

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“The Sports Ministry Program gave me a lens through which I could see sports, zoomed out with a clearer perspective, filtered through Scripture and theology. It has impacted the way I build relationships in sports, view competitors/competition, and value the responsibility of coaching.”

**DANI PRICE**, ALUMNA & DIRECTOR OF SOFTBALL OPERATIONS AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

“The theological perspectives and frameworks introduced by Dr. [John] White provided for me a new way to think about God and ministry. Learning to observe different power structures present in sports has helped me to see those same structures in many other sectors.”

**BRANDON HOLT**, ALUMNUS & STAFF CHAPLAIN AT MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM

“This program challenged me to be intentional and critical about the language, rituals, and experience of athletes and spectators in sport. As a coach and athletics administrator, I try to frame sports as a tutor of character, as a meeting place to experience joy and play, and as a facilitator of true community for the athletes in my program.”

**KAITLIN PLESHKO**, ALUMNA & YOUTH SPORTS DIRECTOR OF YMCA OF PIERCE AND KITSAP COUNTIES

“Truett’s Sports Ministry Program has equipped me with a Christian worldview that has made me a better coach, athlete, friend, and minister. I had daily opportunities to apply what I learned in the classroom to my roles with Baylor Women’s Soccer, the FSI High School Retreat, and my own personal life.”

**ELIZABETH BOUNDS**, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY DOCTORAL STUDENT



## LEARN MORE & APPLY

To learn more about the Faith & Sports Institute at Baylor’s Truett Seminary and the graduate degree programs offered, visit [baylor.edu/truett/fsi](https://baylor.edu/truett/fsi).

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## ABOUT BAYLOR’S TRUETT SEMINARY

Baylor University’s George W. Truett Theological Seminary is an orthodox, evangelical school in the historic Baptist tradition that equips God-called people for gospel ministry in and alongside Christ’s Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, Truett Seminary provides theological education leading to a number of master’s-level degrees, including the Master of Divinity, as well as the Doctor of Ministry and Ph.D. in Preaching. In addition to the Seminary’s flagship campus in Waco, Truett also has locations in Houston and San Antonio.



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**GEORGE W. TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

# Faith & Sports Institute Graduate Degree Programs

Master of Divinity with a Sports Ministry/Chaplaincy Graduate Certificate

Master of Arts in Christian Ministry with a Concentration in Sports Ministry/Chaplaincy

Master of Arts in Theology and Sports Studies



# FAITH & SPORTS INSTITUTE

*Housed at a seminary and embedded within a Christian research university with major college athletics, the Faith & Sports Institute is a place where scholars, sports practitioners, and Christian ministry leaders can learn and grow together. Our mission is to foster the thoughtful integration of faith and sports through theological education, compelling research, and formative practices for the flourishing of Christian leaders and their communities.*

## Our Initiatives

- Graduate Degree Programs
- Online Certificate Program
- Workshops & Retreats
- Research & Resources

## Our Core Values

**Excellence** | We engage in research and programs that follow best practices and meet the highest standards of scholarship and teaching.

**Faithfulness** | We are unambiguously Christian, rooted in the doctrine, traditions, and practices of the faith.

**Authenticity** | We invite courageous conversations and seek to cultivate compassionate communities.

**Collaboration** | We strive to connect diverse voices and disciplines for creative exploration of complex issues.

**Transformation** | We aim for renewal and virtue in ourselves and in the people and institutions of sports.



## WHAT DOES SEMINARY HAVE TO DO WITH SPORTS?

“Seminary prepared me to be a head coach more than I ever could have imagined. Theology is high and lofty in one sense, but it’s earthy and gritty in another sense, and it’s very practical.”

**FRANK REICH**, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS HEAD COACH & MEMBER OF THE FAITH & SPORTS INSTITUTE TEAM OF ADVOCATES

## Master of Divinity/Master of Arts in Christian Ministry in Sports Ministry/Chaplaincy

### ON CAMPUS

The **Master of Divinity (MDiv) with a Sports Ministry/Chaplaincy Graduate Certificate (87 hours)** and the **Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) with a Concentration in Sports Ministry/Chaplaincy (60 hours)** offers students a theologically-informed and practically-designed program of study that engages, appreciates, critiques, and connects with sports.

### Program Highlights

- Robust and rigorous theological education that prepares graduates for a range of career paths, including church ministry, chaplaincy, missions, education, administration, and more
- Engagement with all that Baylor University has to offer—a Carnegie Research 1 institution and member of the Big XII athletics conference with a flourishing campus community
- Opportunities to collaborate and participate with Baylor Athletics and other campus and community partners, including internships, volunteer coaching, and more
- Formation and development through community, both within the Sports Ministry Program and with all students, faculty, and staff at the Seminary

“For over a decade, the residential Chaplaincy and Ministry Graduate Program has been an innovative laboratory connecting faith and sports with all of life. In a community of scholars and practitioners, students learn how to engage with sports constructively and thoughtfully; to pastorally address the hopes and hardships of the people of sports; to notice, reflect on, and faithfully articulate God’s action in this sphere of life; to contextualize best ministry practices; and to strengthen Christian convictions and character.”

**JOHN B. WHITE**, PHD, DIRECTOR OF THE SPORTS MINISTRY PROGRAM

**LEARN MORE** about the MDiv and MACM in Sports Ministry/Chaplaincy at [baylor.edu/truett/sportsministry](http://baylor.edu/truett/sportsministry).

## Master of Arts in Theology & Sports Studies

### ONLINE

The **Master of Arts (MA) in Theology and Sports Studies** is a 39-hour online degree designed to provide Christian leaders and ministers in sports with a strong theological foundation, contextually-relevant formation, and cultural literacy so that they can engage with the people and culture of sports as thoughtful, faithful, and responsible Christians.

### Program Highlights

- Foundational training in the study of Christian Scripture as well as the place of sports within the larger Christian tradition, and holistic leadership within the culture of sports
- Opportunities for career enhancement and improvement in sports and ministry fields through quality graduate-level education from a Christian research university
- Convenience and accessibility for students who already have a career or who are unable to relocate to pursue advanced degrees
- Excellence in online education through premier Baylor University resources and a commitment to spiritual and leadership formation

“We believe this program is truly unique in the landscape of theological education. As part of the Faith & Sports Institute at Baylor’s Truett Seminary, it will provide a flexible option for Christian leaders who want an online graduate program with academic rigor, theological formation, and real-world impact specific to the people and culture of sports.”

**PAUL PUTZ**, PHD, DIRECTOR OF THE MA IN THEOLOGY & SPORTS STUDIES PROGRAM

**LEARN MORE** about the MA in Theology and Sports Studies at [baylor.edu/truett/sportsMA](http://baylor.edu/truett/sportsMA).