

**WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRE-REGISTRATION – Returning 1st Year Students
FALL SEMESTER 2026**

This version is for those who are still technically 1st-Year students for fall semester, either because you started mid-year, or you have been proceeding on a very part-time basis.

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. Summary Block Schedule. Fall 2026, for most 1st-year students
4. Fall 2026 Numerical Course Listing
5. Fall 2026 Wartburg day-to-day Class Schedule

NOTES

1. This is a pre-registration. Registration will be 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.

NOTE - Since you began your degree program a short while ago, the faculty has been working throughout Spring and early Summer 2026 to implement new degree changes in requirements, course numbers, and course titles for all three programs (MDiv, MADM, and MA). The Registrar and Academic Dean will be publishing during the late summer a new Fall 2026 Supplement to the current 2025-2027 Course Catalog to describe these degree programs for recently started students such as yourself.

Depending on how far into your degree you already are (or if you came to us with transfer credits), you likely will be shifting over to the requirements of these changed versions of degree programs. The expected courses for these new degree versions are reflected in the pages following to describe the most common degree situations for students still effectively in the first year of their program.

If you are in a different situation, please contact the Registrar and/or your advisor directly to get further instructions on how your particular requirements might be adjusted.

REQUIRED COURSES, FALL SEMESTER:

Below are the courses normally expected of a beginning first semester Fall student by new students, with separate listings for each degree program and pathway.

If you are following a “different” scheme, then please work with your faculty advisor on advice for what to take this fall semester. This could potentially involve courses outside of the normal first-year sequence, so you get advice.

First-Year Master of Divinity students, Both Residential (RL) and Distance Learners (DL) totaling 12.5 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.)
- HT 105W-L1 Christian History and Mission, 3 credits, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
- HT 141W-L1 Introduction to Theology [which replaced the IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds requirement], 2 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- MN 106W-L1 Introduction to Worship, 3 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- MN 130W-L1 Introduction to Preaching [which is a new course requirement added to the new MDiv degree program], 1 credit, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- IN 161W-L1 Spiritual Practices 1, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

First-Year 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.)
- HT 141W-L1 Introduction to Theology [which replaced the IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds requirement], 2 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- MN 106W-L1 Introduction to Worship, 3 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- MN 130W-L1 Introduction to Preaching [which is a new course requirement added to the new MDiv degree program], 1 credit, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- IN 161W-L1 Spiritual Practices 1, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

First-Year Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry students, all pathways (RL,DL,CL), totaling 10.5 credits minimum:

- BI 222W Hebrew Bible 1 [which is now suggested as a first-year requirement instead, with BI 192W now delayed to the fall in year two], 3 credits, either letter grade or

- credit/no-credit grading
- HT 105W-L1 Christian History and Mission, 3 credits, either letter grade or credit/no-credit grading
- HT 141W-L1 Introduction to Theology [which replaced the IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds requirement], 2 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- MN 130W-L1 Introduction to Preaching [which is a new course requirement added to the new MADM degree program], 1 credit, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- IN 123W-L1 Diaconal Ministry: Foundation, 1 credit, **credit/no-credit grading only**.
(NOTE: IN 123W is tentatively scheduled for late Monday mornings, but could be rescheduled once everyone is registered and we have the availability and preferences of the students.)
- IN 161W-L1 Spiritual Practices 1, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

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

FOR THOSE IN THE ONE-YEAR OPTION (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 (other than HT 141). Likely options this fall include:
 - HT 105W Christian History and Mission, 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 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 Introduction to Worship, 3 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- HT 141W-L1 Introduction to Theology [which replaced the IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds requirement], 2 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**
- MN 251W-L1 Boundaries, 1 credit, , **credit/no-credit grading only**
- IN 127E MA Colloquium, 1 credit, **credit/no-credit grading only**. (Note: For Fall 2026, **IN 127E will be taught as an asynchronous online course only for all pathways.**
- IN 161W-L1 Spiritual Practices 1, 0.5 credits, **credit/no-credit grading only**

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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