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Wartburg Theological Seminary

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Accreditation

Wartburg Theological Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS), 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275-1103, (412) 788-6505, www.ats.edu, and by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, 230 South La Salle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (800) 621-7740, www.hlcommission.com. The seminary is approved for the degree programs it currently offers: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, and the Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry. This accreditation also applies to our approved extension site, the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest in Austin, Texas, for a Master of Divinity degree. The seminary is approved by the ATS for a Comprehensive Distance Education Program. The seminary was last reaccredited in 2008 for a ten-year period.

Non-Discriminatory Policy

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et. seq., and federal regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 106, it is the policy of Wartburg Seminary to consider candidates for academic admission, for financial assistance, and for employment, without regard to gender, race, age, marital status, disability, religion, national or ethnic background, and sexual orientation, or any characteristics protected by law. As an organization of the church, however, the seminary may consider religious factors, including policies of the church and decisions of synod candidacy committees.

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From the President:

Welcome to Wartburg Theological Seminary!

Well, almost. The truth is that you need to visit to experience the full-court press of what God continues to do here. We are responsive and tech-savvy - with online, distributed (distance) learning courses and degrees, but we see technology as a way to build on the gift of **community** - the connectedness we have been given in Christ. Which, by the way, is one of the things we believe makes Wartburg Theological Seminary graduates distinctive. We learn about community in the classroom, we practice it in worship and in the world, and we live it in our leadership as we go out from this place.



There is a lot more to learn about Wartburg Theological Seminary, of course –

- that we come together to **worship** five days a week
- that you will undertake **serious and rigorous theological study** under the leadership of some of the academy's finest scholars, who, by the way, are equally serious about a life of faith, and who have served as leaders in the church
- that we learn together, not for the sake of impressing others, but **for the sake of those in need of healing, justice, daily bread, freedom – those who are hungry for Jesus Christ**
- and that we are **deeply engaged with the world around us** - responding to the deep cultural, spiritual, economic, political and social changes happening in our world

There is so much more to experience at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Which is why I want to extend a personal invitation to you to visit. We will be delighted to have you join our community for a day, for a week, for a degree, or for a lifetime. Come worship, learn, and serve as part of the Wartburg tradition.

In Christ's name and service,

Rev. Louise N. Johnson

Our Mission

Seminary Mission Statement

“Wartburg Theological Seminary serves Christ's church through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by being a worship-centered community of critical theological reflection where learning leads to mission and mission informs learning.

The community embodies God's mission by stewarding resources for engaging, equipping, and sending collaborative leaders who interpret, proclaim and live the gospel of Jesus Christ for a world created for communion with God and in need of personal and social healing.” (Revised April 2013)

Mission for the Academic Program

In light of this mission Wartburg endeavors to form students who

- a) claim a clear sense of their confessional identity as Lutheran Christians and
- b) commitment to explore its meaning for our multi-cultural, religiously plural context,
- c) understand that justification and justice stand together at the heart of the gospel as the church bears witness to God's justifying love for sinners in Jesus Christ and expresses that love by working for freedom and justice in society, and
- d) envision the church as a global community manifested in local congregations assembled around word and sacrament.

Programs

Wartburg carries out this mission both through its core Master of Divinity program, as well as through its Master of Arts, and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry. Wartburg has also developed several special programs through which it carries out its commitments to its students and the church.

- Wartburg prepares people for ministry selected through the ELCA's alternative route to ordination, TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries), with a certificate program utilizing a combination of online and on-campus intensive instruction.
- Wartburg also prepares people for ministry in the convergence of cultures in the Southwest through the TEEM program of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS) in Austin, Texas, which is administered in partnership with the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.
- Wartburg equips leaders for rural ministry through the Center for Theology and Land, which provides courses and programs, including continuing education. Eligible non-degree students can complete a certificate program in town and country ministry or in theology and congregational leadership.
- Wartburg trains leaders for ministry with youth and families through the Center for Youth Ministries with courses, congregational consultations, and through the center's advanced certificate program. The center's programs reach directly into the parish. Students in the Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry, and Master of Divinity degree programs may add a concentration in Youth, Culture, and Mission.
- Wartburg will work in partnership with Bexley Seabury Theological Seminary (Chicago, IL) to offer a version of our MDiv degree that incorporates their Diploma in Anglican Studies courses to prepare students for ordination in the Episcopal and Anglican traditions.
- Wartburg continues its long-standing partnership with the nearby University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in providing opportunities for eligible students to cross-register for courses at the other seminary.
- Wartburg focuses its commitment to the global mission of the church through its Center for Global Theologies. The center is integrated into the broader academic program and mission of the seminary.

