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ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Commitment to Student Learning and Achievement

The Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff of Jackson Theological Seminary affirm that student learning is at the heart of our mission. We assess that learning for two purposes: it demonstrates our accountability to the publics we serve and, more importantly, it guides our efforts to strengthen and improve student learning.

To this end, the Seminary has developed a Plan to Assess Student Academic Achievement in accordance with accreditation standards. The plan establishes specific learning outcomes for each degree program and verifies that graduates have achieved those outcomes. Evidence of learning comes from multiple sources, including instructor assessments, certification training, and evaluations by external professionals. Assessment results are used to improve instruction and to better equip students for effective ministry.

In keeping with TRACS Standard 17.11 (IER) and 34 CFR §602.16(a)(1)(i), the Seminary collects and analyzes retention and graduation rates as core measures of student achievement. As appropriate to our mission and programs, we also examine course completion rates, job placement rates, transfer rates, licensure or certification outcomes, and other relevant indicators. Student achievement data are published on the Seminary's website in a clear, accessible format.

Institutional Characteristics – Official Enrollment Counts

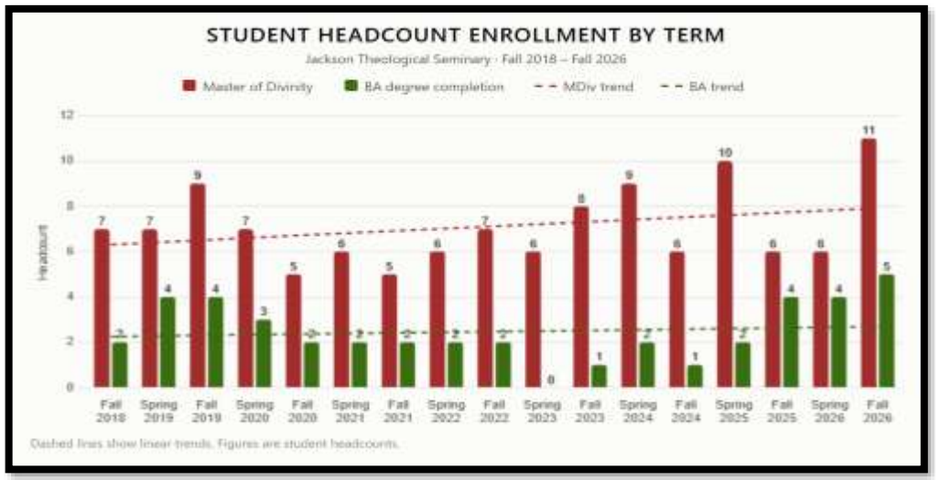
Student Headcount: Enrollment By Term (Full-time and Part-time)

STUDENT HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT BY TERM

Jackson Theological Seminary · Fall 2018 – Fall 2026

Program	2018–19		2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23		2023–24		2024–25		2025–26		2026–27
	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA
Master of Divinity	7	7	9	7	5	6	5	6	7	6	8	9	6	10	6	6	11
BA degree completion	2	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	2	1	2	4	4	5
Total	9	11	13	10	7	8	7	8	9	6	9	11	7	12	10	10	16

FA = Fall term; SP = Spring term. Figures are student headcounts.



***Overview**: Student headcount at Jackson Theological Seminary grew modestly between Fall 2018 and Fall 2026. Fall 2026 recorded the highest enrollment of the period: 16 students, including 11 in the Master of Divinity and 5 in the BA Degree Completion program. **Master of Divinity**: The MDiv is the Seminary's largest program, averaging about seven students per term. Enrollment dipped to five or six students between Fall 2020 and Spring 2022, then rebounded to 10 in Spring 2025 and a period high of 11 in Fall 2026. Over the full period, the trend line rises from about six to about eight students. **BA Degree Completion**: The BA program is smaller, averaging two to three students per term. After reaching a low of zero students in Spring 2023, enrollment recovered to four students in both 2025–26 terms and five in Fall 2026, its highest level of the period. The program's overall trend is slightly positive. **Summary**: Although enrollment fluctuates from term to term, both programs show upward trends, and recent terms are among the strongest of the period.*

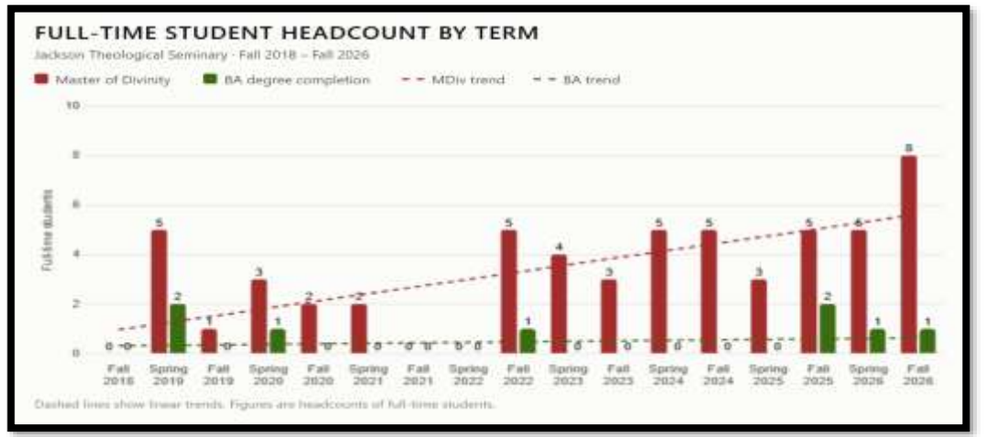
Student Headcount: Enrollment By Term (Full-time and Full-time Equivalent (FTE)

FULL-TIME STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY TERM

Jackson Theological Seminary · Fall 2018 – Fall 2026

Program	2018–19		2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23		2023–24		2024–25		2025–26		2026–27
	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA
Master of Divinity	0	5	1	3	2	2	0	0	5	4	3	5	5	3	5	5	8
BA degree completion	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Total	0	7	1	4	2	2	0	0	6	4	3	5	5	3	7	6	9

FA = Fall term; SP = Spring term. Figures are headcounts of full-time students.

