

**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.**

**New Master of Arts students (non-MA Diaconal Ministry), both RL and DL students,**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE FULL-TIME AND TRYING TO FINISH IN JUST ONE YEAR (totaling 13.5 semester hours for the fall):**

- One 3-credit BI course. Likely options this fall include:
  - BI 192W Engaging the New Testament Letters, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
  - BI 222W Hebrew Bible 1, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
- One 3-credit HT course. Likely options this fall include:
  - HT 105W The Global Church in Motion 1 (Church History/Global Mission I), either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading.
  - HT 212W Lutheran Confessions, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
  - HT 267W Lutheran Ethics, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
- One 3-credit MN or IN (other than IN 141, IN 161, or IN 127), or a combination of IN and MN courses totaling 3 credits. Likely options among three-credit courses this fall include:
  - MN 106W 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 127W MA Colloquium, 1 credit, **credit/no-credit grading only**. (**Note:** to start with, this colloquium will be set up as a synchronous/face-to-face course, but could be switched later to an asynchronous online course if needed. **Also Note:** IN 127W is a new course number; previously this requirement was numbered as MN 165W.)
- IN 161W-L1 Spiritual Practices 1, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- Plus choose one additional elective course for 1 credit minimum that is not being applied to any requirement above.

**FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO START THE MA DEGREE AS PART-TIME (or wanting to work at a pace slower than the described program):** Please consult with your faculty advisor and the Registrar about possible options for how to organize a part-time MA degree. This might be a challenge, as the degree was not designed to be part-time, and still allow access to financial aid (which requires one to register full-time for at least nine credits of coursework in each eligible fall or spring semester). Plus that you must incorporate some of the degree requirements that are courses only offered in particular semesters at only one time each year, which include IN 141W and IN 127W being taught only in the fall semester, and completing the classroom portions of the IN 327W Integrative MA Capstone project as this course is only taught in the spring semester.