

Identity and Mission

Austin Graduate School of Theology is a seminary associated with Churches of Christ and is in conversation with all who call on Jesus Christ as Lord. It seeks to equip ministers and others for Christian service and to edify churches in the knowledge, understanding, practice and passing on of the Christian faith by offering the following:

- Accredited Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Bible and Theology.
- Personal growth opportunities for area church leaders.
- Seminars and workshops for preachers, church leaders, and Bible Class teachers.
- Publications for use by churches through Christian Studies Press.
- Special seminars and events.

History

1917 - University Avenue Church of Christ establishes a Bible Chair serving students at the University of Texas.

1975 - Program expands to offer a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University (ACU). It becomes the Institute for Christian Studies (ICS).

1987 - ICS receives accreditation to offer its own undergraduate degrees.

1992 - ICS offers Master's degrees through ACU.

2001 - ICS becomes Austin Graduate School of Theology launching its own accredited graduate degree.

Thank You

Thank you for considering ways to support the Building the Dream Campaign. Your gift helps ministers, missionaries, Bible teachers and others show the world God's eternal purpose through their churches, workplaces, and communities. You will be satisfied knowing you have contributed to the spread of God's word throughout His kingdom.

Austin Grad is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

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All gifts are tax deductible.



"We chose Austin Grad because of the faculty's reputation for excellence, small class size, affordability, and the institution's focus on training for practical ministry."

Jason and Melissa Campbell
Portland, Oregon

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What Sets Austin Grad Apart?

Austin Grad provides an excellent education for professional and lay ministers. Students benefit from well qualified faculty, reasonable costs, and a great location in Austin.

The student body represents many different faith traditions, ethnicities, socio-economic backgrounds, and ages. Men and women are represented equally.

Challenges

Austin Grad's primary need is for additional space. Student enrollment has risen 30 percent in the last several years. In addition, the School plans to add a Master of Divinity degree program.

A recent architectural study determined that Austin Grad requires 25,000 square feet for current and future programs where it now has only 10,000 square feet for the following areas:

- Faculty/staff offices
- Seminar and special event space
- Library and student space
- Classroom facilities
- Parking



"Austin Grad's professors demonstrate a great love for Jesus and give personal attention to their students."

Fred Richardson
Austin, Texas

The Plan: Building the Dream Campaign

This Campaign is a **three year, \$3 million fundraising effort**. It will fund the purchase and remodeling of an existing 26,000 sq. ft. building. The property, located at 7640 Guadalupe St. in Austin, is approximately four miles north of the School's present location.

This site has easy access to Hwy 183 and IH-35. It is adjacent to a church, school, and residential neighborhood. Both a Capital Metro Rail Station and a Transit Center are located within a half mile of the site which also has 91 parking spaces.

Ways You Can Participate

Gift of Cash: A one-time gift or multiple gifts will be of tremendous benefit to the relocation effort.

Pledge and Payments: A pledged gift paid over a period of time often allows one to make a larger gift than might otherwise be possible.

Gift of Securities: A gift of stock rather than a gift of cash may provide tax advantages for some.

Special Gifts: Assets, such as land, life insurance, or tangible personal property can also be given.

Planned Gifts: A bequest, charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust or other planned gift may provide tax advantages for some donors.

IRA Options: Recent legislation allows donors in 2007 to make charitable gifts from IRA accounts.

We will be happy to provide details for any of the options listed above.



Naming Opportunities Available

You may choose to honor your family, friends, or others far into the future by naming one of the following for the honoree:

- Library or Classrooms
- Community areas or Suites
- Conference rooms
- Offices



"At Austin Grad I am gaining a deeper understanding of the Bible - how to apply it to my life and teach it to others."

Isaiah Vance
Portales, NM