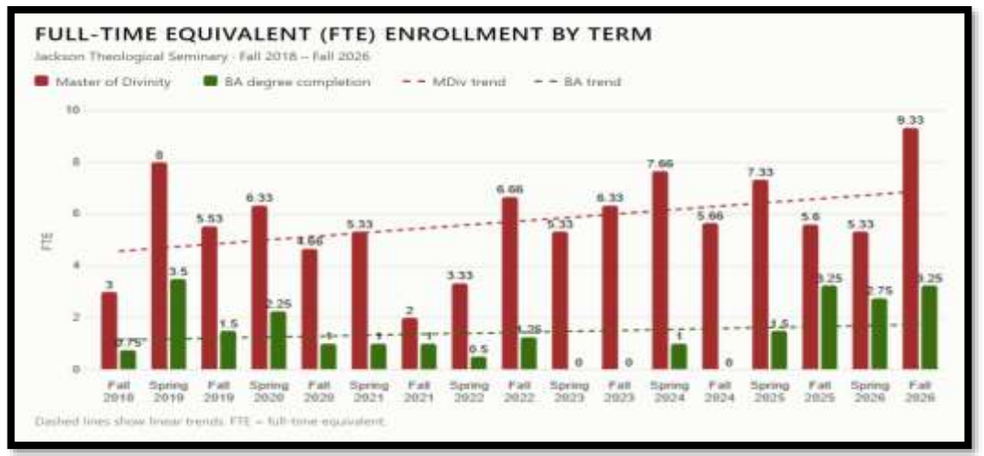


FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) ENROLLMENT BY TERM

Jackson Theological Seminary · Fall 2018 – Fall 2026

Program	2018–19		2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23		2023–24		2024–25		2025–26		2026–27
	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA
Master of Divinity	3.00	8.00	5.53	6.33	4.66	5.33	2.00	3.33	6.66	5.33	6.33	7.66	5.66	7.33	5.60	5.33	9.33
BA degree completion	0.75	3.50	1.50	2.25	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	1.25	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.50	3.25	2.75	3.25
Total	3.75	11.50	7.03	8.58	5.66	6.33	3.00	3.83	7.91	5.33	6.33	8.66	5.66	8.83	8.85	8.08	12.58

FA = Fall term; SP = Spring term. FTE = full-time equivalent.



Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment at Jackson Theological Seminary has grown from Fall 2018 to Fall 2026, with the strongest gains in recent terms. Fall 2026 reached 12.58 FTE, the highest of the period. The previous high was 11.50 in Spring 2019. ***Master of Divinity.*** *The MDiv accounts for most of the Seminary's FTE, averaging about 5.7 per term. It fell to its low of 2.00 in Fall 2021, then recovered steadily and reached a high of 9.33 in Fall 2026. The trend rises from about 4.6 to about 6.9 FTE over the period, a gain of roughly 50 percent.* ***BA degree completion.*** *The BA program is smaller and less steady, averaging about 1.4 FTE per term. It recorded no FTE in Spring 2023, Fall 2023, and Fall 2024. It has since rebounded to its strongest sustained level, at 2.75 to 3.25 FTE in each of the last three terms. Its trend line also rises slightly.* ***Overall.*** *Despite low points in 2020–21 and early fall terms, both programs are trending upward, and the last two years have been among the strongest of the period. In Fall 2026, the Seminary's 16 enrolled students produced 12.58 FTE. That means many students attend part-time, so FTE is a useful companion to headcount when planning faculty workload and resources.*

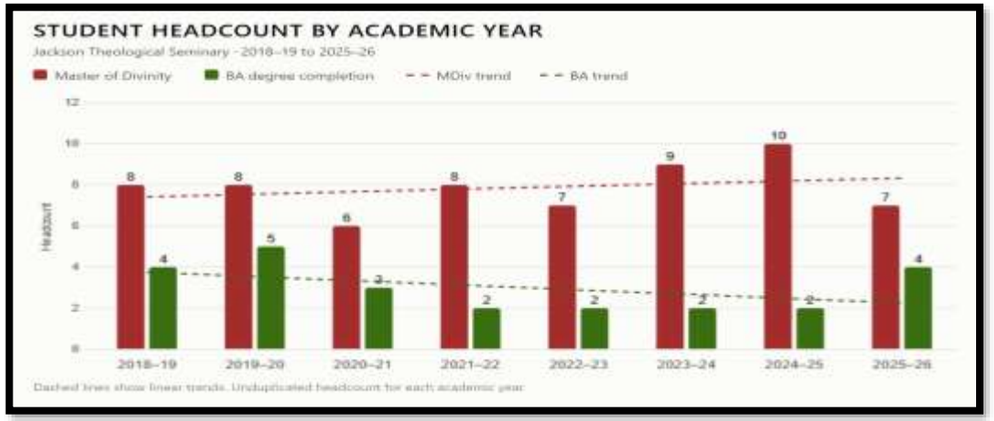
Student Headcount: Enrollment By Academic Year (Unduplicated – Full-time and Part-Time)

STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY ACADEMIC YEAR

Jackson Theological Seminary · 2018–19 to 2027–28

Program	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26	2026–27	2027–28
Master of Divinity	8	8	6	8	7	9	10	7	—	—
BA degree completion	4	5	3	2	2	2	2	4	—	—
Total	12	13	9	10	9	11	12	11	—	—

Unduplicated headcount for each academic year. — = year in progress or not yet available.



