009-10: 4.3 (n=28)

2010-11: 4.3 (n=20)

2011-12: 4.4 (n=10)

III. Career preparation as gauged by alumni survey

Question: “If you are currently employed, how closely related is your current occupation to your graduate degree at CUA?”

A. Career relation to education

2008-09: 83.3% responded "highly related," 16.7% responded "moderately related." (n=12)
2009-10: 66.7% responded "highly related," 11.1% responded "moderately related." (n=27)
2010-11: 80% responded "highly related", 10% responded "moderately related". (n=20)
2011-12: 88.9% responded "highly related", 0% responded "moderately related". (n=9)

B. Career fields

2008-09: Career listed as:

Education: 45.5%

Religious: 54.5%

(n=11)

2009-10: Career listed as:

Education: 41.7%

Religious: 45.8%

(n=24)

2010-11: Career listed as:

Education: 30%

Religious: 65%

(n=20)

2011-12: Career listed as:

Education: 22%

Religious: 67%

(n=10)

C. Occupations as reported in alumni survey:

2008-09:

Associate Professor of Old Testament

Assistant Professor of Theology

Assistant Professor of Theology

Assistant Professor

Assistant Professor of Theology

Assistant Professor/Director

Psychologist

Assistant Professor

Special Assistant

Director of Campus Ministry

Parochial Vicar

2009-10:

Parochial Vicar
Graduate Record Coordinator
Pastor
Dean of Academic Programs/Assoc. Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Visiting Professor of Theology
Director of Religious Education
Visiting Lecturer
Associate Pastor
Retreat Master
Senior Research Scientist
Adjunct Faculty
Assistant Editor
Director of Liturgy and Music
Assistant Professor
Invoice Corrections Specialist
Professor of Church History
Security Clearance Representative
Clinical Assistant Professor
Dean of the Faculty

2010-11:

Priest
Visiting Assistant Professor
Parochial Vicar
Parish Life Director
Director, Priestly Discernment
Education Outreach Coordinator
Dir., Workspace Spirituality
Residence Director
Assistant Professor
Priest
Parish Life Director
Director of Catechetical Ministry

2011-12:

Executive Director
Assistant Professor
Associate Dean
executive director
Director
Pastor

parochial vicar
Coordinator of manager, family life
Director of Sales