

**Student Progress and Curricular Improvement
Academic Year 2011-2012**

Students

Successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation:

Mark Mourachian ("Human Freedom in the Context of the Theological Anthropology of St. Ephrem the Syrian"), directed by Professor Sidney Griffith.

Two students are continuing to work on their dissertations. One student successfully completed his Ph.D. comprehensives and began work on a dissertation proposal. Three students will complete their Ph.D. comprehensive examinations in 2012-2013. One student was newly admitted to the program.

Due to the very small number of students taking the comprehensive exam, the analysis and presentation of the exam results for 2011-2012 are omitted from this report in order to preserve confidentiality.

Curriculum

Our curriculum was fundamentally redesigned in 1998, when the Center for the Study of Early Christianity was established, and again in 2005, when we changed our funding structure. A further review took place when we started admitting students once again in 2007.

Our Statement of Goals allows for a curriculum review every five years, and we would normally have anticipated further curricular modifications, if deemed necessary (which they were not), in 2012; but this process has been postponed for a year, when we shall be undergoing a program review.

Rubrics and data-collecting forms were prepared for use with students entering the program in 2009 and beyond, in accordance with the details contained in our "Goals, and Assessment of Student Outcomes" document.

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Director of the Center