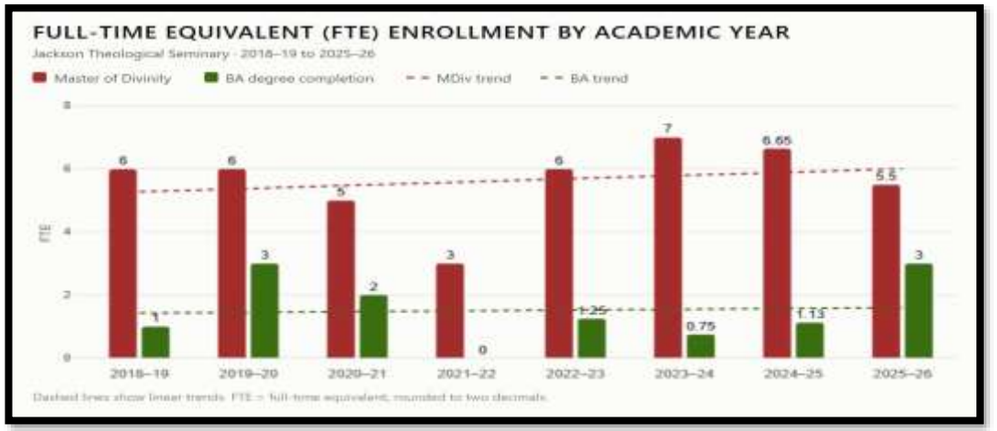
Student Headcount: FTE Enrollment by Academic Year (Unduplicated)

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) ENROLLMENT BY ACADEMIC YEAR

Jackson Theological Seminary · 2018–19 to 2027–28

Program	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26	2026–27	2027–28
Master of Divinity	6.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	7.00	6.65	5.50	—	—
BA degree completion	1.00	3.00	2.00	0.00	1.25	0.75	1.13	3.00	—	—
Total	7.00	9.00	7.00	3.00	7.25	7.75	7.78	8.50	—	—

FTE = full-time equivalent, rounded to two decimals. — = year in progress or not yet available.



***Overview**: Annual enrollment at Jackson Theological Seminary was fairly stable from 2018–19 to 2025–26, ranging from 9 to 13 students per year. FTE enrollment varied more, falling to a low of 3.00 in 2021–22 before recovering to 8.50 in 2025–26, the second-highest level of the period. **Headcount by academic year**: The Master of Divinity averaged about 8 students per year. It dipped to 6 in 2020–21, then rose to a high of 10 in 2024–25 before settling at 7 in 2025–26. Its trend is upward. The BA Degree Completion program averaged 3 students per year. It peaked at 5 in 2019–20, held at 2 students per year from 2021–22 through 2024–25, and rebounded to 4 in 2025–26. Because its early years were its strongest, the program's overall trend is slightly downward, but the most recent year shows recovery. **FTE by academic year**: MDiv FTE averaged about 5.6 per year, ranging from 3.00 in 2021–22 to 7.00 in 2023–24. BA FTE averaged about 1.5, peaking at 3.00 in both 2019–20 and 2025–26. Both trend lines are nearly flat with a slight upward slope. **Headcount and FTE together:** Comparing the two measures shows how intensively students are enrolled. In 2021–22, 10 students generated only 3.00 FTE, meaning most were attending part-time. By 2025–26, 11 students generated 8.50 FTE, indicating much heavier course loads. Overall, the Seminary serves a similar number of students, but each student takes more credits than before.*

Status by Hours Enrolled

Enrollment Status By Program

ENROLLMENT STATUS BY PROGRAM

Jackson Theological Seminary · Percentage of students by credit load · 2018–19 to 2025–26

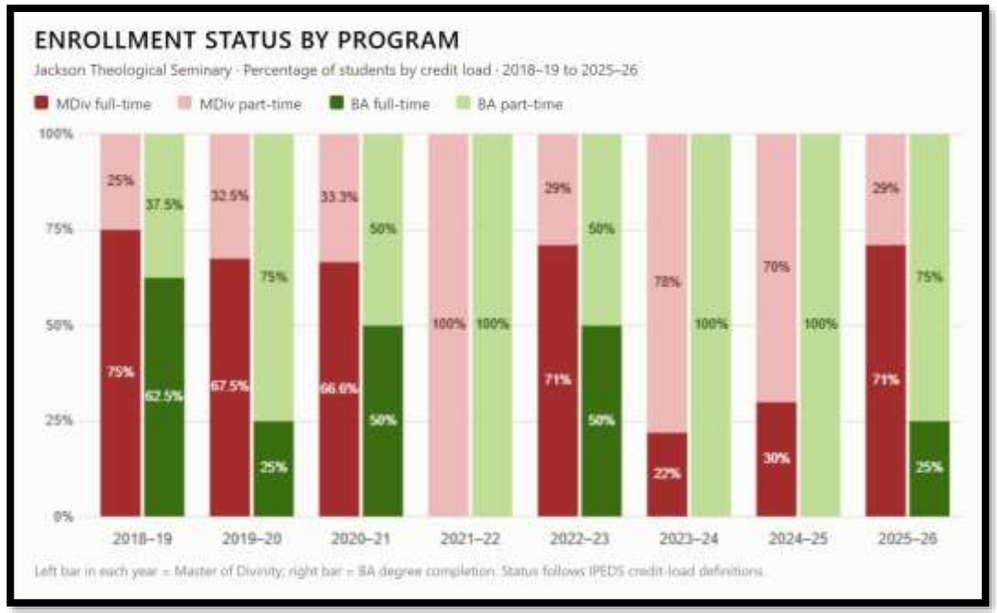
Program	Status	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
Master of Divinity	Full-time	75.0%	67.5%	66.6%	0.0%	71.0%	22.0%	30.0%	71.0%
	Part-time	25.0%	32.5%	33.3%	100.0%	29.0%	78.0%	70.0%	29.0%
BA degree completion	Full-time	62.5%	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%
	Part-time	37.5%	75.0%	50.0%	100.0%	50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	75.0%

Enrollment status definitions (IPEDS)

Full-time. Undergraduate: 12 or more semester or quarter credits, or 24 or more contact hours per week each term. Graduate: 9 or more semester or quarter credits, or thesis or dissertation work the institution considers full-time.

