
BIBLE KNOWLEDGE TEST REPORT

Spring 2021



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Bible Knowledge Assessment Test – Spring 2021 Graduates

The Bible Knowledge Assessment Test is given to all incoming and graduating students. The exam consists of 100 Bible knowledge questions which cover three primary areas: Old Testament (35 questions), New Testament (35 questions), and Theology (30 questions). The exam was developed by the College's Bible faculty, and it is customized to the mission, vision, and curriculum of the College. Incoming new and transfer students complete the assessment upon entry and again upon graduation. The anticipated score improvement from entry to graduation provides institution, program, and course outcomes and assessment data.

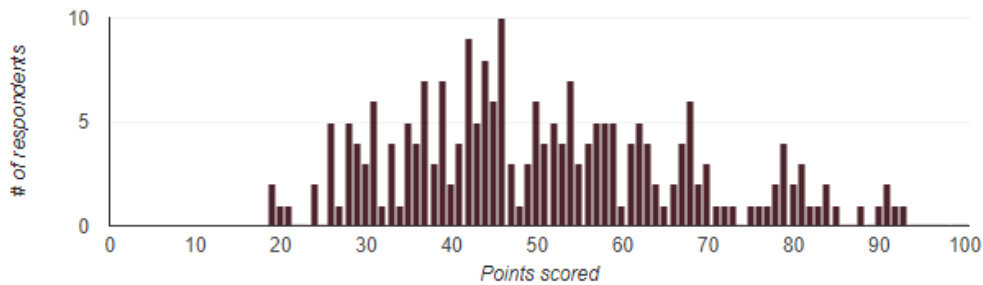
FALL 2018 (223 Respondents – All Students)

Average
50.87 / 100 points

Median
49 / 100 points

Range
19 - 93 points

Total points distribution



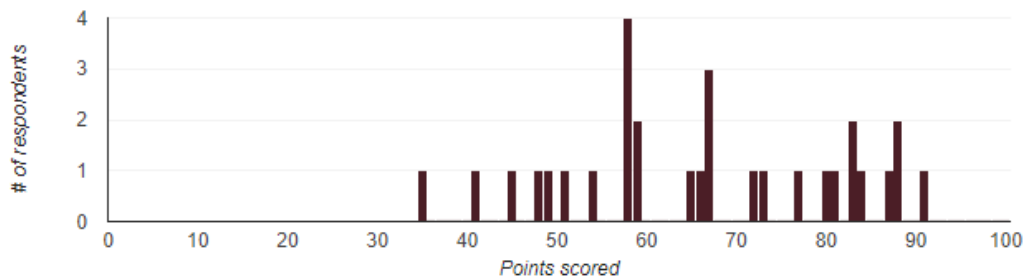
SPRING 2021 (30 Respondents – 2021 Graduates)

Average
66.4 / 100 points

Median
66 / 100 points

Range
35 - 91 points

Total points distribution



Fall 2018 Entry & Spring 2021 Exit Score Data Comparison (individual 2021 graduates by program):

Biblical Counseling:

	Fall 2018	Spring 2021
Average	49	62.33
Median	45	59
Range	39 - 63	45 - 83

Business:

	Fall 2018	Spring 2021
Average	52.4	64.6
Median	52	67
Range	42 - 71	41 - 84

Church Ministries:

	Fall 2018	Spring 2021
Average	28	67
Median	28	67
Range	28	67

Education:

	Fall 2018	Spring 2021
Average	42.5	55.17
Median	42	58
Range	29 - 59	35 - 66

Intercultural Studies (Missions):

	Fall 2018	Spring 2021
Average	57.67	71.67
Median	60.5	72.5
Range	43 - 68	48 - 91

Pastoral Studies:

	Fall 2018	Spring 2021
Average	56.63	72.67
Median	56.5	73
Range	35 - 82	51 - 88

Spring 2019 - Spring 2021 Graduate Score Data Comparison (year over year by program):

Biblical Counseling:

	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
Average	64	67.5	62.33
Median	70	69	59
Range	38 - 81	48 - 84	45 - 83

Business:

	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
Average	57	60	64.6
Median	51	58.5	67
Range	33 - 93	40 - 78	41 - 84

Church Ministries:

	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
Average	43	NA	67
Median	43	NA	67
Range	28 - 58	NA	67

Education:

	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
Average	60	59.89	55.17
Median	58	59	58
Range	33 - 82	49 - 80	35 - 66

Intercultural Studies (Missions):

	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
Average	78	72.92	71.67
Median	78.5	78	72.5
Range	63 - 91	47 - 91	48 - 91

Nursing:

	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
Average	NA	72.67	NA
Median	NA	83	NA
Range	NA	51 - 84	NA

Pastoral Studies:

	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
Average	70	77.5	72.67
Median	70.5	74	73
Range	51 - 85	55 - 97	51 - 88

Spring 2019 - Spring 2021 Graduate Score Data Comparison (year over year by institution – all graduates and programs combined for each year):

	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021
Respondents (Graduates)	41	47	30
Average	65.46	68.62	66.40
Median	67	67	66.5
Range	28 - 93	40 - 97	35 - 91

NOTE: The year over year institutional average demonstrates consistency.

Summary

When comparing the Fall 2018 “entry” score results to the Spring 2021 “exit” score results for the **individual 2021 graduates**, of the **30** graduates:

- **1** student (3.33%) realized a decreased score (1 point; 42 to 41).
- **1** student realized the same score (58).
- **1** student did not take the test in Fall 2018 (Pastoral Studies student).
- **27** of **30** students (**90%**) realized an increased score (range of 1 – 39 points).
- The average student scored 51.41 on the Fall 2018 “entry” test and a 66.66 on the spring 2021 “exit” test. **This is an average increase of 15.15 points per student.**
- **The average student in all programs realized increased student scores in all three areas (average, median, and range).**

The individual graduate testing data indicate that students are demonstrating increased biblical knowledge based upon entry and exit scores. The Bible Knowledge Test assessment data help to demonstrate achievement of Institutional Learning Outcome 1 (ILO-1 – HEAD).

When comparing the **year over year program data**, the following were observed:

- Biblical Counseling program graduates have **decreased** in median score for two successive years.
- Business program graduates have **increased** in average score and median score for two successive years.
- Church Ministry program graduates have **increased** in average score, median score, and score range (although the low N related to the number of graduates impacts data interpretation).
- Education program graduates have **decreased** in average score for two successive years.
- Intercultural Studies/Missions program graduates have **decreased** in average score and median score for two successive years.

The overall results of the Bible Knowledge Test are positive, assist with assessment, provide evidence of internal testing validity, and demonstrate achievement of ILO-1.

It is also important to note the following:

- The Fall 2019 **new/transfer student entry score average = 39.54**
- The Fall 2020 **new/transfer student entry score average = 36.13**
- The Fall 2021 **new/transfer student entry score average = 37.50**

When the College re-implemented the Bible Knowledge Test in Fall 2018, all active students were required to complete the assessment. Thus, the 2019, 2020, and 2021 graduates would have already attended at least one or more year of Bible courses at the College, inflating their “entry” scores, which is what the Fall 2018 “entry” average scores reflect (50.87 average for all students). However, as noted above, the Fall 2019, 2020, and 2021 new/transfer student entry scores are significantly lower than the Fall 2018 average, which is to be expected given they are true freshmen and/or have not attended Bible courses at the College. Therefore, as we continue to progress from Fall 2018, the score differential between entry and exit scores should continue to grow significantly.