

# All Schools

## *Graduating Student Questionnaire* 1996 Report

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TABLE 1

USA EXIT 1996

All Schools

Percent of Enrollment by Degree Program, Marital Status, and Gender

Degree Program	Single				Married				TOTAL #
	Male		Female		Male		Female		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Pre-theology program	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
M.A.R./M.T.S. & M.A. (acad.)	117	21.4	120	21.9	192	35.1	112	20.5	541
M. Church/Sacred Music	1	14.3	1	14.3	3	42.9	2	28.6	7
M.R.E./Professional degree	4	7.1	13	23.2	20	35.7	18	32.1	55
M.Div.	341	19.7	348	20.1	747	43.1	278	16.0	1714
D.Min.	10	8.9	6	5.4	89	79.5	7	6.3	112
Th.M./S.T.M./S.T.L.	23	22.8	17	16.8	50	49.5	7	6.9	97
D.R.E./Ed.D.	0	0.0	1	14.3	2	28.6	4	57.1	7
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	7	10.3	7	10.3	38	55.9	11	16.2	63
Non-degree/special student	3	42.9	1	14.3	3	42.9	0	0.0	7
Diploma/certificate programs	14	25.9	24	44.4	7	13.0	7	13.0	52
Other	7	13.7	21	41.2	7	13.7	16	31.4	51
TOTAL	528	19.2	559	20.4	1158	42.2	462	16.8	2707

TABLE 2

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All Schools

Enrollment by Race Identity

Degree Program	Asian		Black		Hispn		White		NatAm		NRes		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Pre-theology program	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
M.A.R./M.T.S. & M.A. (acad.)	38	6.9	41	7.5	21	3.8	421	77.0	2	0.4	18	3.3	541
M. Church/Sacred Music	0	0.0	3	42.9	0	0.0	4	57.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
M.R.E./Professional degree	1	1.8	9	16.1	2	3.6	41	73.2	0	0.0	2	3.6	55
M.Div.	114	6.6	215	12.4	48	2.8	1292	74.6	6	0.3	45	2.6	1720
D.Min.	6	5.4	18	16.1	0	0.0	86	76.8	0	0.0	2	1.8	112
Th.M./S.T.M./S.T.L.	21	20.8	11	10.9	1	1.0	51	50.5	0	0.0	13	12.9	97
D.R.E./Ed.D.	1	14.3	3	42.9	0	0.0	3	42.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Ph.D./Th.D./S.T.D.	8	11.8	2	2.9	0	0.0	55	80.9	0	0.0	2	2.9	67
Non-degree/special student	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	6	85.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Diploma/certificate programs	2	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	43	79.6	1	1.9	7	13.0	53
Other	2	3.9	3	5.9	2	3.9	43	84.3	0	0.0	1	2.0	51
TOTAL	193	7.0	306	11.2	74	2.7	2046	74.6	9	0.3	90	3.3	2718

**TABLE 3**

**U.S.A. EXIT 1996**  
**All Schools**

Year of Birth, Marital Status, and Gender

Year of Birth	Single				Married				TOTAL #
	Male		Female		Male		Female		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Before 1941	20	10.2	49	24.9	60	30.5	45	22.8	174
1941-1950	50	9.5	126	23.9	195	36.9	151	28.6	522
1951-1960	103	13.6	136	18.0	386	51.1	122	16.1	747
1961-1970	303	27.5	195	17.7	468	42.5	128	11.6	1094
1971-1980	53	32.9	52	32.3	39	24.2	15	9.3	159
After 1980	1	16.7	3	50.0	2	33.3	0	0.0	6
Total	530	19.3	561	20.4	1150	41.8	461	16.8	2702

**TABLE 4**

**U.S.A. EXIT 1996  
All Schools**

Year of Birth and Racial Identity

Year of Birth	Asian		Black		Hispn		White		NatAm		NRes		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Before 1941	5	2.5	28	14.2	7	3.6	128	65.0	1	0.5	14	7.1	183
1941-1950	22	4.2	66	12.5	14	2.7	410	77.7	2	0.4	9	1.7	523
1951-1960	60	7.9	101	13.4	26	3.4	532	70.4	5	0.7	28	3.7	752
1961-1970	96	8.7	92	8.4	27	2.5	842	76.5	1	0.1	31	2.8	1089
1971-1980	10	6.2	14	8.7	2	1.2	132	82.0	0	0.0	2	1.2	160
After 1980	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	5	83.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Total	193	7.0	302	11.0	76	2.8	2049	74.5	9	0.3	84	3.1	2713

