

**WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
FIRST-YEAR STUDENT REGISTRATION – SPRING 2023**

**TO: All First-Year Degree Students (MDiv/MA/MADiacMin, and RL/DL/CL)**

**FROM: Kevin Anderson, Registrar**

**DUE DATE: Beginning November 28. Preferably by December 9 if possible, and  
IDEALLY BY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16**

You will use MyWTS (<https://mywts.wartburgseminary.edu>) to register for Spring Semester courses based on expectations of your degree program and your respective category of student [Residential Learner (RL), Distributed Learner (DL), or Collaborative Learner (CL)]. Attached as a separate document are instructions on how to use MyWTS and the Drop/Add Courses function under the Students tab to accomplish this registration.

Please note the grading options for each course – all provide the option for credit/no-credit (i.e., pass/fail) grading, while only some provide the option of letter grade – you will need to select the grading option for each course as an additional step in the MyWTS course add process. (You can change the grading option in most cases during the first four weeks of the fall semester; separate instructions will be provided later on how to do that.)

Starting on the next page are what I anticipate for each of you to register for spring semester for your degree based on the new curriculum that is described in the Fall 2022 Catalog Supplement. If you are in a different situation (e.g., part-time, transfer credits), please contact your advisor and/or Registrar (me) directly to get further instructions.

NOTE: When you log into the MyWTS web portal, be sure to check the banner messages on the Home page to see whether you still need to complete either or both the **Personal Information Update** or **sign the Business office form**. If so, please take care of both of those first.

Also, if you have received these instructions from the Registrar, but are a new incoming spring-starting student and still seeing the “New Student” hold on your account preventing registration, please contact the Registrar (Kevin Anderson) about getting that hold removed.

**IMPORTANT: Any Business Office or Registrar’s HOLD on your account must be taken care of and cleared by the appropriate office in order to pre-register for your spring courses.**

Courses to Register for: Students following the prescribed curriculum will register as indicated:

**Be sure you select the academic term “2022-2023 Academic Year – Spring Semester” for all course registrations described here.**

**Master of Divinity students, Both Residential (RL) and Distributed Learners (DL) totaling 12.5 credits:**

BI 190W-L1 Engaging in the New Testament Narratives, 3 credits, either letter or credit/no-credit grading

HT 140W-L1 Systematic Theology, 3 credits, either letter or credit/no-credit grading

**NOTE:** The instructors strongly recommends, for your best learning experience in HT 140, that you complete Systematic Theology as a synchronous student. Contact Dr. Winston Persaud if you absolutely cannot.

MN 270W-L1 Pastoral Care in Context, 3 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 142W-L1 Formation for Discipleship: Vocation, Witness, and Ministry, 2 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 162W-L1 Spiritual Practices 2, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

Plus a minimum of one (1) elective or distributional requirement credit in order to remain on track for credits in completing your MDiv degree program.

NOTE: If you were permitted into IN 171W Fieldwork 1 in Fall Semester 2022 (and have not already completed IN 172 earlier), then you should register this semester for IN 172W-L1 Fieldwork 2 (1 credit, credit/no-credit grading only) in place of the elective credit noted above. Otherwise for most MDiv degree students who started in Fall 2022, you will be completing your two units of the fieldwork requirement in Year 2 of your degree program.

Courses to Register for: Students following the prescribed curriculum will register as indicated:

**Be sure you select the academic term “2022-2023 Academic Year – Spring Semester” for all course registrations described here.**

**Master of Divinity students, Collaborative Learners (CL) Only** totaling 9.5 credits:

BI 190W-L1 Engaging in the New Testament Narratives, 3 credits, either letter or credit/no-credit grading

HT 140W-L1 Systematic Theology, 3 credits, either letter or credit/no-credit grading

**NOTE:** The instructor strongly recommends, for your best learning experience in HT 140, that you complete Systematic Theology as a synchronous student. Contact Dr. Winston Persaud if you absolutely cannot.

IN 142W-L1 Formation for Discipleship: Vocation, Witness, and Ministry, 2 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 162W-L1 Spiritual Practices 2, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

Plus a minimum of one (1) elective or distributional requirement credit in order to remain on track for credits in completing your MDiv degree program.

NOTE: If you were permitted into IN 171W Fieldwork 1 in Fall Semester 2022 (and have not already completed IN 172 earlier), then you should register this semester for IN 172W-L1 Fieldwork 2 (1 credit, credit/no-credit grading only) in place of the elective credit noted above. Otherwise for most MDiv degree students who started in Fall 2022, you will be completing your two units of the fieldwork requirement in Year 2 of your degree program.

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**Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry (MADM) students,** totaling 10.5 credits:

BI 190W-L1 Engaging in the New Testament Narratives, 3 credits, either letter or credit/no-credit grading

HT 140W-L1 Systematic Theology, 3 credits, either letter or credit/no-credit grading

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IN 142W-L1 Formation for Discipleship: Vocation, Witness, and Ministry, 2 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 162W-L1 Spiritual Practices 2, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

Two (2) credits minimum of Specialization Elective(s)

Courses to Register for: Students following the prescribed curriculum will register as indicated:

**Be sure you select the academic term “2022-2023 Academic Year – Spring Semester” for all course registrations described here.**

Consult with your faculty advisor about appropriate courses if you are either not graduating yet this May 2023 or are otherwise on a different or extended schedule.

**Master of Arts students (non-MA Diaconal Ministry)**, totaling a minimum of 14.5 credits

- One 3-credit BI course (or a combination of BI courses totaling 3 credits). Likely options this spring among the three-credit courses include:
  - BI 190W Engaging the New Testament Narratives, either letter or credit/no-credit grading
  - BI 224W Hebrew Bible 2, **BUT ONLY IF YOU SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BI 222W IN THE FALL**; either letter or credit/no-credit grading
- One 3-credit HT course (or a combination of HT courses totaling 3 credits). Likely options this spring among the three-credit courses include:
  - HT 140W Systematic Theology, either letter or credit/no-credit grading.  
**NOTE:** The instructor strongly recommends, for your best learning experience in HT 140, that you complete Systematic Theology as a synchronous student if at all possible. Contact Dr. Winston Persaud if you absolutely cannot.
  - HT 205W The Global Church in Motion 2 (on Reformation-era church history and mission up to the present), either letter or credit/no-credit grading.
- One 3-credit MN or IN course (other than IN 142 or IN 162), or a combination of IN and MN courses totaling 3 credits. Likely options among the three-credit courses this spring include:
  - MN 270W Pastoral Care in Context, 3 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- IN 347W MA Integrative Capstone Seminar, 3 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**  
NOTE: This new course combines together what was previously the separate MN 265W course, the IN 300 MA Research Seminar, and IN 302 capstone project.
- IN 162W-L1 Spiritual Practices 2, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- Two (2) credit (or more) of elective or specialization credit (if needed) beyond the above to make sure you are completing a minimum of 30 credits hours for your degree. This is to make up for the missing credit that comes up due to IN 347 being only 3 credits, whereas the project and named course requirements use to total 5 credits.

NOTE: The above is the new Master of Arts degree program for students who started in Fall 2021 and later, and who were specifically admitted to the revised new MA degree program. The introduction of the IN 347W replacement seminar requirement came during the Fall Semester of 2021, and retroactively applies to all new students who started in Fall 2021, plus any Fall 2020-starting students who had not completed their capstone project or the separate MN 265 and IN 300 courses (as the later two-named courses will not be also separately taught). If for some reason you are a previous Fall 2020-entranced students, but are missing something and cannot take IN 347W, then please contact Susan Ebertz, who is the MA Coordinator.