Pastoral-Diaconal Practices

The Wartburg Theological Seminary faculty is deeply committed to certain pastoral and diaconal practices that we foster in Wartburg graduates based on our mission. By “pastoral” we intend to include all graduates and their ministries, not just students in the Master of Divinity program. And by “practices” we do not mean mere actions that are performed. Rather, these ministry practices are understood to be incarnated and embodied in being as well as doing. They aim toward coherence between one's disposition and one's practice of ministry. Graduates thus informed are able to give reason why they act in a particular way. Effective formation has instilled a fundamental attitude out of which one then does.

The following twelve practices articulate central educational goals of the seminary curriculum:

“Wartburg Theological Seminary...”

[Three overarching practices]

1. **Practice of Being Rooted in the Gospel:** Articulates the Gospel in a way that is heard as Gospel. Is publicly Lutheran and Gospel-centered.
2. **Practice of *Missio Dei* in Word and Sacrament:** Is grounded in Word and Sacrament as the means by which God creates faith in Christ and a community (*koinonia*) for God’s mission (*martyria* and *diakonia*) in the world. Pastors exercise faithful worship preparation, evangelical preaching, and sacramental leadership. Diaconal ministers and deaconesses serve as a strategic bridge between church and world. Associates in ministry serve faithfully in their areas of call in relationship to the worshipping community. All the baptized are sent by the Spirit to employ their gifts in God’s mission for the life of the world.
3. **Practice of Biblical and Theological Wisdom:** Interprets reality theologically and biblically as a habit. Has a core set of theological concepts that are interpreted with flexibility in different contexts.

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4. **Practice of Ecclesial Partnership:** Displays a healthy sense of connectedness with the whole church. Fosters partnership with the ELCA and ecumenical openness.
5. **Practice of Complex Analysis:** Demonstrates capacity to carefully examine complex social, economic, scientific, and religious issues without oversimplification. Sees relationships from a systems perspective, remaining spiritually centered in the face of ambiguity.
6. **Practice of Curiosity:** Is fundamentally curious, employing creativity in the use of language. Is open to grow beyond current perspectives and eager to pursue learning with intellectual depth.

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7. **Practice of Pastoral Concern:** Loves God’s people with the compassion of Christ, demonstrating a generous spirit in relating to others, teaching and modeling stewardship. Maintains a clear sense of ministerial identity and desire for excellence in ministry.
8. **Practice of Personal Faith and Integrity:** Lives as person of faith, grounded in a life of prayer and study. Is self-aware in seeing the larger picture, proclaiming hope, leading courageously, and setting healthy boundaries.
9. **Practice of Collegiality:** Leads in a way that is responsive to the situation and promotes team building. Creates collegial groups within and beyond the church for promoting many forms of ministry.

“...who interpret, proclaim and live the gospel of Jesus Christ for a world created for communion with God and in need of personal and social healing.”

10. **Practice of Evangelical Listening and Speaking the Faith to Others:** Listens in a way that leads people to deeper faith questions. Engages in thoughtful witness to the Christian message, especially to youth and those outside the faith.
11. **Practice of Immersion in the Context:** Shows awareness of the context through listening to, dialogue with and involvement in the local community. Has ability to interpret texts and contexts with insight.
12. **Practice of Engagement with Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions:** Engages multicultural issues and religious pluralism in the context of globalization. Understands the inclusive character of the Christian Gospel.

