



The Commission on Accrediting
The Association of Theological Schools

COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

**John Leland Center for Theological Studies
1306 N. Highland Street
Arlington, VA 22201**

John Leland Center for Theological Studies has been accredited by the Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 2006. The school's accreditation was last reaffirmed in summer 2022, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers. The school's current period of accreditation expires July 31, 2032.

The school's current status of *Accredited on Warning* means the school substantially meets the COA Standards of Accreditation but is at risk of not meeting one or more standard(s), specifically those dealing with the following issue(s): Resources (Financial). The school must demonstrate by February 2026 that it fully meets all Standards or the Board will place the school on probation.

The school is approved to offer the following degree(s): MDiv, Master of Christian Leadership, MTS

The school is approved to offer distance (online) education at the following level: Comprehensive (Half or More of a Degree)

The school is not approved to offer half or more of a degree at any additional location(s).

In February 2026, the Board of Commissioners voted to uphold the warning until June 2027 as the school is at risk of not meeting Standard 10.3 on Financial Resources.

See the action letter at: https://www.ats.edu/files/galleries/2026-02_John_Leland.pdf

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.