Part-time. Undergraduate: fewer than 12 semester or quarter credits, or fewer than 24 contact hours per week each term. Graduate: fewer than 9 semester or quarter credits.

Source: IPEDS Glossary, National Center for Education Statistics (nces.ed.gov/ipeds/glossary).



***Overview**: From 2018–19 to 2025–26, the Master of Divinity enrolled a mix of full-time and part-time students, while the BA Degree Completion program enrolled mostly part-time students. Both programs were entirely part-time in 2021–22. **Master of Divinity:** On average, about half of MDiv students attended full-time. Full-time students made up the majority in five of the eight years, including 67% to 75% from 2018–19 through 2020–21. Enrollment shifted entirely to part-time in 2021–22, returned to 71% full-time in 2022–23, then turned mostly part-time again in 2023–24 (78% part-time) and 2024–25 (70% part-time). In 2025–26, it rebounded to 71% full-time. **BA Degree Completion**: About one in four BA students attended full-time on average. Full-time students were the majority only in 2018–19, at 62.5%, and the split was even in 2020–21 and 2022–23. Every BA student attended part-time in 2021–22, 2023–24, and 2024–25. In 2025–26, 25% attended full-time. This pattern fits a degree completion program, which typically serves working adults who complete their studies alongside job and ministry commitments.*

Gender and Race by Academic Program

MASTER OF DIVINITY: RACE/ETHNICITY BY GENDER

Jackson Theological Seminary · Percentage of MDiv students · 2018–19 to 2025–26

Race/ethnicity	2018–19		2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23		2023–24		2024–25		2025–26	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Black or African American	15.45%	84.55%	35%	65%	33%	67%	50%	50%	29%	71%	47%	53%	30%	70%	50%	50%
White (non-Hispanic)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	15.45%	84.55%	35%	65%	33%	67%	50%	50%	29%	71%	47%	53%	30%	70%	50%	50%

F = female; M = male. Female and male percentages for each year total 100%.

Race/ethnicity is self-reported using IPEDS categories: students first indicate whether they are Hispanic or Latino, then select one or more races (American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or White).

Source: IPEDS Glossary, National Center for Education Statistics (nces.ed.gov/ipeds/glossary).

BA DEGREE COMPLETION: RACE/ETHNICITY BY GENDER

Jackson Theological Seminary · Percentage of BA students · 2018–19 to 2025–26

Race/ethnicity	2018–19		2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23		2023–24		2024–25		2025–26	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Black or African American	25%	75%	29%	70.5%	50%	50%	50%	50%	100%	0%	0%	100%	50%	50%	25%	75%
White (non-Hispanic)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	25%	75%	29%	70.5%	50%	50%	50%	50%	100%	0%	0%	100%	50%	50%	25%	75%

F = female; M = male. Female and male percentages for each year total 100%.

Race/ethnicity is self-reported using IPEDS categories: students first indicate whether they are Hispanic or Latino, then select one or more races (American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or White).

Source: IPEDS Glossary, National Center for Education Statistics (nces.ed.gov/ipeds/glossary).

***Overview**: From 2018–19 through 2025–26, every student in both the Master of Divinity and the BA Degree Completion program identified as Black or African American. Gender balance varied by program and by year, and women's representation in the MDiv has grown since the Seminary's first year. **Master of Divinity**: Men made up the majority of MDiv students in six of the eight years. Women's share rose from about 15% in 2018–19 to between 29% and 50% in later years, reaching even representation in 2021–22 and again in 2025–26. Across the period, women averaged about 36% of MDiv enrollment. **BA Degree Completion:** Women averaged about 41% of BA enrollment, but the gender balance shifted sharply from year to year. The program was evenly split in 2020–21, 2021–22, and 2024–25, entirely female in 2022–23, and entirely male in 2023–24. These swings reflect the program's small size: with only two to five students each year, a single student can change the gender balance by 25 to 50 percentage points. **Summary**: The Seminary's student body is consistently Black or African American, and the MDiv has moved toward greater gender balance, with women at parity in the most recent year. For accreditation purposes, these figures give the Seminary an opportunity to describe how it understands diversity within its mission and the communities it serves. ATS Standard 1.5, for example, asks schools to define diversity in light of their own mission, history, and constituency. The data also points to possible areas of growth, such as recruiting women into the BA program or reaching students from other backgrounds.*

Retention Rates: Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Studies) BA Degree Completion (All Students)