Our Heritage

The history of Wartburg Seminary goes back to the missionary efforts of Wilhelm Loehe in Neuendettelsau, Germany. Pastors sent out from Neuendettelsau founded an educational institution in Saginaw, Michigan, in 1852. The following year the school was moved to Dubuque, and in 1854 seminary education was begun. Four years later, adverse economic conditions forced a move to St. Sebald in Clayton County, Iowa, where the name Wartburg was first chosen. In 1875 expansion necessitated a move to Mendota, Illinois, where the seminary remained until 1889, when it was returned to Dubuque.

Several seminaries have merged with Wartburg over the years. In 1932 St. Paul Luther Seminary of the Ohio synod was moved to the Wartburg campus. In 1956, Trinity Theological Seminary in Blair, Nebraska, (United Evangelical Lutheran Church) was moved to Dubuque and officially merged with Wartburg at the formation of The American Lutheran Church in 1960. In 1983 Christ Seminary Seminex dispersed its faculty and other resources among three seminaries in anticipation of the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Wartburg was one of the three seminaries and as part of that dispersal, received for its Austin, Texas, program the Seminex library and library director, one faculty member, and a few students. At the beginning of the ELCA on January 1, 1988, those resources officially merged with Wartburg.

The present campus of some 35 acres is situated on the brow of a ridge in southwest Dubuque, commanding a beautiful view in all directions of the hill country surrounding this city on the Mississippi River. Groundbreaking for the newest campus renovation and construction occurred in April 2000. Included in this work was the networking of the Wartburg campus for

technology (with wired access brought to all classrooms, offices, and residences on campus) and the installation of a geothermal exchange system for heating and cooling.

On January 2001, students moved into the renovated and refurbished residence hall. Changes included an elevator, all private rooms and baths, complete technology hookup, and individual room temperature control for heating and cooling. The new seminary kitchen went into operation with the start of the 2001 spring term. Soon after, the offices and additional dining space of the new construction connected to the refectory and tower went into use. Remodeling of the tower and Mendota hall were then completed, which opened classrooms, additional offices, and guest housing.

Innovations in technology continue today, with major additions every year since 2014, including video projectors and displays in the auditorium and all major classroom and seminar rooms, and an upgrade of all our servers, web site, and central administrative management software. Wireless access is available throughout the main campus buildings and the residence hall, with updates to support mobile devices as well as traditional laptop and desktop computers. All major classrooms and seminar rooms are now equipped with multiple video conferencing technology to support our “hybrid” curriculum, allowing both residential and off-campus students to take the same courses together in synchronous fashion, as well as for lectures and presentations to be recorded.

Resources and Outreach

Heritage of the Papua New Guinea Mission Museum

The missionary efforts of Neuendettelsau that led to the establishment of Wartburg Theological Seminary are also the roots of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea. After the outbreak of World War I when aid from Germany was cut off, including the sending of new missionaries, the small Lutheran church of Australia, struggling to hold the large mission field in New Guinea, sent cultural artifacts to the seminary in Dubuque in an effort to interest American missionaries in the Papua New Guinea work. This original collection has received additions over the years and is housed in the Papua New Guinea Museum. Several hundred works of art, weapons, pieces of jewelry, photographs and household objects document a culture from pre-missionary times. The museum is a tangible link with Wartburg Theological Seminary's heritage of mission education, as well as an invaluable resource for researchers, interested groups, and individuals. The seminary welcomes inquiries as to gifts of artifacts that would enhance the collection. Tours may be arranged by calling the seminary.

Archives

The archives of Wartburg Theological Seminary contain the archival records of the seminary; the German Lutheran Synod of Iowa, 1854-1930; and Region 5 of the ELCA which covers the states of Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Upper Michigan.

