

## Graduates demonstrate an ability to evaluate critically theological issues. [MA]

Results: In the capstone MA thesis rubric, students are assessed on their ability to effectively apply research, to critically evaluate a topic, and to demonstrate insight and reflection on the topic's importance to Christian life.

Over a 10 year period, with 113 total administrations, 95% of students scored "good" or "acceptable" in the area of critical evaluation of a topic; 99% scored "good" or "acceptable" on demonstrating the topic's importance to Christian life, and 98% scored "good" or "acceptable" at effectively applying research.

### MA Thesis Rubric Results, 2007- 2017

#### Frequency Table

#### Study & research appropriate higher ed

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	85	75.2	76.6
	Acceptable	26	23.0	23.4
	Total	111	98.2	100.0
Missing	System	2	1.8	
Total		113	100.0	

#### Manageable topic

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	92	81.4	82.9
	Acceptable	19	16.8	17.1
	Total	111	98.2	100.0
Missing	System	2	1.8	
Total		113	100.0	

**Appropriate research methods**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	71	62.8	65.1
	Acceptable	37	32.7	33.9
	Poor	1	.9	.9
	Total	109	96.5	100.0
Missing	System	4	3.5	
Total		113	100.0	

**Applies research effectively**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	66	58.4	60.0
	Acceptable	42	37.2	38.2
	Poor	2	1.8	1.8
	Total	110	97.3	100.0
Missing	System	3	2.7	
Total		113	100.0	

**Contribution to knowledge in area**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	56	49.6	51.9
	Acceptable	49	43.4	45.4
	Poor	3	2.7	2.8
	Total	108	95.6	100.0
Missing	System	5	4.4	
Total		113	100.0	

**Thorough knowledge of topic**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	70	61.9	63.6
	Acceptable	40	35.4	36.4
	Total	110	97.3	100.0
Missing	System	3	2.7	
Total		113	100.0	

**Critical evaluation of topic**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	47	41.6	43.5
	Acceptable	56	49.6	51.9
	Poor	5	4.4	4.6
	Total	108	95.6	100.0
Missing	System	5	4.4	
Total		113	100.0	

**Insight/reflection topic's importance Christian life**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	66	58.4	59.5
	Acceptable	44	38.9	39.6
	Poor	1	.9	.9
	Total	111	98.2	100.0
Missing	System	2	1.8	
Total		113	100.0	

**Knowledge of Catholic faith/tradition**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	88	77.9	77.9
	Acceptable	23	20.4	20.4
	Poor	2	1.8	1.8
	Total	113	100.0	100.0

**Relates topic to human experience**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Good	87	77.0	77.7
	Acceptable	25	22.1	22.3
	Total	112	99.1	100.0
Missing	System	1	.9	
Total		113	100.0	

