PASTORAL STUDIES PROGRAM

The Pastoral Studies Program for the Global Methodist Church at Baylor’s Truett Seminary offers a deep study of Wesleyan heritage and a quality theological education by providing the necessary courses and skills for those called to vocational ministry as well as those seeking a deeper walk with Christ. As a Recommended Educational Institution for the Global Methodist Church, classes at Truett Seminary fulfill the requirements for those seeking ordination through the Alternative Educational Pathway.

ABOUT TRUETT SEMINARY

Baylor University’s George W. Truett Theological Seminary is an orthodox, evangelical, multi-denominational 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 masters-level degrees, including the Master of Divinity, as well as the Doctor of Ministry and PhD in Preaching. In addition to the Seminary’s flagship campus in Waco, Truett also has locations in Houston and San Antonio.

ADMISSIONS

Truett Seminary’s Pastoral Studies Program is purposefully a non-degree program and is open to anyone, regardless of age, academic background, or denominational affiliation.

"The Pastoral Studies Program is not only a wonderful offering to the local church, it is a gift to the church universal as it will train pastors who will make disciples of Jesus Christ. This is our end goal—to build God’s kingdom as we develop ministers who love His Word, lead His people, and are led by His Spirit.”

RUSTY FREEMAN, DMIN
DIRECTOR OF TRUETT SEMINARY’S WESLEY HOUSE OF STUDIES

Baylor University admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.
WHAT IS THE PASTORAL STUDIES PROGRAM?

The Pastoral Studies Program was created for the Global Methodist Church and exists to equip, train, and form those called to ministerial leadership. Through courses taught by experts in their respective fields of theological study as well as relevant practical experiences and exercises offered through Baylor’s Truett Seminary, students will have the opportunity to be academically challenged and spiritually enriched. While the program will require significant effort and dedication, this alternative learning program was designed to make education more affordable and accessible for students with significant commitments in addition to school.

OFFERING BOTH PRACTICAL AND THEOLoGICAL ORTHODOX INSTRUCTION, THIS PROGRAM IS AN ANSWER TO PRAYER FOR ANYONE WANTING TO BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SERVE EFFECTIVELY AND FRUITFULLY IN MINISTRY.

C. CHAPPELL TEMPLE, PHD

IS THE PASTORAL STUDIES PROGRAM FOR YOU?

Anyone within the Global Methodist Church who is seeking to dive deeper into their faith and be equipped for ministry, including bi-vocational pastors and lay ministers, will benefit from the courses offered within the program.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Cost: $500 per course with $250 scholarships available
Call 254-710-7268 or email Truett_WesleyHouse@baylor.edu to apply.

Schedule:
Classes follow a traditional academic schedule with set courses taking place during fall, spring, and summer terms, running for 12 weeks at a time. Courses are a mix of hybrid and online formats. Hybrid classes have a two-day in-person component in addition to online course engagement.

Coursework and Formation:
The program courses have been designed to help grow and prepare students theologically and spiritually for a call to ministry by offering

- 4–5 hours per week of reading and course engagement (assignments, discussion posts, quizzes, etc.);
- 10+ in-person instruction hours per hybrid course;
- and spiritual formation via instructors and Wesleyan class-band groups.

In-Person Session:
An on-campus opportunity allows students an enriching experience through participating in chapel services as well as engaging with their instructors, classmates, and course materials in different ways. In-person sessions last for two days and dates are set at the beginning of each term. Meals and snacks will be provided and are included in the course cost. For those with extenuating circumstances that make the in-person session difficult, a waiver or other arrangements may be granted.

TRADITIONAL COURSE LAYOUT

Year 1
FALL
- Survey of the Old Testament
- Preaching
- Wesleyan Theology

SPRING
- Survey of the New Testament
- Wesleyan History and Polity
- Christian Leadership

Year 2
FALL
- Pastoral Care
- Worship and Sacraments
- Apologetics
- Evangelism and Missions

SPRING
- Church History II
- Church Finance and Administration

Year 3
FALL
- Church History I
- Systematic Theology
- Church History II
- Church Finance and Administration

SPRING
- Advanced Preaching
- Elective

Summer Term
Summer terms will offer Old Testament and New Testament electives which may be taken at any point.