Particularly valuable collections include:

- a. the papers, correspondence, sermons, and writings of J. Michael Reu, a professor of Wartburg Theological Seminary, 1899-1943;
- b. the Iowa Synod Correspondence file-about 12,000 letters to and from the leadership of the Iowa Synod, 1850-1930;
- c. more than 20 original letters from Wilhelm Loehle, many translated; and
- d. the membership records and other materials from many disbanded congregations in the ELCA Region 5 area

Usually the archives are open in the morning or by appointment. Call 563-583-0320, or ask at the library desk. Inquiries may be addressed to:

Archives@wartburgseminary.edu for WTS requests or
Region5archives@wartburgseminary.edu for Region 5 requests
 Wartburg Theological Seminary
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 333 Wartburg Place
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Covenant Cluster for Theological Education in the Heartland and the Southwest

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, seminaries have been given challenging new assignments as the church prepares for the 21st century. Toward that end, the ELCA has called upon its seminaries to form clusters. The goals of theological clustering include the development of more specializations, the reduction of duplication, and achievement of cost efficiencies. The church has called upon seminaries in clusters to provide "more kinds of preparation in more locations for more kinds of leaders for more kinds of mission."

Wartburg Seminary, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, have formed the Covenant Cluster. It brings together the resources of three faculties, totaling more than fifty full-time professors in three primary locations and one extension center in Austin, Texas, sponsored by Wartburg and LSTC. The three seminaries are the primary theological education resource for twenty-four synods of the ELCA. These synods together stretch east through Ohio, west through Nebraska, north through the Upper Michigan peninsula and south through Texas. Approximately half of the ELCA baptized membership and more than 4000 of the ELCA's congregations comprise these synods. While the Covenant Cluster welcomes students from and places graduates throughout the whole church, it especially relates to these synods in the Heartland and Southwest.

The Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has called for cooperative linkage between regions and seminaries since its inception. This continues within the Covenant Cluster. Wartburg and LSTC continue to have a primary relationship with the synods in Regions 4 and 5, while Trinity has a primary relationship with synods in Region 6.

The Covenant Cluster seminaries have coordinated their graduate degree programs with the doctoral programs at LSTC. Each seminary has developed certain specialties that serve the whole. These will be unique to the cluster, but offered throughout the church for lay and professional education. Wartburg's specialties include the certification courses associated

with the Center for Theology and Land and the Center for Youth Ministries, faculty support to synods for lay ministry, and it's TEEM program.

The Schools of Theology in Dubuque

Dubuque's two seminaries - the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (UDTS) and Wartburg Theological Seminary – have cooperated since 1962 in a ministry of theological education. Organized formally in 1965, the Schools of Theology in Dubuque have established an educational program that is both ecumenical in scope and faithful to their respective traditions. The cooperative programs of the two seminaries offer students educational opportunities, resources and personnel that a single institution could not provide. The seminaries follow approximately the same academic calendar and offer courses according to similar, but not identical, class schedules and daily timetable. Students at either seminary may take courses at the other school without additional expense (up to six semester hours each term). On occasion classes and seminars are taught jointly. Both schools cooperate in the University of Dubuque/Wartburg library system. The two seminary campuses are less than a mile apart, and UDTS and Wartburg students have ready access to the faculties and resources of both seminaries as they pursue their academic work and personal development.

Significant symposia, dialogues and special seminars are available to members of both seminary communities. Joint activities such as worship services, curriculum collaboration, community service projects and recreational events attract the participation of students and faculty from both schools. Projects involving both seminaries include globalization of theological education, some clinical pastoral education cooperation and inner city, rural, and international immersions. The Center for Theology and Land founded originally as a partnership between Wartburg and the University of Dubuque, but now solely a Wartburg Center, is recognized throughout North America as a leader in specialized and advanced education for rural ministry.

Center for Global Theologies (CGT)

The Center for Global Theologies strengthens the ongoing dedication of the seminary to the global and local mission of the church through multi-dimensional activities.

CGT Mission

The Center for Global Theologies serves to:

1. Focus the commitments of Wartburg Theological Seminary to the global mission of the church;
2. Infuse those commitments into the programs and policies of the institution through scholarly research, church linkages, academic, and programmatic initiatives;
3. Facilitate the encounter with "difference" in order to enhance self-understanding;
4. Enrich those involved in such encounters by recognizing the connections between local and global contexts.