TABLE 5

## U.S.A. EXIT 1996

## All Schools

## Religious Tradition and Plans for Ordination

	Yes	No	Undec	Ordained	TOTAL
	#	#	#	#	%
Adventist, Seventh-Day	44	9	4	9	2.4
African Methodist Episcopal	7	0	0	23	1.1
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	2	0	0	14	0.6
Episcopal/Anglican	102	37	20	17	6.4
Assemblies of God	25	4	9	14	1.9
American Baptist Churches	50	21	4	12	3.2
National Baptist Convention	15	1	1	23	1.5
Southern Baptist Convention	22	18	12	57	4.0
Other Baptist	24	14	16	19	2.7
Church of the Brethren	9	1	4	0	0.5
Christian Churches/Churches of Christ	12	21	9	44	3.1
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	32	4	1	17	2.0
Christian and Missionary Alliance	8	3	2	1	0.5
Church of God	10	1	1	9	0.8
Church of God in Christ	4	1	1	12	0.7
Church of the Nazarene	37	4	5	8	2.0
Friends, Religious Society of	0	4	3	1	0.3
Jewish	0	1	0	0	0.0
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	72	9	4	16	3.7
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	1	1	2	2	0.2
Other Lutheran	3	0	0	3	0.2
Mennonite	1	5	2	2	0.4
United Methodist Church	255	64	40	153	18.7
Other Methodist	7	2	1	18	1.0
Pentecostal	6	5	2	6	0.7
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	258	18	18	26	11.7
Other Presbyterian	41	25	6	21	3.4
Eastern Orthodox Churches	0	1	0	3	0.1
Christian Reformed Church	0	0	0	2	0.1
Reformed Church in America	18	4	0	2	0.9
Roman Catholic Church	98	146	11	55	11.3
Unitarian Universalist Association	30	3	2	4	1.4
United Church of Canada	2	0	0	0	0.1
United Church of Christ	69	12	7	13	3.7
Non-denominational	22	37	19	17	3.5
No affiliation	2	20	5	2	1.1
Other	34	36	12	31	4.1
TOTAL	1322	532	223	656	100.0

TABLE 6

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Strength of Personal Growth After Theological Program

	Male		Female		TOTAL	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Empathy for the poor and oppressed	3.8	0.8	3.9	0.8	3.9	0.8
Ability to pray	3.7	0.9	3.7	0.9	3.7	0.9
Concern about social justice	3.8	0.8	3.9	0.8	3.8	0.8
Enthusiam for learning	4.0	0.9	3.9	0.9	4.0	0.9
Insight into trouble of others	4.0	0.7	4.0	0.8	4.0	0.7
Become an authority in my field	3.8	0.9	3.8	0.9	3.8	0.9
Trust in God	4.1	0.8	4.0	0.9	4.1	0.8
Self-discipline and focus	3.9	0.8	3.8	0.8	3.9	0.8
Respect for other religious traditions	3.9	0.8	4.0	0.8	3.9	0.8
Interest in developing philosophy of life	3.7	0.8	3.6	0.8	3.7	0.8
Ability to live one's faith in daily life	3.9	0.8	3.9	0.8	3.9	0.8
Clarity of vocational goals	4.0	0.8	3.9	0.9	4.0	0.9
Self-knowledge / self-confidence	4.1	0.7	4.2	0.8	4.1	0.8
Strength of spiritual life	3.9	0.8	4.0	0.9	3.9	0.8

1 - Much weaker	2 - Weaker	3 - About the same	4 - Stronger	5 - Much stronger
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**TABLE 7**

**U.S.A. EXIT 1996**  
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Level of Satisfaction with Progress in Skills Related to Future Work

	MDiv		Prof MA		All Others	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Ability to preach well	4.0	0.8	3.7	0.8	3.8	0.8
Ability to use and interpret Scripture	4.2	0.7	4.0	0.8	4.1	0.7
Knowledge of church policy/canon law	3.8	0.8	3.6	0.8	3.6	0.8
Ability to give spiritual direction	3.8	0.8	4.1	0.7	3.9	0.8
Ability to teach well	4.0	0.8	4.3	0.6	4.1	0.8
Knowledge of church doctrine and history	4.0	0.7	3.9	0.8	3.9	0.8
Ability to lead others	4.0	0.7	4.3	0.5	4.0	0.7
Ability to conduct worship/liturgy	4.2	0.8	4.0	0.8	3.9	0.8
Knowledge of other religious traditions	3.6	0.9	3.5	1.0	3.7	0.8
Ability to relate social issues to faith	4.1	0.7	4.0	0.7	4.0	0.7
Ability in pastoral counseling	3.8	0.9	3.7	0.8	3.8	0.9
Ability to administer a parish	3.6	0.9	3.7	0.8	3.6	0.8
Knowledge of Christian philosophy and ethics	3.9	0.8	3.9	0.7	3.9	0.7
Ability to think theologically	4.3	0.7	4.0	0.7	4.2	0.7