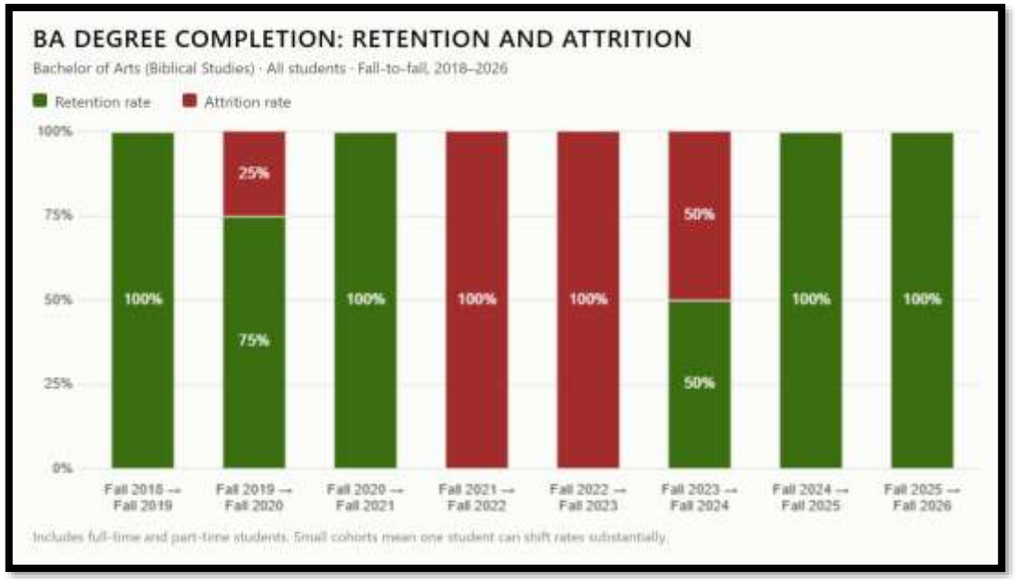
BA DEGREE COMPLETION: RETENTION AND ATTRITION

Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Studies) · All students · Fall-to-fall, 2018–2026

Fall-to-fall period	Retention rate	Attrition rate
Fall 2018 → Fall 2019	100%	0%
Fall 2019 → Fall 2020	75%	25%
Fall 2020 → Fall 2021	100%	0%
Fall 2021 → Fall 2022	0%	100%
Fall 2022 → Fall 2023	0%	100%
Fall 2023 → Fall 2024	50%	50%
Fall 2024 → Fall 2025	100%	0%
Fall 2025 → Fall 2026	100%	0%

Notes

1. Rates are calculated fall to fall and include both full-time and part-time students.
2. Calculations include officially enrolled students and students who withdrew; graduates and completers are also included.
3. The program has no first-time entering students. As a degree completion program, all students enter with transferred general education credits.



Overview: *The BA Degree Completion program has generally retained its students well. Four of the eight fall-to-fall periods show 100% retention, and the two most recent periods, fall 2024 to Fall 2025 and Fall 2025 to Fall 2026, both retained every student. Retention was strong in the program's early years: 100% in 2018–19 and 2020–21, and 75% in 2019–20. The program then went through a two-year gap, with 0% retention from Fall 2021 to Fall 2022 and from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023. Retention recovered to 50% in 2023–24 and has held at 100% since. Because the program enrolls only a few students each year, a single student can move the rate by 25 to 100 percentage points. In addition, graduates are included in the calculation, so the low years may partly reflect students completing their degrees rather than leaving the program. Consider both points when interpreting the 0% periods. Apart from the 2021–2023 dip, the BA program has consistently retained students, and recent results show sustained recovery.*

Retention Rates: Master of Divinity (First-Time Entering Students and All Students)

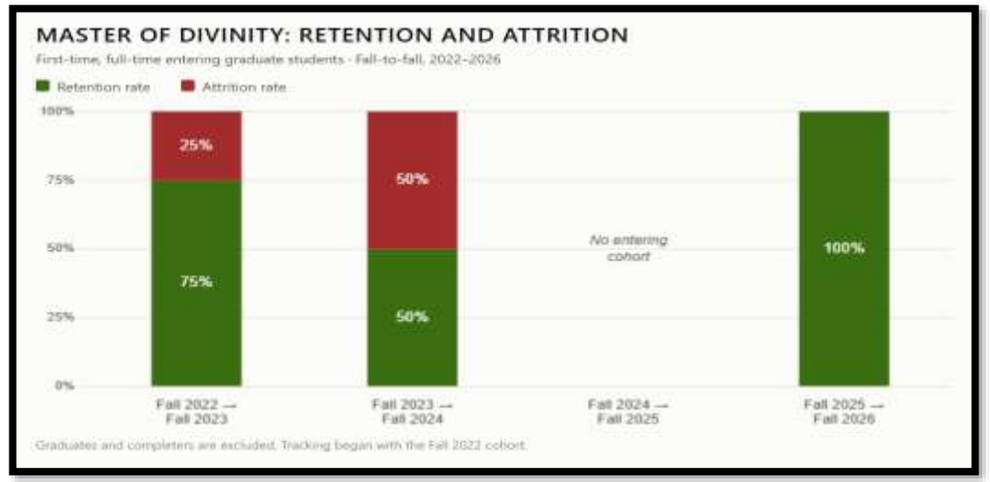
MASTER OF DIVINITY: RETENTION AND ATTRITION

First-time, full-time entering graduate students · Fall-to-fall, 2022–2026

Fall-to-fall period	Retention rate	Attrition rate
Fall 2022 → Fall 2023	75%	25%
Fall 2023 → Fall 2024	50%	50%
Fall 2024 → Fall 2025	*No first-time, full-time students entered in Fall 2024*	
Fall 2025 → Fall 2026	100%	0%

Notes

1. Rates are calculated fall to fall for first-time, full-time entering graduate students only.
2. Calculations include officially enrolled students and students who withdrew; graduates and completers are excluded.
3. First-time, full-time status is based on the student's starting fall term.
4. Tracking began with the Fall 2022 cohort for the TRACS Annual Operating Report (AOR).