CGT Goals

The Center for Global Theologies, under the guidance of the faculty and in collaboration with other Wartburg programs (especially in cooperation with the Globalization Committee) focuses on the following areas:

Scholarship Relate to global Christianity and emerging theologies in the United States as well as internationally.

Relationship Strengthen and expand existing global partnerships and develop new partnerships in conjunction with the ELCA Global Mission Unit.

Experience Organize and promote immersions and exchanges for students and faculty.

Learning Support active integration of global learning. Cultivate learning at Wartburg and in local congregations.

Support Seek funding to promote and expand the visions and goals of the center.

CGT Programs

Alongside a number of events related to the above-stated goals, the Center features two annual programs.

1. In the fall, the Center organizes a public event commemorating Reformation Day with a guest lecturer speaking on the theme, "Reformation in the Global Context."
2. In the spring, the Center for Global Theologies organizes an event on a theme of globalization and/or religious pluralism.

CGT Advisory Board

The Center for Global Theologies has an advisory board that includes representatives from the Wartburg faculty and other full communion churches of the ELCA.

For more information contact:
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 Website: www.wartburgseminary.edu

International Student Program

The International Student Program is one expression of Wartburg's commitment to the global mission of the church. Focused through the Center for Global Theologies, Wartburg contributes to the training of church leaders from around the world. At the same time, international students culturally and theologically enrich the Wartburg community and help to shape the theological education of North American students. Typically, international students come from Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the South Pacific.

Normally, international students have completed basic theological degrees in their home countries or regions and come to Wartburg for advanced studies. Many of them are ordained pastors. Most come with the endorsement of their home churches and a plan for using their education and skills when they return after their studies. International students may receive financial scholarship assistance through Wartburg, the ELCA Global Mission Unit, the Lutheran World Federation, and/or other ecumenical church organizations. Wartburg assists international students in meeting Lutheran congregations in the United States and in arranging occasional preaching or speaking engagements. For more information on international admissions or other international student services, see the appropriate section later in this catalog under admission procedures.

Center for Theology and Land (CTL)

"to strengthen the ministry of the rural church"

The center's rural ministry emphasis helps to equip seminarians with the skills needed to serve in a rural setting. The center takes seriously a theological understanding of land, agriculture, ecology, and rural community, an important endeavor to the ELCA considering the number of its congregations in such settings.

The center sponsors field experience courses in rural communities and congregations during the fall semester and J-term as well as classroom courses in rural ministry. The center also hosts the annual Rural Ministry Conference. This three-day continuing education event features leading experts in rural ministry issues and is an excellent networking opportunity for rural pastors and lay people of all denominations.

The Program

- Teaches and expands the curriculum offerings available for seminarians who will provide future leadership in the rural church. A concentration in rural ministry is available to interested students.
- Offers field experience courses to seminarians across the nation.
- Coordinates regular lunch meetings for seminary students to discuss issues relevant to rural ministry.
- Hosts the annual Rural Ministry Conference.
- Offers online courses in rural ministry for seminarians, lay commissioned pastors, and for those seeking continuing education credits.

Its Mission

The mission of the Center for Theology and Land is to strengthen rural churches and their communities. It does this in three ways:

- 1) Deliberate and systematic training of ministers for small and rural churches;
- 2) Providing continuing education courses and workshops for clergy and laity in rural settings;
- 3) Helping empower rural churches for mission in their communities.

For more information contact:
 Center for Theology and Land
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 Website: www.wartburgseminary.edu

Center for Youth Ministries (CYM)

Ministry in the first third of life today requires faithful and innovative approaches. The mission of the Center for Youth Ministries (CYM) is to inspire, prepare, educate, network, and support professional lay ministers, lay volunteers, clergy, parents, youth, and seminary students in forming Christ's ministry with young people.

CYM is unique in that it serves both the academic goals of Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS) and the needs of congregations, specialized ministry settings, mid-level judicatories, and national church bodies. Our mission is enhanced and strengthened by our “Silver Partner” relationship with the ELCA Youth Ministry Network (<http://www.elcaymnet.org>). CYM grounds its work with congregations; training, equipping, and supporting ministry to and with youth and families with cutting edge research. WTS faculty serve as teaching partners for the various training opportunities we offer. WTS and CYM is connected with Vibrant Faith Ministries (<https://www.vibrantfaith.org>) to offer a certificate in children, youth, and family ministry. For more information and details about upcoming schools please visit <https://www.vibrantfaith.org/certyf/>.

