History

In 1899, the Synod of Texas authorized the establishment of Austin Presbyterian
Theological Seminary; subsequently the Synods of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana
joined in support and control of the school. The Seminary is considered an institution of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) related to the Synod of the Sun. It is one of ten Presbyterian
theological seminaries in the country.

The Seminary opened its doors officially on October 1, 1902, enrolling six entering students
and in 1908 moved from its original location at 9th and Navasota Streets to its present
location, only a few blocks away (now contiguous) from the University of Texas at Austin.
This existing location, literally across from one of the most prestigious universities in the
country, remains a rich resource for Seminary faculty and students.

Austin Seminary’s endowment of more than $100 million places it as one of the best
endowed of all Presbyterian seminaries from the standpoint of the ratio of the number of
masters degree students to the total endowment.

Leadership

President: Theodore J. Wardlaw

Academic Dean: Michael Jinkins

Chair of the Board of Trustees: Cassandra Carr

Governance of the Seminary is by a board of thirty-three church leaders with various
backgrounds and possessing considerable gifts. The board of trustees includes women and
men, laity and clergy.

Accreditation

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary is accredited by the Association of Theological
Schools in the United States and Canada and by the Commission on Colleges of the
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a member of the Council of
Southwestern Theological Schools, Inc.; The American Schools of Oriental Research; and
the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.

Academic Programs

Austin Seminary offers a Master of Arts (Theological Studies) (MATS), a Master of Divinity
(MDiv), including a dual degree (MDiv / MSSW) with the University of Texas at Austin
School of Social Work, and a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree as well as classes for Special (non-degree) Students.

**Student Population**

Current Enrollment: 255  
MATS: 12  
MDiv: 123  
Special: 37  
DMin: 80  
Average age, MDiv: 36  
Gender, MDiv - Female: 51 / Male: 49

Students’ backgrounds vary greatly, creating a broadly diverse educational environment. In recent years the student body has included persons from more than 25 states, 11 nations, more than 20 denominations, and several different ethnic backgrounds.

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