**WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**
**PRE-REGISTRATION – Returning Students – SPRING SEMESTER 2026**
**2nd Year MDiv and MADM Students and 3rd-Year CL MDiv Students**

**DUE DATE: Beginning December 1. Preferably by December 12 if possible, and IDEALLY BY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 19.**

You will take care of this registration using the MyWTS Web Portal. A separate set of instructions will illustrate how you use the MyWTS add/drop course process to accomplish this. **Be sure to select the correct academic term, which is "2025-2026 Academic Year – Spring Semester".**

This document summarizes the options you have for registering.

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

**CONTAINED IN THIS PACKET (sent out as attachments to or web links within an e-mail sent to pertinent students):**

1. This document.
2. MyWTS instructions on using the Add/Drop Courses function
3. Summary Block Schedules for each pertinent cohort year
4. Spring 2026 Wartburg numerical course listing
5. Spring 2026 Wartburg day-to-day class schedule

**NOTES**

1. This is a pre-registration. Registration will be finalized in the spring during the Prolog Intensive Week, February 2-6. You can make changes in your registration at that time or during the two-week add/drop period after classes begin.

2. **Independent Study courses** require an Independent Study Contract form. You cannot register for these using MyWTS, as only the Registrar can set these up in the system. Contact the Registrar for the independent study contract form. Contracts must be turned in by the end of the add/drop period or you are not officially registered for the class.

3. **Preaching**. MN 230W Preaching in Spring 2026 will only be for Residential (RL) students and for the other half of DL/CL students who did not already complete MN 230W in Fall 2025. There will be NO ASYNCHRONOUS OPTION IN SPRING 2026, as that was provided for in Fall 2025 for this year.

   Registration in MN 230W preaching precepts is strictly controlled in order to keep the size of each group consistent across precepts for the particular teaching mode employed. Further, the preaching precepts for Spring 2026 separate the Residential/In-Classroom Students from the Off-campus/Zoom DL/CL students.

   There are currently three (3) options scheduled for Synchronous Preaching

Precepts in Spring 2026 (with a placeholder scheduled for a possible fourth precept if enough interested students require such a precept):

- Precept 1 (S1) For In-Classroom (RL) Only Tuesdays, 1:15-3:05 pm
- Precept 2 (S2) For Synchronous DL/CL Students Tuesdays, 3:20-5:10 pm
- Precept 3 (S3) For Synchronous DL/CL Students Fridays., 8:30-10:20 am
- The scheduled placeholder for Precept 4 (S4) – If it becomes necessary, will be Friday afternoons, tentatively 1:15-3:05 pm, for Synchronous Students

The Registrar will have the registration system set up with an enrollment limit set on each option that will start out at initially six (6) students allowed in each, and will only increase a precept to seven students once we have reached the limit of six in all the others precepts of the same teaching mode, and then to eight when we have seven in each precept – this is so we can try to keep the precepts equal in size.. The maximum enrollment in each preaching precept is 8 students. This is probably the "trickiest" bit about using the MyWTS web portal to complete pre-registration, as you will only be able to select a precept if it is not filled yet. The Registrar will be making periodic adjustments to these enrollment limits as registration proceeds. But the Registrar's timing will likely not match the time when you are registering, so you may need to notify the registrar as precepts are filled. You may place your name on a "wait list" for a precept, but there is absolutely no guarantee that such a request may be honored, so still please register for a section that could work if necessary.

4. At the option of the instructor, some classes are offered as preferring Cr/NCr grading only, or may be limited in enrollment. You will find this information noted on the numerical course schedule and in the one-page course descriptions. In MyWTS, you will only be able to select an alternate grade type if that option is available for a course.

5. Elective courses normally require a minimum of 5 students to be held. And a few courses may initially have a maximum enrollment cap set. Contact the Registrar (and put yourself on the wait list for a course) if you encounter a course full and believe you should also be a student in the course.

6. **Course load variations:**

9 course credit hours = minimum load for MA, MADM, and MDiv students to be considered full-time for financial aid purposes.

11.5 course credit hours = maximum course registration for CL students when also completing your internship.

15.5 course credit hours = maximum coursework load for RL/DL students without Academic Dean's overload permission

Students may **audit** courses with the permission of the instructor. Audits do not count toward the total course load. Audits will appear on your final transcript only if the instructor verifies that you actually attended class.

7. It is normally possible to register for courses that begin later in the semester (e.g., module courses) up until the time the course actually begins, although we would prefer you register now rather than later, if only so we can know that we have enough students registrations to hold the course, but also to make sure your registrations are all recorded for billing and financial aid purposes.

8. Spouses are encouraged to audit a course (or courses up to 2 credits total) each semester at no charge. Pass this information along!! They will separately need to complete an application form with Admissions as a Discovery student and submit a paper registration form at the beginning of the semester.

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting graduation requirements, is, in the first instance, the student's own responsibility. The Academic Dean, Registrar, and your faculty advisor will be of assistance whenever possible. Read carefully the Core Curriculum Requirements in the catalog under which you entered and check your transcript and course requirements sheet with your advisor to be certain you are meeting all requirements.