1 - Very dissatisfied	2 - Somewhat dissatisfied	3 - Neutral	4 - Satisfied	5 - Very Satisfied
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TABLE 8

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Change in Theological Position Since Beginning Program

	MDiv		Prof MA		All Others	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
More conservative	180	10.7	8	13.8	95	10.4
More orthodox	190	11.3	3	5.2	85	9.3
More liberal	614	36.5	17	29.3	245	26.7
About the Same	697	41.5	30	51.7	492	53.7
TOTAL	1681	100.0	58	100.0	917	100.0

TABLE 9

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Importance of Field Education / Internship

	Vocational Clarity Self-Understanding						Practice of Ministry Skills of Ministry					
	MDiv		Prof MA		All Others		MDiv		Prof MA		All Others	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Important	974	61.0	27	62.8	189	62.6	993	61.9	28	63.6	195	63.9
Important	403	25.2	12	27.9	65	21.5	381	23.8	11	25.0	73	23.9
Somewhat important	172	10.8	3	7.0	37	12.3	191	11.9	3	6.8	24	7.9
Not at all important	48	3.0	1	2.3	11	3.6	39	2.4	2	4.5	13	4.3
TOTAL	1597	100.0	43	100.0	302	100.0	1604	100.0	44	100.0	305	100.0

**TABLE 10**

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Overall Experience During Program

	MDiv		Prof MA		All Others	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
My gifts have been recognized in the school community	3.7	1.0	3.7	1.0	3.6	1.0
I have been able to get along financially	3.6	1.0	3.7	0.9	3.7	1.0
I have been satisfied with my academic experience here	4.1	0.9	4.3	0.8	4.2	0.8
The school has tried to be an inclusive community	3.9	1.0	3.9	1.0	3.9	1.0
My beliefs are respected	4.0	0.9	4.2	0.8	4.1	0.9
I have grown spiritually	4.1	0.9	4.3	0.7	4.1	0.8
I have gotten to know at least one faculty member well	4.1	1.0	4.4	0.8	4.1	1.0
My field education was a great experience	4.0	1.1	4.1	1.0	3.8	1.0
I have made good friends here	4.4	0.8	4.2	0.8	4.1	0.9
Enough cultural and social events were available	3.6	1.0	3.6	0.9	3.5	0.9
Faculty were supportive and understanding	4.1	0.8	4.3	0.7	4.2	0.8
I have gotten to know students from other ethnic groups	4.0	0.9	4.1	0.8	4.0	0.9
My faith is stronger than when I came	4.1	0.9	4.1	0.8	3.9	0.9
If I had it to do over again, I would still come here	4.3	1.0	4.3	0.9	4.3	0.9

1 - Strongly disagree	2 - Disagree	3 - Neutral	4 - Agree	5 - Strongly agree
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TABLE 11

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Level of Satisfaction with School's Services and Academic Resources

	Male		Female		TOTAL	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Opportunities for cross-registration	3.6	1.0	3.7	1.1	3.6	1.0
Adequacy of library collection	4.0	0.9	4.1	1.0	4.1	1.0
Ease in scheduling required courses	3.8	1.0	3.7	1.0	3.7	1.0
Accessibility of faculty	4.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	4.0	1.0
Quality of teaching	4.2	0.8	4.3	0.8	4.2	0.8
Class size	3.9	1.0	3.8	1.0	3.9	1.0
Campus security	3.8	0.9	3.7	1.0	3.8	1.0
Financial aid	3.7	1.1	3.7	1.2	3.7	1.2
Housing	3.4	1.1	3.5	1.1	3.4	1.1
Child care	3.0	0.9	2.9	0.9	3.0	0.9
Extracurricular/cultural activities	3.3	0.9	3.4	0.9	3.4	0.9
Sports/exercise facilities	3.2	1.2	3.1	1.1	3.1	1.2
Food service	3.3	1.1	3.2	1.0	3.3	1.1
Upkeep of campus	3.9	0.9	3.9	1.0	3.9	1.0
Helpfulness of administrative staff	4.1	0.9	4.1	0.9	4.1	0.9
Pastoral counseling	3.6	1.0	3.6	1.2	3.6	1.1
Psychological counseling	3.4	0.9	3.4	1.1	3.4	1.0
Academic advising	3.7	1.1	3.6	1.1	3.7	1.1
Placement services	3.3	1.0	3.1	1.1	3.2	1.0
Health services	3.3	1.0	3.3	1.1	3.3	1.1
Spiritual formation	3.5	1.1	3.5	1.2	3.5	1.1