Concentration in Youth, Culture, and Mission

For more information a Concentration in Youth, Culture, and Mission, which can be added to the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree programs, contact [Dr. Nathan Frambach](mailto:nframbach@wartburgseminary.edu), Professor of Pastoral Theology (nframbach@wartburgseminary.edu; 563-589-0311).

Or mail

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Learning For Life – Seminary for Everyone

Wartburg Theological Seminary is embarking on an adventure. Building on the core belief that theological education and formation are for the whole church, Wartburg is creating new ways for all the baptized, of all vocations, and from all locations to access theological education. Knowing that people have different learning needs and learning goals, Wartburg is looking to create multiple options for people on their formation journey. Learning is for Life. Seminary is for Everyone.

Learning for Life Event Opportunities

For those that are looking for opportunities that provide a minimal amount of commitment, events, lectures, and workshops on campus or locations across the country may be the place to start. These opportunities range from an hour or two to several days, with little to no prep. These events include:

- Come to the Castle
- Luther Academy of the Rockies
- WELCA bible study event
- Rural Ministry Conference
- CGT events throughout the year
- Claiming Your Vocation for Life Retreat

For a complete listing go to www.wartburgseminary.edu.

Exploring Faith Online Courses

Others may also be craving something deeper, such as a study on the Hebrew Scriptures, or an opportunity to reflect with others on themes like discipleship, mission, and vocation. A new series of courses have been developed called Exploring Faith. Offered online three times per year, these [Entry Level Exploring Faith Courses](#) (8 weeks) can be taken individually or as groups from congregations. Multiple courses can even be combined to earn [certificates](#) in a variety of ministry areas.

Wartburg offers a variety of certificate programs for students interested in general biblical or theological studies as well as advanced certificates in ministry specialization areas:

- Certificate in Hispanic Studies
- Certificate in Theological Studies
- Advanced Certificate in Rural Ministry
- Advanced Certificate in Youth & Family Ministry
- Advanced Certificate in Theology and Congregational Leadership

The [Advanced level Exploring Faith courses](#) (5 weeks) are perfect for ministry professionals or those that have engaged in theological studies before. Need a guide to help sort out the many options? Contact us at learningforlife@wartburgseminary.edu. We look forward to partnering with you on this journey of formation.

Continuing Education Units (CEU'S) for WTS Events

Our Learning for Life events equip lay and rostered leaders so that the whole body of Christ may be enriched to better carry out its mission. A participant may receive Continuing Education Units (CEU) for any of the events listed. One CEU is granted for 10 contact hours of participation in instruction.

For more information contact:

Learning for Life Office

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Campus Community

Dubuque

The city of Dubuque, with its distinctive heritage as Iowa's oldest city, is a pleasant setting for seminary education. Located on bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River at the junction of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois, its nearly 60,000 inhabitants enjoy an area of great natural beauty. The city is large enough to provide employment opportunities and good education for students and their families, and yet small enough to offer a relaxed tempo for daily living. Cultural life is enhanced by the events scheduled at the four local church-related colleges, a vibrant downtown cultural life, and a beautiful park system contributes to the many outdoor recreational opportunities.

Seminary Life

Community life at Wartburg is strong. It is expressed in daily weekday worship and in the community time after worship. It is also expressed in and out of classrooms and in organizations and events. Some of these groups and activities are listed below. Each semester, Prolog Week gathers the whole student body for worship, study, and fellowship.

Worship

Services of worship are conducted in Loehe Chapel each morning at 9:30 on all days that classes are in session. Eucharist is normally celebrated every Wednesday. The services on Monday and Thursday normally include preaching by faculty and senior students. Opportunities are also provided for the celebration of evening prayer and compline. The dean of the chapel oversees the liturgical life of the seminary with the assistance of the cantor, two student sacristans, and a student chapel musician and in collaboration with faculty and students. To accommodate off-campus DL and CL students, plus friends of WTS, there are opportunities for live streaming and podcasts of worship.