REGISTRAR's DISCLAIMER: A number of required courses have enrollment limited in order to promote a balance between groups, either in size or gender mix, to meet educational goals of the institution. You may be asked to shift to an alternative choice or to a different small group section to meet this institutional need. This change may take place after pre-registration, in which case the student will be notified in a timely fashion

**REQUIRED COURSES:**

**MDiv**

**2nd Year RESIDENTIAL (RL) and DISTRIBUTED LEARNING (DL):**

BI 224W Hebrew Bible II (3 hrs). Credit/no-credit grading or Letter grades.
HT 205W The Global Church in Motion 2 (3 hrs). Credit/no-credit grading or Letter grades.
EITHER
IN 243W 21st Century Leadership (2 hrs) For ASYNCHRONOUS STUDENTS AND remaining SYNCHRONOUS-ZOOM students who have not already completed the course this year. No In-Classroom students will be taught, as All Zoom Only. Credit/No-Credit grading only.
OR
MN 230W Preaching (3 hrs – taught as one hour of plenary/lecture and two hours of "precept"/small group). Credit/no-credit grading or Letter grades. Face-to-face/Synchronous Zoom only, NO ASYNCHRONOUS. **NOTE**: See the instructions above on how to divide yourself between precept sections. Credit/No-Credit grading only.
MN 255W Being Body of Christ (2 hrs -- required before Internship) Credit/no-credit grading or Letter grades.
IN 262W Spiritual Practices 4 (0.5 credits). **credit/no-credit grading only**
*Plus other electives or distributional requirements as needed or desired.*

**Year 2 COLLABORATIVE LEARNING (CL):**

BI 224W Hebrew Bible II (3 hrs). Credit/no-credit grading or Letter grades.
EITHER
IN 243W 21st Century Leadership (2 hrs) For ASYNCHRONOUS STUDENTS AND remaining SYNCHRONOUS-ZOOM students who have not already completed the course this year. No In-Classroom students will be taught, as All Zoom Only. Credit/No-Credit grading only.
OR
MN 230W Preaching (3 hrs – taught as one hour of plenary/lecture

and two hours of "precept"/small group). Credit/no-credit grading or Letter grades. Face-to-face/Synchronous Zoom only, NO ASYNCHRONOUS. **NOTE**: See the instructions above on how to divide yourself between precept sections. Credit/No-Credit grading only.

MN 255W Being Body of Christ (2 hrs -- required before Internship) Credit/no-credit grading or Letter grades.

IN 262W Spiritual Practices 4 (0.5 credits). **credit/no-credit grading only**

*Plus other electives or distributional requirements as needed or desired*

**Year 3 CL Students (9 hours of tuition-billed coursework) In addition to your internship (which has already been registered for), the following courses are expected in Year 3:**

HT 205W The Global Church in Motion 2 (Church History and Mission 2, 3 hrs). Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading

MN 270W Pastoral Care in Context (3 hrs) **Credit/no-credit grading only**

For your Advanced Bible – New Testament requirement, choose one of the two following options (for which we will divide the students half-and-half between the two options in order to keep the two courses even in enrollment size),

EITHER:

BI 366W Acts of the Apostles, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Troftgruben

OR:

BI 376W 1 Corinthians, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Adegbola

**MA in Diaconal Ministry 2nd year -** Will depend on specific situation, but likely will include:

BI 224W Hebrew Bible Content II (3 hrs)

IN 346W Reading and Leading in Context (3 hrs, if graduating May 2026 or wanting to finish remaining coursework this year (leaving just contextual education for next year); IN 346W is a spring semester-only course if thinking about delaying to later)

IN 325W Diaconal Ministry Integrative Capstone Seminar (3 hrs, if graduating May 2026 or wanting to finish remaining coursework this year (leaving just contextual education for next year); IN 325W is a spring semester-only course if thinking about delaying to later)

IN 262W Spiritual Practices 4 (0.5 hrs)

Specialization Electives, possibly 2 credits

And as appropriate, IN 320W Deacon Internship, CPE, or other electives [as needed to get to semester and degree credit minimums]. Talk to the Registrar about your specific contextual education registration, as it will depend on your situation and timing.

Other Degree Requirements:

**MDiv Youth & Family Ministry requirement** There are currently three (3) options available for the spring semester that can be used to meet this requirement:

HT 178W Invitation to a Food Theology (1 cr), ASYNCHRONOUS COURSE. Lohrman, with the assistance of Lisi. Credit/No-Credit grading.

MN 292E Youth and Family Ministry in a Small Town and Rural (STaR) Context (1 cr), ASYNCHRONOUS COURSE. Yackel-Juleen. Note: The student must inform the Registrar that you are taking this course to meet your Youth and Family Ministry Requirement.

MN 383W When Faith Hurts: Recognizing and Responding to the Spiritual Impact of Child Abuse (1 cr), SYNCHRONOUS ZOOM COURSE ONLY, scheduled as an intensive from Thursday evening, March 19, to early Saturday afternoon, March 21. Victor Vieth and other instructors.

**MDiv Rural Ministry requirement** – There are two (20 options available in the spring semester that meet this requirement:

MN 295W Ministry in Rural Context (1 hr), which is taught on Fridays (11:40-12:30) as an In-Person/Synchronous Zoom course.

MN 292E Youth and Family Ministry in a Small Town and Rural (STaR) Context (1 cr), ASYNCHRONOUS COURSE. Yackel-Juleen. Note: This course cannot both fulfill your MDiv Rural Ministry requirement and your Youth/Family Ministry requirement, and so the student must choose. The Registrar will assume that MN 292E is meeting the Rural Ministry requirement, unless the student specifically tells the Registrar that you are taking this course to meet your Youth and Family Ministry Requirement.

Other Electives or Distributional Requirements? – See the Numerical schedule, the day-by-day schedule, or the separate Elective Block Schedule, as electives are sprinkled throughout the schedule.

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