



### 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  
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, a Master of Arts in Ministry Practice (MAMP), and a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree as well as a Certificate in Ministry and classes for Special (non-degree) Students.

### Student Population (2012)

Current Enrollment: 195  
MAMP: 4  
MATS: 8  
MDiv: 117  
Special: 17  
DMin: 49  
Gender, MDiv - Female: 59% / Male: 41%

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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