Wartburg Association of Students (WAS)

Students are organized to exercise their voice in matters of student concern and to help shape the environment for the Wartburg Seminary community. On the WAS council are Master of Divinity students from each class year, Master of Arts students, and international students. These people help to facilitate the flow of information between their constituencies and the WAS council. The three standing committees of WAS are Global Advocacy, Social Activities, and Youth Activities. The Global Advocacy Committee (GAC) affirms in its activities the value and interconnectedness of all peoples with the whole creation. The Social Activities Committee (SAC) is responsible for organizing several occasions for students, faculty, staff, and their families to enhance the quality of community life. The Youth Activities Committee (YAC) provides activities and programs for seminary youth of all ages, advocates on behalf of the needs and concerns of these children of students, oversees the work of volunteers, and provides a setting for students to gain experience in youth work.

Fellowship of Wartburg Spouses

FWS provides support, services, programs, and social activities for the spouses of students. The spectrum of FWS is broad and activities vary yearly according to interests.

Ministry to the Children of Students

The Youth Activities Committee oversees this ministry. Committee members together with a student coordinator and adult volunteers provide organized activities and programming appropriate to current needs and ages.

Faculty-Student Groups

Faculty members are assigned advisees, for whom they are responsible as adviser and guide.

Informal Support Groups

Other more informal support groups include the various groups that form independently to address particular areas of concern or interest. Groups meet for prayer, common devotional life, meditation, text study, discernment, fellowship, and other types of study groups. The seminary emphasizes the need for individuals to seek out ways to best meet their individual needs.

Lectureships and Forums

Well-known theologians are invited each year to Wartburg Seminary (and the nearby University of Dubuque Theological Seminary). Forums and convocations involving faculty and students focus on subjects of current interest.

Fine Arts

A choir is open to all students and spouses interested in singing sacred music from around the world. The choir and a custom built Dobson pipe organ make important contributions to the seminary's worship and musical life. Students and spouses who play musical instruments, both individually and in ensemble, also contribute to worship and community life.

Social Events

Some traditional annual events sponsored by the social activities committee are the Coffee House/Talent Show, Campus Cleanup and Texas BBQ, and Oktoberfest.

Athletics

A small fitness center on campus with athletic equipment provides opportunity for exercise. Volleyball, basketball, softball, cricket, dodgeball, ultimate Frisbee, and soccer are played on the campus and in the Dubuque community. Dubuque offers area recreational possibilities that include tennis, golf, downhill skiing, and a nearby "Y." Children are invited to use the Kindercastle, a playground built for them on campus.

Recycling

Recycling is an ongoing Wartburg community effort.

Food Pantry

Wartburg Seminary maintains a food pantry on the seminary campus to aid families on campus and in Dubuque in access to affordable food. This food pantry works in conjunction with the Dubuque Food Pantry to maintain access to resources to share.

Sources of Information about Seminary Life

Life Together, a printed publication for Wartburg friends and alums, is mailed out at least once a year with seminary news. More frequently, the *eLife Together* newsletter is distributed electronically to subscribers with information of interest for friends and alums. The *Student and Community Life Handbook* contains information on community and academic life and is made available each year to incoming students. MyWTS and the Wartburg Seminary website provide information on an ongoing basis.

Tuition and Fees 2017-2018

Eligible students receive grants and scholarships from Wartburg Seminary to assist with tuition costs. The cost of seminary education is primarily covered by seminary gifts, church support and endowment funds. Tuition covers only 40% of the cost to educate a Wartburg Theological Seminary student. Students often receive support through congregational and synodical support, various scholarship organizations and individuals. Students may also choose to steward their seminary education with federal student loans and/or work study.