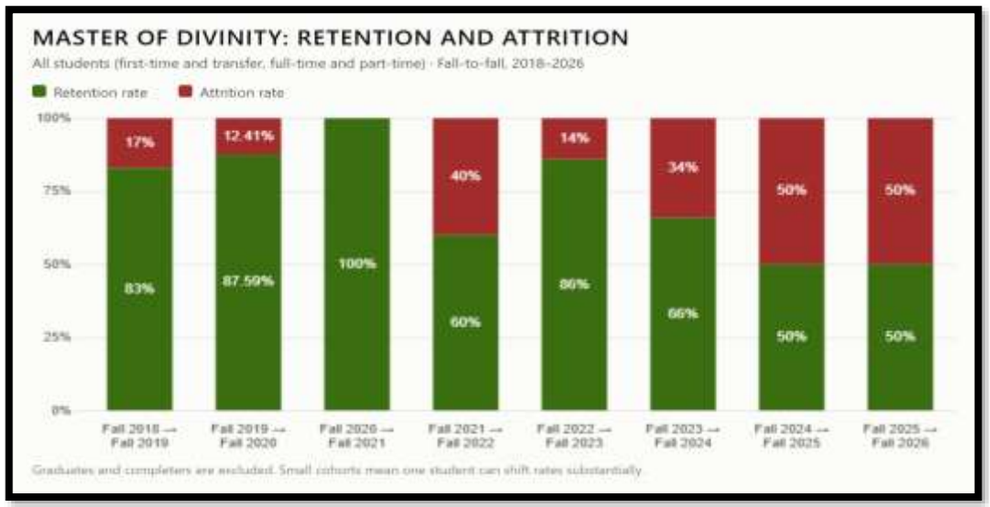
MASTER OF DIVINITY: RETENTION AND ATTRITION

All students (first-time and transfer, full-time and part-time) · Fall-to-fall, 2018–2026

Fall-to-fall period	Retention rate	Attrition rate
Fall 2018 → Fall 2019	83%	17%
Fall 2019 → Fall 2020	87.59%	12.41%
Fall 2020 → Fall 2021	100%	0%
Fall 2021 → Fall 2022	60%	40%
Fall 2022 → Fall 2023	86%	14%
Fall 2023 → Fall 2024	66%	34%
Fall 2024 → Fall 2025	50%	50%
Fall 2025 → Fall 2026	50%	50%

Notes

1. Rates are calculated fall to fall and include all MDiv students: first-time and transfer, full-time and part-time.
2. Calculations include officially enrolled students and students who withdrew; graduates and completers are excluded.



Overview: *First-time, full-time entering students (Fall 2022 – Fall 2026). Tracking for this group began with the Fall 2022 cohort. Retention was 75% for that cohort and 50% for the Fall 2023 cohort. No first-time, full-time students entered in Fall 2024. The Fall 2025 cohort was fully retained, with 100% returning in Fall 2026.* ***All MDiv students (Fall 2018 – Fall 2026)****: Retention was strong in the early years, ranging from 83% to 100% between 2018 and 2021, with every student retained in 2020–21. Since then, it has fluctuated and trended downward: 60% in 2021–22, 86% in 2022–23, and 66% in 2023–24, before settling at 50% in both 2024–25 and 2025–26. Across all eight periods, retention averaged about 73%.*

GPA by Academic Programs

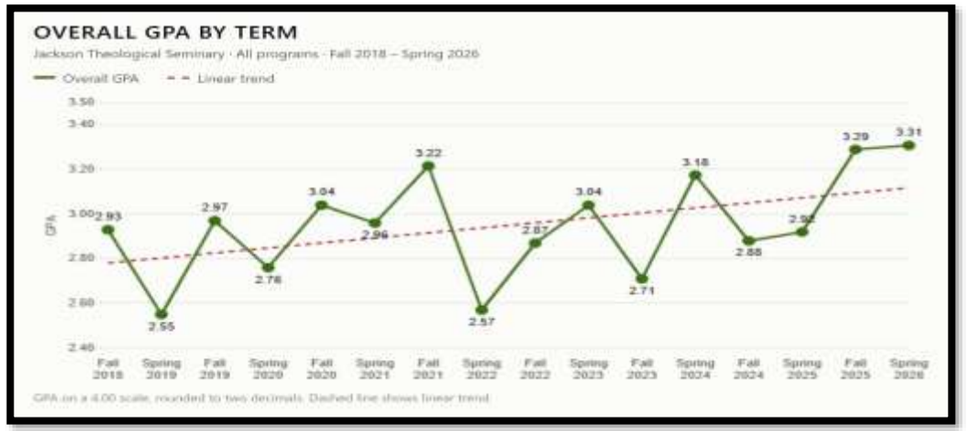
Grade Point Average (GPA): (All Academic Programs / All Students)

OVERALL GPA BY TERM

Jackson Theological Seminary · All programs · Fall 2018 – Spring 2026

Program	2018–19		2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23		2023–24		2024–25		2025–26	
	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP
All programs	2.93	2.55	2.97	2.76	3.04	2.96	3.22	2.57	2.87	3.04	2.71	3.18	2.88	2.92	3.29	3.31

FA = Fall term; SP = Spring term. GPA on a 4.00 scale, rounded to two decimals.



