

Assessment Plan

2021-22



SEM - Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation - Online

University Mission: George Fox University, a Christ-centered community, prepares students spiritually, academically, and professionally to think with clarity, act with integrity, and serve with passion.

Program Mission: Equip students to serve as leaders of spiritual formation ministries and spiritual directors in the church, community and world.

Alignment With GFU Mission: Aligns most strongly with Christ-centered community (CT3), also with local and global engagement (CT4) and professional preparation (CT2).

Degree Outcomes: - Develop habits of authentic disciplines for living holistically in today's world

- Experience themselves and relate to others as created in God's image and called into community and ministry

- Demonstrate a critical and constructive understanding of the biblical and theological foundations of the Christian tradition of formation and discipleship

- Articulate an understanding of formation and discipleship as it relates to the mission of God in the world

- Demonstrate the character and skills necessary for spiritually guiding individuals and communities in the Christian tradition of formation and discipleship

Assessment Lead: Melissa Ramos

Outcome: Personal and Spiritual Formation

ATS Standard B.2.4 Personal and spiritual formation: The program shall provide opportunities through which the student may grow in personal faith, emotional maturity, moral integrity (including personal, professional, and ethical standards), and public witness.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Association of Theological Schools

Assessment Tools

Capstone Assignment - SFAD 560 Final/Summative Project (Active)

Target: 80% of students will score 90% or higher on both papers

Schedule for Data Collection: end of spring term annually

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: summer annually (course occurs in spring term)

Related Courses

SFAD 591 - Spiritual Leadership

Related Goals

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Outcome: Cultural Context

ATS Standard B.2.3 Cultural Context: The program shall provide instructional settings and opportunities for students to gain understanding of the context of the specialization in the broader range of ministerial practice and the purposes of the church and to develop appropriate understandings of the broader social context in which the specialized ministry is performed, including diverse cultural, religious, and linguistic contexts of ministry.

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OutcomeType: Association of Theological Schools

Assessment Tools

Capstone Assignment - MLDR 535 final project (Active)

Target: 90% of students score 80+% on assignment

Schedule for Data Collection: end of spring term annually

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: summer term annually

Related Courses

MLDR 570 - Christian Min Reconciliation

Related Goals

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Outcome: Religious Heritage

ATS Standard B.2.2 Religious heritage: The program shall provide instruction in the religious heritage, including Scripture, theology, and history of the tradition.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Association of Theological Schools

Assessment Tools

Writing Assignment - NT2 final assignment/essay (Active)

Target: 75% of students score 80+% on final essay

Schedule for Data Collection: end of spring term annually

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: summer term annually

Writing Assignment - Old Testament 1 exegetical assignments (Active)

Target: Majority of students will show improvement from first exegetical assignment to last

Schedule for Data Collection: end of fall term annually

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: spring term annually

Writing Assignment - CHTH 562 integrative papers (Active)

Target: 85% of students score above 80% on this paper.

Schedule for Data Collection: end of summer term annually

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: fall term annually

Writing Assignment - NT 1 Final Assignment/Essay (Active)

Target: 75% of students score 80+% on final assignment.

Schedule for Data Collection: end of fall term annually

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: early spring term annually

Related Courses

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BIST 506 - Old Testament I

BIST 508 - New Testament I

BIST 509 - New Testament II

CHTH 562 - History Spirituality Renewal

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Outcome: Specialization

ATS Standard B.2.5 Specialization: The program shall provide structured opportunities for students to gain understanding and skill in practice related to the areas of specialization, to acquire the capacity to design and maintain effective practices and programs in the areas of the specialty, and to develop skill in assessing the efforts and contributions of the specialized ministry.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Association of Theological Schools

Assessment Tools

Capstone Assignment - Final Capstone Paper in SFAD 571, Art of Spiritual Direction (Active)

Target: All students score 90% plus on this assignment

Schedule for Data Collection: End of term in which students are enrolled (usually fall)

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: Beginning of term following term in which students are enrolled

Related Courses

SFAD 533 - Prsnl Study in Spiritual Form

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