

**WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION – FALL 2023**

TO: All New Incoming Degree Students (MDiv/MA/MADiacMin, and RL/DL/CL)

FROM: Kevin Anderson, Registrar

DUE DATE: Upon Receipt. Preferably before August 30 if possible

You will use MyWTS (<https://mywts.wartburgseminary.edu>) to register for Fall Semester courses based on expectations of your degree program and your respective category of student [Residential Learner (RL), Distance 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.

NOTE: As new students, 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/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 this instruction e-mail from the Registrar, but are still seeing the “New Student” hold on your account preventing registration, please contact the Registrar (Kevin Anderson, registrar@wartburgseminary.edu) about getting that hold removed.

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 normally change the grading option in most cases during the first four weeks of the fall semester without needing instructor permission; after four-weeks, then instructor permission may be necessary, especially if shifting from credit/no-credit grading to letter grades.) The current default if you don’t change the option is for Credit/No-Credit Grading in the case of those courses that allow letter grading.

Starting on the next page are what I anticipate for each of you based on your degree based on the curriculum that is described either in the Fall 2022 Catalog Supplement or the 2023-2025 Catalog (if ready). If you are in a different situation (e.g, part-time, transfer credits), please contact me (Registrar) and/or your advisor directly to get further instructions.

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

Be sure you select the academic term “2023-2024 Academic Year – Fall Semester” for all course registrations described here.

NOTE: The following list of courses to register for are based on a revised Master of Divinity degree program that represents a change the faculty made in mid-May 2022 to reduce the MDiv Fieldwork requirement. This new version of the Master of Divinity was published in the Fall 2022 Catalog Supplement, which will be replaced during the summer of 2023 with a new 2023-2025 Course Catalog. The change reduces the MDiv fieldwork requirement from 4 credits down to 2 credits (from four units of fieldwork down to two), and further requests that the fieldwork be normally completed in the student’s Second Year (Year 2) in their program (and no longer in both the first and second years as previously expected). This reduction in fieldwork DOES NOT reduce the minimum credits needed overall for the MDiv degree program which is still 116 hours, but instead becomes a requirement that replaces the now missing fieldwork units with the student completing a minimum of two credits in Elective credits instead, which can be taken any time during your program, but are currently illustrated to occur in your first year of seminary for those who will be following the published scheme for a four-year MDiv degree. The listed requirements below reflect this current organization for this revised Master of Divinity degree.

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

BI 103W Greek Language, 3 credits, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading,

Register according to these instructions for the two options:

- Students who will be Asynchronous should sign up for section **BI 103E-AS**. (This is typically DL students, but does not need to be if a DL student can Zoom at the scheduled time on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.)
- Students who will be Residential or Synchronous-Zoom should register for section **BI 103W-SY**. (This is RL students plus typically CL students. Students in this section will be subdivided later between the different instructors who will be teaching residential and Zoom students respectively.)

MN 106W-L1 Foundations of Lutheran Worship, 3 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 141W-L1 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds, 2 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 161W-L1 Spiritual Practices 1, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

Plus register for a minimum of 1 credit of Elective or Distributional coursework (see the note above) if you wish to be registered for the minimum of 9 credits or more in order to be full-time for financial aid purposes and to remain on track to complete a four-year MDiv degree. Information on elective and distributional courses being offered can be found in the seminary schedule, particularly the “Block Chart” showing elective and distributional courses.

(Note: the CL plan for courses delays/reschedules one course from each fall and spring semester in the first, second, and final/fourth years, to instead be courses taken during your third year. The course delayed from your first-year fall semester is HT 105W, the history and mission course.)