Overview: *Overall GPA across all programs averaged about 2.95 on a 4.00 scale from Fall 2018 to Spring 2026, ranging from a low of 2.55 in Spring 2019 to a high of 3.31 in Spring 2026. Although GPA fluctuated from term to term, the long-term trend is upward. From 2018 to 2023, GPA alternated between the mid-2.50s and low 3.00s, with no sustained pattern. The lowest terms were Spring 2019 (2.55) and Spring 2022 (2.57), while Fall 2021 (3.22) was the high point of that span. GPA has risen steadily since Fall 2024, climbing in three consecutive terms from 2.88 to 2.92, then 3.29, and finally 3.31 in Spring 2026. Six of the sixteen terms reached a GPA of 3.00 or higher, including the two most recent. Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 are the only consecutive terms to exceed 3.25, marking the strongest sustained academic performance of the period. Student academic performance has strengthened over time, and recent terms show the highest and most consistent results. Because enrollment is small, individual student grades can noticeably move the term GPA, so the multi-year trend is a more reliable measure than any single term.*

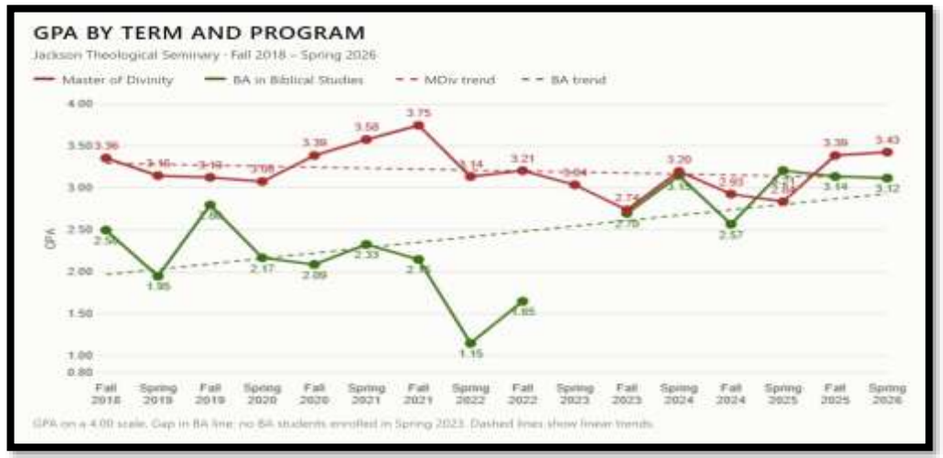
Grade Point Average (GPA): (By Academic Program / All Students)

GPA BY TERM AND PROGRAM

Jackson Theological Seminary · Fall 2018 – Spring 2026

Program	2018–19		2019–20		2020–21		2021–22		2022–23		2023–24		2024–25		2025–26	
	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP
Master of Divinity	3.36	3.15	3.13	3.08	3.39	3.58	3.75	3.14	3.21	3.04	2.74	3.20	2.93	2.84	3.39	3.43
BA in Biblical Studies	2.50	1.95	2.80	2.17	2.09	2.33	2.15	1.15	1.65	—	2.70	3.15	2.57	3.21	3.14	3.12

FA = Fall term; SP = Spring term. GPA on a 4.00 scale, rounded to two decimals. — = no BA students enrolled in Spring 2023.



***Overview**: From Fall 2018 to Spring 2026, MDiv students consistently earned higher GPAs than BA in Biblical Studies students. However, the BA program has improved markedly in recent years, and the gap between the two programs has narrowed considerably. **Master of Divinity**: MDiv GPA averaged about 3.21 on a 4.00 scale and was at or above 3.00 in 13 of the 16 terms. It peaked at 3.75 in Fall 2021 and fell to a low of 2.74 in Fall 2023. After dipping below 3.00 in three terms between Fall 2023 and Spring 2025, it rebounded to 3.39 in Fall 2025 and 3.43 in Spring 2026. Because of the high results in 2020–21, the trend line is nearly flat, with a slight downward slope. **BA in Biblical Studies**: BA GPA averaged about 2.45 overall, but its pattern shifted significantly over the period. Through Fall 2022, it averaged about 2.09, reaching a low of 1.15 in Spring 2022. Since Fall 2023, it has averaged about 2.98 and stayed above 3.00 in four of the last five terms. No BA students were enrolled in Spring 2023. **Comparison**: In Spring 2022, MDiv GPA was nearly two points higher than BA GPA. In recent terms, the difference has shrunk to between 0.05 and 0.31 points, and in Spring 2025 the BA GPA (3.21) actually exceeded the MDiv GPA (2.84). Both programs ended the period with strong results. The MDiv has maintained solid performance, and the BA program has shown the greatest improvement. Because both programs enroll few students, a single student's grades can noticeably change a term's GPA, so multi-year trends are a more reliable measure than individual terms.*

Graduation Rates (100% and 150%)

Bachelor of Biblical Studies (Degree Completion) All Undergraduate Degree Seeking Students (Transfers and Full-time/Part-time)

BA DEGREE COMPLETION: GRADUATION RATES

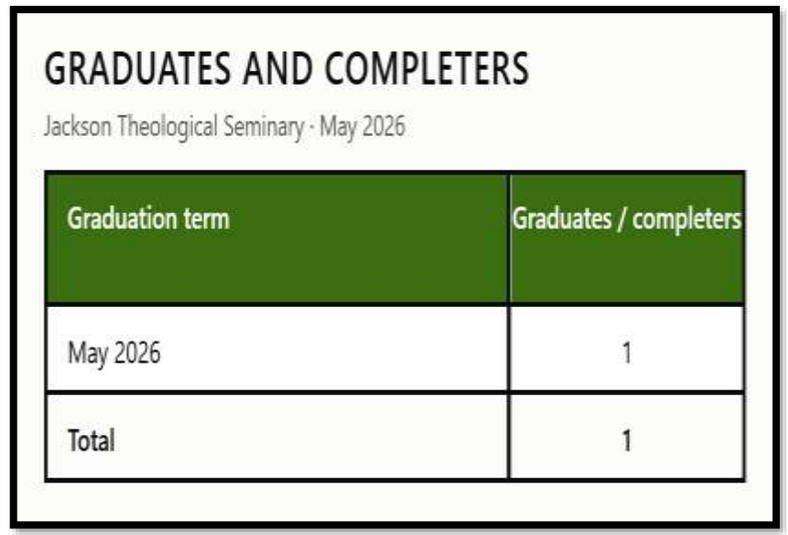
Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Studies) · All degree-seeking students (transfer, full-time and part-time) · By entering cohort

