

WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRE-REGISTRATION – Returning Students – FALL SEMESTER 2026
2nd Year (all degrees) and 3rd-Year CL MDiv Students

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 “2026-2027 Academic Year – Fall Semester”.**

Please complete this pre-registration by no later than May 15 (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 2026 2nd-Year/Continuing students and Year 3 MDiv courses and for all Electives/distribution courses
4. Fall 2026 Numerical Course Listing
5. Fall 2026- Wartburg day-to-day Class Schedule

NOTES

1. This is considered a pre-registration. Registration is officially finalized in the fall during Prolog Week, August 31-September 4. 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 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.

6. It is 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.
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.

1. Please note that as part of a number of degree changes the faculty have made (affecting the MDiv, MADM, and MA programs) that take over starting in Fall 2026, a number of course requirements have received new course numbers and course titles.
2. Continuing the "experiment" that starting last year, both MN 253W Formation for Leadership (previously IN 243W Leadership in the 21st Century) and MN 230W Preaching will be taught twice this year, with both courses in Fall Semester 2026 and both again in Spring Semester 2027. Second-year/continuing MDiv*** students still needing both requirements are to divide themselves into two cohorts, whereby APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE STUDENTS should each complete ONLY ONE OF THE COURSES IN FALL 2026 (with the other course taken in Spring 2027) using the following directions:
 - ALL RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS and HALF of the CL/DL SYNCHRONOUS STUDENTS (i.e., not asynchronous students) should complete MN 230W Preaching THIS FALL.
 - ALL ASYNCHRONOUS STUDENTS, plus HALF of the SYNCHRONOUS CL/DL STUDENTS should complete MN 253W Formation for Leadership THIS FALL.AGAIN - ALL ASYNCHRONOUS Students should complete MN 253W this Fall and MN 230W in the Spring.

***Non-MDiv Students who are Asynchronous or Residential must also follow the same instructions above for knowing when you can be in one or the other course.

REQUIRED COURSES, FALL SEMESTER:

Master of Divinity:

2nd Year: **RL & DL Students (12.5 hours minimum)**

BI 192W Engaging the New Testament Letters (3 hrs) Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading

BI 222W Hebrew Bible I (3 hrs) Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading

HT 212W Lutheran Confessions (3 hrs) Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading

EITHER (See further explanation earlier in this instruction document)

MN 253W Formation for Leadership [previously IN 243W 21st Century Leadership] (2 hrs) **Credit/no-credit grading only. For Half of the Continuing/ 2nd-Year MDiv DL/CL Synchronous Zoom cohort and ALL ASYNCHRONOUS students.**

Plus add a 1-credit elective or distributional course to remain on track.

OR

MN 230W Preaching (3 hrs) Credit/no-credit grading only. For Half of the Continuing/2nd-Year MDiv DL/CL Synchronous Zoom cohort and ALL RESIDENTIAL students who need MN 230W. (Instructor's Note: Due to the relational, present-tense eventfulness of preaching, students are discouraged from taking this course asynchronously, if at all possible.)

MN 251W Boundaries [Note: New course number] (1 hr, Prolog Week plus Second Half of the Semester) **Credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 261W Spiritual Practices 3 (0.5 hrs) **Credit/no-credit grading only**

2nd Year: **CL Students (9.5 hours minimum)**

BI 222W Hebrew Bible I (3 hrs) Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading

HT 212W Lutheran Confessions (3 hrs) Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading

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Plus add a 1-credit elective or distributional course to remain on track.

OR

MN 230W Preaching (3 hrs) Credit/no-credit grading only. For Half of the Continuing/2nd-Year MDiv DL/CL Synchronous Zoom cohort and ALL RESIDENTIAL students who need MN 230W. (Instructor's Note: Due to the relational, present-tense eventfulness of preaching, students are discouraged from taking this course asynchronously, if at all possible.)

IN 207W Boundaries (1 hr, Prolog Week plus Second Half of the Semester) **Credit/no-credit grading only**

IN 261W Spiritual Practices 3 (0.5 hrs) **Credit/no-credit grading only**

Other electives or distributional requirements as desired – See options listed below.

3rd Year: CL Students (9 hours minimum) In addition to your internship (which usually has already been registered for), the following requirements are expected in Year 3:

- BI 192W Engaging the New Testament Letters (3 hrs) Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
HT 105W Christian History and Mission [Note: new title] (3 hrs). Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
HT 267W Lutheran Ethics (3 hrs). Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading. Nesson.

NOTE: If you completed HT 105W in an earlier semester (possibly if you began as a DL student first), then you can either substitute MN 354W Practicing Ministry Leadership from the final-year curriculum if you have completed at least one semester and summer of CL internship, and/or fill with three additional credits of electives or distributional courses. If you have already completed BI 192W in an earlier semester, then you are encouraged to replace this course with three hours of electives or independent study, and not work ahead on a final-year substitute, in order to not create the same type of problem a year later in Fall 2027.

MA in Diaconal Ministry 2nd year, 10.5 hours minimum

- BI 222W Hebrew Bible Content I (3 hrs) Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
HT 212W Lutheran Confessions (if not already completed, 3 hrs) Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading.
HT 267W Lutheran Ethics (3 hours). Either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading.
IN261W Spiritual Practices 3 (0.5 hrs) **Credit/no-credit grading only.**

If not already completed, then:

MN 251W Boundaries [Note: new course number] (1 hr, Second Half of the Semester) Credit/no-credit grading only

At least one or more credits in a course(s) selected as an elective credit or toward a goal of specialization. Please consult with your faculty advisor on options that might meet your needs from among the Fall Semester 2026 options.

ALSO POSSIBLY ADD (if you are ready): Don't forget your CPE and/or Deacon Internship credits, depending on where you are at in your program and how soon you are trying to complete the degree. Please consult with the Registrar on what specific fieldwork or project registration(s) to do.

Transfer Students or students in a situation different than any of the above:

Please work with your advisor on your specific course needs.

Additional MDiv degree requirements that have no particular semester:

Youth & Family Ministry MDiv requirement For Fall 2025, one option:

- MN 235W Preaching With Children (1 credit hours, Gilmore) **Enrollment limit of 12 students, so first priority to final-year MDiv students who still need this requirement in order to graduate.**

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

- MN 195W Rural Plunge Weekend intensive course (1 hr) Yackel-Juleen. **Scheduled for November 6-8 (Friday-Sunday); offsite, and In-Person only.**
- MN 293E Rural Ecosystems and Ministry (1 hr) Yackel-Juleen. **Asynchronous Only**
- MN 294W Rural Ministry: Revisioning and Reforming for Sustainability and Vitality. (semester-long course, 1 hr) Yackel-Juleen. **Synchronous/Face-to-face only**

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

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