1 - Very dissatisfied	2 - Somewhat dissatisfied	3 - Neutral	4 - Satisfied	5 - Very Satisfied
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TABLE 12

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Three Most Important Influences on Educational Experience

	Male	Female	TOTAL	
	#	#	#	%
Relations with faculty	659	376	1035	13.1
Ecumenical interaction	159	106	265	3.4
Community life of school	152	89	241	3.1
Academic advising	109	38	147	1.9
Campus worship/liturgy	161	149	310	3.9
Field education/internship	411	288	699	8.9
Multi-ethnic cultural contacts	133	103	236	3.0
Spiritual formation	233	127	360	4.6
Tutorials	18	18	36	0.5
Interaction with fellow students	695	449	1144	14.5
Required reading	425	238	663	8.4
Classroom teaching	789	515	1304	16.5
Library collection	222	83	305	3.9
Informal discussions	277	137	414	5.2
Required courses	293	137	430	5.4
Experience as teaching assistant	37	25	62	0.8
Outside speakers	50	34	84	1.1
Other	87	69	156	2.0
TOTAL	4910	2981	7891	100.0

**TABLE 13**

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Previous Educational Debt & Amount Incurred at Present Institution

	Prior Debt				New Debt			
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Nothing	1135	68.0	710	70.3	703	42.1	379	37.6
Less than \$5,000	200	12.0	96	9.5	188	11.3	109	10.8
\$5,000 to \$10,000	179	10.7	94	9.3	222	13.3	107	10.6
\$10,000 to \$15,000	80	4.8	64	6.3	152	9.1	104	10.3
\$15,000 to \$25,000	54	3.2	30	3.0	253	15.1	191	18.9
More than \$25,000	22	1.3	16	1.6	152	9.1	118	11.7
TOTAL	1670	100.0	1010	100.0	1670	100.0	1008	100.0

**TABLE 14****U.S.A. EXIT 1996  
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## Estimate of Monthly Payments for Educational Debt

	#	%
Nothing	976	37.4
Less than \$100	274	10.5
\$100 to \$250	727	27.8
\$250 to \$500	538	20.6
\$500 to \$1,000	86	3.3
More than \$1,000	12	0.5
TOTAL	2613	100.0

TABLE 15

**U.S.A. EXIT 1996**  
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Full-time Position Expected After Graduation and Five Years Later

	After Graduation				In Five Years			
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Parish ministry	876	53.1	365	36.6	710	43.2	318	32.3
Campus ministry	26	1.6	12	1.2	20	1.2	14	1.4
Inner-city ministry	28	1.7	18	1.8	26	1.6	19	1.9
Pastoral counseling	33	2.0	36	3.6	45	2.7	47	4.8
Hospital or other chaplaincy	46	2.8	54	5.4	51	3.1	41	4.2
Secondary/prep school teaching	21	1.3	19	1.9	15	0.9	11	1.1
College/university teaching	55	3.3	30	3.0	169	10.3	78	7.9
Seminary teaching	25	1.5	10	1.0	107	6.5	52	5.3
Social work/services	22	1.3	36	3.6	9	0.5	14	1.4
Foreign missions	47	2.9	30	3.0	70	4.3	48	4.9
Home missions	4	0.2	6	0.6	5	0.3	7	0.7
Church planting/evangelism	30	1.8	9	0.9	52	3.2	12	1.2
Youth ministry	59	3.6	18	1.8	48	2.9	12	1.2
Church musician	8	0.5	4	0.4	5	0.3	3	0.3
Christian education	27	1.6	52	5.2	20	1.2	38	3.9
Spiritual direction	12	0.7	12	1.2	25	1.5	29	2.9
Social justice ministry	20	1.2	18	1.8	31	1.9	43	4.4
Further graduate study	128	7.8	77	7.7	101	6.1	57	5.8
Professional lay ministry	16	1.0	21	2.1	21	1.3	28	2.8
Undecided	75	4.5	77	7.7	49	3.0	47	4.8
Other	91	5.5	94	9.4	64	3.9	67	6.8
TOTAL	1649	100.0	998	100.0	1643	100.0	985	100.0