WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
FIRST-YEAR STUDENT REGISTRATION – SPRING 2026

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

FROM: Kevin Anderson, Registrar

DUE DATE: Beginning December 1. Preferably by December 12 if possible, and IDEALLY BY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 19. NOTE: SPRING STARTING STUDENTS - The Academic Dean's Office needs to assign to a faculty advisor before you can register; until then, a New Student Hold remains on your account that prevents registratoin until that advisor has been assigned.

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 2025-2027 Catalog. If you are in a different situation (e.g, part-time or with transfer credits), please contact your advisor and/or Registrar 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 first by the appropriate office in order to pre-register for your spring courses.

Courses to Register for: **Master of Divinity (MDiv) RL and DL Students** following the prescribed curriculum will register as indicated:

> Be sure you select the academic term **"2025-2026 Academic Year – Spring Semester"** for all course registrations described here.

TWO OPTIONS, depending on whether (1) you are a "returning student" (i.e., have just completed or previously completed the Fall Semester curriculum, in particular IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds as a recommended course prior to taking HT 140W), or (2) are you are a brand-new MDiv students, starting for the first time in Spring Semester 2026 (i.e., have not completed the fall semester course, IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds or a transfer-course equivalent). If you fall under Option 2, please consult with your faculty advisor first before registering for HT 140W Systematic Theology.

OPTION 1 (Returning Student with IN 141W completed):
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.
- 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.

OPTION 2 (Spring-starting New Student)
Master of Divinity students, Both Residential (RL) and Distributed Learners (DL) totaling 11.5 or 12.5 credits:

- BI 190W-L1 Engaging in the New Testament Narratives, 3 credits, either letter or credit/no-credit grading
- 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**
- Recommended that you complete a substitute course for HT 140W, such as possibly MN 255W Being Body of Christ (2 cr) or HT 205W Global Church in Motion 2 (3 cr). Please consult with your faculty advisor.
- Plus a minimum of one (1) elective or distributional requirement credit (or two such courses if substituting MN 255W for HT 140W) in order to remain on track for credits in completing your MDiv degree program.

Courses to Register for: **Master of Divinity (MDiv) CL-only Students** following the prescribed curriculum will register as indicated:

> Be sure you select the academic term **"2025-2026 Academic Year – Spring Semester"** for all course registrations described here.

TWO OPTIONS, depending on whether (1) you are a "returning student" (i.e., have just completed or previously completed the Fall Semester curriculum, in particular IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds as a recommended course prior to taking HT 140W), or (2) are you are a brand-new MDiv students, starting for the first time in Spring Semester 2025 (i.e., have not completed the fall semester course, IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds or a transfer-course equivalent). If you fall under Option 2, please consult with your faculty advisor first before registering for HT 140W Systematic Theology.

OPTION 1 (Returning Student with IN 141W completed):

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.
- 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.

OPTION 2 (Spring-starting New Student)

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
- 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**
- Recommended that you complete a substitute course for HT 140W, such as possibly MN 255W Being Body of Christ (2 cr) or HT 205W Global Church in Motion 2 (3 cr). Please consult with your faculty advisor.
- Plus a minimum of one (1) elective or distributional requirement credit (or two such courses if substituting MN 255W for HT 140W) in order to remain on track for credits in completing your MDiv degree program.

Courses to Register for: **Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry (MADM, all pathways) Students** following the prescribed curriculum will register as indicated:

Be sure you select the academic term **"2025-2026 Academic Year – Spring Semester"** for all course registrations described here

TWO OPTIONS, depending on whether (1) you are a "returning student" (i.e., have just completed or previously completed the Fall Semester curriculum, in particular IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds as a recommended course prior to taking HT 140W), or (2) are you are a brand-new MDiv students, starting for the first time in Spring Semester 2025 (i.e., have not completed the fall semester course, IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds or a transfer-course equivalent). If you fall under Option 2, please consult with your faculty advisor first before registering for HT 140W Systematic Theology.

OPTION 1 (Returning Student with IN 141W completed):
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.
- 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)

OPTION 2 (Spring-starting New Student)
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
- 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**
- Recommended that you complete an appropriate second-year course or more specialty electives (for example, MN 270W Pastoral Care in Context), delaying HT 140W to next year. Please consult with your faculty advisor to decide on the course substitution.
- Two (2) credits minimum of Specialization Elective(s)

Courses to Register for: **Master of Arts (MA, all pathways) Students** following the prescribed curriculum will register as indicated:

> Be sure you select the academic term **"2025-2026 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 2024 or are otherwise on a different or extended schedule. Also, unless you are "returning student" (e.g., started in the fall semester and have completed IN 141W) and are instead starting brand new in this Spring Semester, it is not recommended that you necessarily jump straight into HT 140W Systematic Theology unless you really want the course as one of your HT selections and cannot wait until next year (in which case you may want to consult with the HT 140W instructors and your faculty advisor to see if you are adequately prepared for this particular course).

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 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.
  - HT 140W Systematic Theology, either letter or credit/no-credit grading. **NOTE**: See the caution given above, as this is not an easy course to start with.
- 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 327W MA Integrative Capstone Seminar, 3 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- 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.