



The Commission on Accrediting  
The Association of Theological Schools

## COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

**Houston Graduate School of Theology**  
**4300-C West Bellfort**  
**Houston, TX 77035**

Houston Graduate School of Theology has ***voluntarily withdrawn*** from accredited membership with the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools, effective June 30, 2023. The school had been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 1997, with its accreditation last reaffirmed in June 2017, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers.

In February 2021, the Board of Commissioners voted to acknowledge the school's ***voluntary withdrawal*** from accredited membership effective June 30, 2023, as well as to approve the school's teach-out plan (*Policies and Procedures*, III.L.2) and to rescind the school's comprehensive visit in spring 2022. Dissolving as a legal entity on June 30, 2023, Houston Graduate School of Theology has remained known as such throughout its two-year teach-out process, during which the school 1) has been governed and managed by Kairos University, formerly known as Sioux Falls Seminary, and 2) has continued to administrate Title IV funds.

*The Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools accredits more than 250 graduate schools of theology and seminaries in the United States and Canada. The COA has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education since 1952 as an accreditor of freestanding, single-purpose institutions and of specialized programs at larger institutions offering post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education. The COA is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as a national faith-related accrediting organization that accredits free-standing seminaries and academic units of larger institutions in the United States and Canada that offer post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education.*