
Guide to the Graduate Theological Union Accreditation Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Graduate Theological Union Accreditation collection

Dates: 1966-

Collection number: GTU 98-5-1

Creator: Graduate Theological Union

Collection Size: 8 boxes

3 linear ft.

Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library.

Berkeley, CA 94709

Abstract: This collection contains the accreditation files for the Graduate Theological Union from 1966 on.

Physical location: 3/1/2-3

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

These accreditation files have been collected and/or copied by the GTU Archivist and brought together into one collection for clarity on GTU's accreditation history.

Agency History

The GTU submitted the first report to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in 1965. In January 1966, GTU received initial accreditation from WASC for a period of two years. In 1967, a second report was submitted, followed by a re-accreditation in January 1968 for three years. The 1967 report was brought up to date and submitted to the American Association of Theological Schools (now the

Association of Theological Schools, ATS) in January 1969. In July 1969 by unanimous vote, the GTU was 'officially recognized as an accredited member of the AATS'. In 1971, the GTU was re-accredited by WASC. In 1978, the ATS and WASC did a joint accrediting team visit to the GTU, a practice which has continued. Both bodies re-accredited GTU for ten years. Each body reported issues which the GTU had to address through focused reports or visits required at various dates prior to the 1988 visit. This pattern has continued in the accreditation process. In 1988, GTU was re-accredited by ATS and WASC for ten years with an interim report required in 1993. The next full Self-Study and accrediting visit process came in 1996. It was followed by a Special Report and visit in 1999, and an Interim Report to WASC in 2001.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Accreditation files held here have been collected and/or copied by the GTU Archivist and brought together into one collection for clarity on GTU's accreditation history. The arrangement is chronological by accreditation date. Accreditation has been done through the GTU President's Office. Further files are therefore found in the individual presidents' collections. Files on GTU Accreditation 1965-71 are found in the John Dillenberger, President and Dean Collection, GTU 89-7-1. 1966-78 files are found in the Claude Welch, President and Dean Collection, GTU 89-10-1.

Files relating to the 1988 process can be found in the collections of Presidents Michael Blecker, GTU 89-10-3, Sanford Elberg, GTU 91-2-1, and Robert Barr, GTU 91-9-5. Starting with the 1996 Accreditation, files were transferred to the Archives as a discreet collection apart from the President's Office. This practice continues.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Graduate Theological Union--Accreditation

Theology--Study and teaching (graduate)--California--Berkeley

Box 1 **1966-1971**

Box 1 **Self-Studies, Team-visit Reports, and Accreditation Response Letters 1966-1971**

Scope and Content Note

Note

Note: Files on GTU Accreditation 1965-71 are found in the John Dillenberger, President and Dean Collection, GTU 89-7-1 (Boxes 9-10: 3/A/4)

Box:folder 2:1-3 **1978**

Box:folder 2:1-3 **Self-Study, Team-visit Report, and Accreditation Response Letter 1978**

Scope and Content Note

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Note: Files on GTU Accreditation 1966-78 are found in the Claude Welch, President and Dean Collection GTU 89-10-1 (Box 23, ff 1-14: 3/B/6)

Box:folder 2:4-9 **1988**

Box:folder 2:4-9 **Self-Study, Self-Study Appendices, Team-visit Report, and Accreditation Response Letter 1988**

Scope and Content Note

Note

Note: Files relating to the 1988 process can be found in the collections of Presidents Michael Blecker, GTU 89-10-3 (Box 22: 3/C/4), Sanford Elberg, GTU 91-2-1 (Box 2: 3/F/4), and Robert Barr, GTU 91-9-5 (Box 12: 3/E/5). Files can also be found in the Judith Berling, Dean Collection, GTU 93-1-1 (Box 18, ff 6-10: 3/G/5)

Box:folder 2:10-11**1993**

Box:folder 2:10-11 **Interim Report 1993**

Box:folder 2:12 **1965-1994**

Box:folder 2:12 **GTU Accreditation Chronology 1965-1994**

Box:folder 3-6 **1996**

Box 3:1-7 **Self-Study, Self-Study Appendix A (Financial Resources), Self-Study Appendix B (Handbooks and Required Documentation), Appendix C (Brochures and Publications) 1996**

Box:folder 4:1-2 **Team-visit Report 1996**

Box:folder 4:3 **Accreditation Response Letters 1996**

Box:folder 4:4-7 **Preparing the Self-Study and planning the Team visit 1996**

Box:folder 4:8 **Correspondence finishing the 1996 visit and preparing for 1999 1996**

Box:folder 4:9-75 **Documents in support of the Self-Study 1996**

Scope and Content Note

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Note: File Folder 9 contains the Index for the supporting documents indicating contents and file folder numbers

Box:folder 4:76-89 **Documents Required by WASC 1996**

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Note: File Folder 76 contains the Index for the supporting documents indicating contents and file folder numbers

Box:folder 5:1-25, **Documents 1996**

6:1-9

Box:folder 6:10 **WASC: Key Accreditation Documents 1996-2001**

Box:folder 6:11 **ATS: Key Accreditation Documents 1996-2001**

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Note: These folders contain copies of the supporting documentation concerning GTU Accreditation in the specified dates. Many of the documents duplicate those found throughout this collection. Some do not. Each folder has a Table of Contents. Compiled by Susan Carpenter in the GTU President's Office

Box 7 **1999**

Box 7 **Special Report, Appendices Vol. I (Required Documents), Appendices Vol. II: Part A (Supporting Documents), Appendices Vol. II, Part B (Supporting Documents), Team-visit Report, Accreditation Response Letters 1999**

Box 8 **2001**

Box 8 **Progress Report to WASC, WASC Response Letter 2001**