Entering cohort	Headcount	100% of normal time (2 years)		150% of normal time (3 years)	
		Target term	Completed	Target term	Completed
Fall 2018	4	Spring 2020	0%	Spring 2021	0%
Fall 2019	0	Spring 2021	—	Spring 2022	—
Fall 2020	0	Spring 2022	—	Spring 2023	—
Fall 2021	0	Spring 2023	—	Spring 2024	—
Fall 2022	2	Spring 2024	0%	Spring 2025	0%
Fall 2023	0	Spring 2025	—	Spring 2026	—
Fall 2024	0	Spring 2026	—	Spring 2027	—
Fall 2025	2	Spring 2027	In progress	Spring 2028	In progress
Fall 2026	2	Spring 2028	In progress	Spring 2029	In progress

Notes

1. 100% of normal time equals 2 years; 150% equals 3 years.
2. — = no students entered in that cohort, so no rate applies.
3. The Seminary began offering classes in Fall 2018.
4. As a degree completion program, the BA has no first-time entering students; all students transfer in general education credits. Graduation progress is therefore tracked for all entering students.





***Overview**: The BA Degree Completion program has admitted four entering cohorts since the Seminary began offering classes in Fall 2018, totaling 10 students: Fall 2018 (4 students), Fall 2022 (2), Fall 2025 (2), and Fall 2026 (2). No students entered the other five fall terms. **Graduation results**: Two cohorts have reached the end of their tracking windows: Fall 2018 and Fall 2022, with 6 students combined. Neither cohort had any graduates within 100% of normal time (2 years) or 150% of normal time (3 years). The Fall 2025 and Fall 2026 cohorts, 4 students in total, are still in progress. Their 100% completion points fall in Spring 2027 and Spring 2028. Read these results alongside the program's enrollment patterns. Most BA students attend part-time, and every BA student was part-time in 2021–22, 2023–24, and 2024–25. A student taking a reduced course load may need more than three years to finish, even while making steady progress. In addition, the cohorts are very small, so a single graduate would change a cohort's rate by 25 to 50 percentage points. Graduation outcomes are an area for continued attention. The Fall 2025 and Fall 2026 cohorts give the program an opportunity to strengthen completion through degree planning, regular progress reviews, and support for part-time students.*

***Graduates and Completers:** The Seminary conferred one degree at its May 2026 commencement for the BA Degree completion program. Small graduating classes are typical of a young institution: classes began in Fall 2018, and many students attend part-time while serving in ministry and working. Each graduate represents the completion of a multi-year commitment to theological study, and the Seminary expects completions to grow as the larger recent cohorts move through their programs.*

Master of Divinity (First-Time Graduate Degree Seeking Students (Full-time)

MASTER OF DIVINITY: GRADUATION OUTCOMES

First-time, full-time graduate degree-seeking students · By entering cohort

Entering cohort	First-time, full-time headcount	100% of normal time		150% of normal time	
		Target term	Graduates	Target term	Graduates
Fall 2018	0	Fall 2022	—	Fall 2024	—
Fall 2019	0	Fall 2023	—	Fall 2025	—
Fall 2020	0	Fall 2024	—	Fall 2026	—
Fall 2021	0	Fall 2025	—	Fall 2027	—
Fall 2022	5	Fall 2026	0 to date	Fall 2028	*In progress*
Fall 2023	1	Fall 2027	*In progress*	Fall 2029	*In progress*
Fall 2024	0	Fall 2028	—	Fall 2031	—
Fall 2025	1	Fall 2029	*In progress*	Fall 2033	*In progress*

Notes

1. For the original 84-credit MDiv, 100% of normal time is 4.5 years and 150% is 6.5 years. In 2023 the Seminary reduced the MDiv to 72 credits; beginning with the Fall 2023 cohort, 100% is 4 years and 150% is 6 years.
2. First-time student: a student with no prior graduate study at an accredited institution.
3. — = no first-time, full-time students entered in that cohort. The Seminary began offering classes in Fall 2018.

GRADUATES AND COMPLETERS

Jackson Theological Seminary · May 2023 – May 2026

Graduation term	Graduates / completers
May 2023	1
May 2024	1
May 2025	2
May 2026	0
Total	**4**

***Overview**: The Seminary began tracking first-time, full-time MDiv entering cohorts with the program's first classes in Fall 2018. No first-time, full-time students entered until Fall 2022. Since then, three cohorts have enrolled, totaling seven students: Fall 2022 (5 students), Fall 2023 (1), and Fall 2025 (1). No such students entered Fall 2024. **Graduation status**: None of the cohorts has yet reached the end of its 150% completion window, so no final graduation rates are available. The Fall 2022 cohort is the furthest along. Its 100% window closes at the end of the Fall 2026 term, and none of its students have graduated to date. The Fall 2023 and Fall 2025 cohorts are still within their normal completion time. **Program changes**: In 2023, the Seminary reduced the MDiv from 84 to 72 credit hours. This shortens normal completion time from 4.5 years to 4 years for students entering Fall 2023 and later, which may help future cohorts graduate on time. The first meaningful graduation results will come as the Fall 2022 cohort reaches its 150% point, and the Fall 2023 cohort reaches its 100% point. Because the cohorts are small, each graduate will significantly shape the reported rates. Retention among these students has been encouraging, with the Fall 2025 cohort fully retained, and continued advising and degree planning can help turn that persistence into timely completion.*