

**WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION – Returning Students – FALL SEMESTER 2023**  
**Final-Year MDiv Student Version**

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 “2023-2024 Academic Year – Fall Semester”.**

**Please complete this pre-registration by no later than May 12 (preferably earlier).**

This document summarizes the options you have for registering.

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

1. This document.
2. MyWTS instructions on using the Add/Drop Courses function
3. Block Schedules for Fall 2023 Final-Year MDiv courses and for all Electives/distribution courses
4. Fall 2023 Numerical Course Listing
5. Fall 2023 Wartburg day-to-day Class Schedule

**NOTES**

1. This is considered a pre-registration. Registration is officially finalized in the fall during Prolog Week, September 4-8. 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. 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 on 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.
4. Elective courses normally require a minimum of 5 students to be held.
5. **Course load variations:**  
9 hours = minimum full-time load M.A. and M.Div.  
15.5 hours = maximum load 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.

6. It is possible to register for courses that begin later in the semester (e.g., intensive 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.
7. 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 apply to be a non-degree student, plus complete 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

**SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR LISTINGS OF COURSES TYPICALLY REQUIRED BY EACH COHORT YEAR IN THE MDIV OR MA DEGREE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS HOW TO MEET THE VARIOUS DISTRIBUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN THOSE DEGREE PROGRAMS.**

**Looking ahead to Spring 2024, the following courses are normally taken:**

RL/DL Students:

BI 3xxW Advanced Bible – New Testament courses to be named, 3 hours  
MN 306W Living Liturgies, 3 hours  
IN 345W Word, Image, and Imagination, 3 hours  
IN 346W Reading and Leading in Context, 3 hours  
IN 362W Spiritual Practices 6, 0.5 hours

CL Students:

MN 306W Living Liturgies, 3 hours  
IN 345W Word, Image, and Imagination, 3 hours  
IN 346W Reading and Leading in Context, 3 hours  
IN 362W Spiritual Practices 6, 0.5 hours

## REQUIRED COURSES, FALL SEMESTER:

### RL/DL Final-Year MDiv – Register for the following courses:

For your Advanced Bible – Hebrew Bible requirement, choose one of the two following options (which will have us divide the students half-and-half between the two options in order to keep them even in size), Either:

BI 333W Ezra-Nehemiah, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Helen Chukka

Or:

BI 326W The Old Testament & the Rule of Faith, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Samuel Giere

For your Advanced Theology requirement, choose one of the two following options (which will have us divide the students half-and-half between the two options in order to keep them even in size), Either:

HT 396W The Contemporary Crisis of Defining and Confessing the Gospel, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Winston Persaud

Or:

HT 397W Christocentric Theology in the Age of the New Normal, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Man Hei Yip

HT 267W Lutheran Ethics, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Nessian.

IN 344W Integrative Capstone Seminar, 3 hours, **Credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 361W Spiritual Practices 5 (0.5 hrs) **Credit/no-credit grading only**

**(Note:** if you have already completed six spiritual practices sections, or the equivalent of the three hours, please contact the Registrar for what registration might be needed if you wish to continue in Spiritual Practices.)

Note: You also need to pay attention to any missing requirements, such as your rural ministry and/or youth & family ministry requirement for the MDiv, neither of which was fulfilled in a particular semester. See options below for this semester.

### CL Final-Year (Year 4) MDiv – Register for the following courses:

For your Advanced Bible – Hebrew Bible requirement, choose one of the two following options (which will have us divide the students half-and-half between the two options in order to keep them even in size), Either:

BI 333W Ezra-Nehemiah, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Helen Chukka

Or:

BI 326W The Old Testament & the Rule of Faith, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Samuel Giere

For your Advanced Theology requirement, choose one of the two following options (which will have us divide the students half-and-half between the two options in order to keep them even in size), Either:

HT 396W The Contemporary Crisis of Defining and Confessing the Gospel, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Winston Persaud

Or:

HT 397W Christocentric Theology in the Age of the New Normal, 3 hours, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Man Hei Yip

IN 344W Integrative Capstone Seminar, 3 hours, **Credit/no-credit grading only**

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Additional MDiv degree requirements that have no particular semester:

**Youth & Family Ministry MDiv requirement** For Fall 2023, the advanced elective course, HT 356W Teaching Luther's Small Catechism (1 credit hours, Lohrmann) can be adapted to meet this degree requirement. Also, the three-day intensive, MN 383W When Faith Hurts, a course on child abuse, November 9-11, can also be taken to fulfill this requirement.

**Rural Ministry requirement** – Two 1-credit options this fall, each with their own specific dates of when they are taught:

- MN 195W Rural Plunge Weekend intensive course (1 hr, meets M.Div. Rural Ministry Requirement MN-7; or as elective for others) Yackel-Juleen. Tentatively scheduled for November 3-5 (Friday-Sunday).
- MN 294W Rural Ministry – Leadership in Multi-Point Rural Parishes. (semester-long course, 1 hr; meets M.Div. Rural Ministry Requirement MN-7; can be adapted to the Mission Development & Redevelopment Concentration; or as elective for others) Yackel-Juleen. Full-semester course; Synchronous/Face-to-face only

Other Electives? – See the “electives” block schedule.

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