Full Time Students (9 or more credits per semester)

Master of Divinity Residential/Distributed Learning/Collaborative Learning Programs Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry and Master of Arts Residential/Distributed Learning

Fall/Spring Semester	\$7,525 / \$7,525
January Interim	\$1,850
Full-year full-time tuition	\$16,900

Greek (pre-requisite for Master of Divinity degree)

Tuition for course	\$2,980
Greek Deposit (applied toward tuition)	\$100

Annual fees:

Comprehensive fee <i>(covers program costs such as Clinical Pastoral Education interview, graduation, and transcripts)</i>	\$250
Distributed Learning Fee (DL students only) <i>(covers educational technology support – replaces online course fees)</i>	\$400
Technology fee <i>(provides access to internet and email functions at the seminary)</i>	\$250
Wartburg Associated Students (WAS) <i>(per student to support the student organization and student activities – distributed, collaborative, and residential single/residential married)</i>	\$169/\$184

Master of Arts/Master of Divinity Students in “Legacy” Distributed Learning Programs, Year C

Tuition per credit hour	\$620
Annual fees:	
Comprehensive fee	\$250
Distributed Learning Fee (educational technology fee – replaces online course fee)	\$400
Technology fee	\$250
Wartburg Association Students (WAS)	1% of Tuition Paid

Part-time Students in Masters Level Degree Programs – tuition per credit hour \$620
(Up to 8 credit hours per semester)

Discovery Student (non-degree seeking students) – tuition per credit hour \$845

Audit – tuition per credit hour \$620

Spouses of students and members of the Wartburg Seminary staff may audit Wartburg courses (up to 2 credits hours) per semester free of charge with the permission of the instructor. A student's spouse not in a WTS degree program, who has the requisite background, may take up to 3 credits per semester for credit without charge by applying for Discovery student status.

TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries)

Tuition per course	\$1,100
Internship fee	\$1,100

TEEM at the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest

Tuition <i>(per TEEM course)</i>	\$1,100
TEEM Administrative fee	\$310
Room and board fee	\$437
Total per course	\$1,847

Internship fee	\$1,100
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Clinical Pastoral Program of WTS (CPW)

Tuition	\$1,850
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This program (CPW) will be guided by ACPE standards, but adopted for this format as education that Wartburg is using in lieu of accredited CPE, for persons in special situations

Certificate Programs

Tuition per course	\$200
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Learning for Life – Exploring Faith

Tuition for 8 week course, Exploring Faith: Entry Level	\$200
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Tuition for 5 week course, Exploring Faith: Advanced Level	\$175
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Program Fees

Affiliation fee (<i>one time</i>)	\$1,000
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(Applies to Lutheran Students attending non-ELCA Seminaries)

Annual Collaborative Learning Fee (charged to site)	\$1,690
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Internship Fee (typically charged to site)	\$1,000
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Other Fees

Graduate Writing Course	\$325
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MA Project/MDiv Thesis fee	\$80
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Cap and Gown fee	current rate
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Transcript fee, each	\$25
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Each graduate will be furnished one transcript at the time of graduation. Before a transcript can be issued at graduation or withdrawal, accounts must be settled or arrangements made for payment of balance. This fee is for additional transcripts.

Master of Sacred Theology (STM)

Tuition (<i>per credit hour</i>)	\$585
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- o STM degree tuition applies only to previous students completing program requirements.
- o The STM degree at WTS is not accepting new applicants at this time.

The seminary reserves the right to change all rates and fees including tuition if warranted.

Student Housing & Campus Services

Food Service

Meals are available through the campus Refectory at ala carte rates. No evening or weekend meals are offered.

Residence Hall

Rooms in the residence hall are private rooms and include a private bath. Furnishings include dresser, bed, bookcase, desk, and chair. There are a limited number of large rooms that now include a small kitchenette. In other rooms space is available for a small refrigerator and microwave supplied by the student. Rooms are wired for cable TV and internet connection. The rooms vary in size (165 to 325 sq. ft.) and design.

Apartments and Houses

Wartburg's housing options are listed below along with monthly rent amounts. Also listed are the square feet of living space and number of bathrooms and bedrooms per unit. Utilities (gas, electric, and water, local phone service, and basic cable TV) are included in the rent. (There is a price cap on electricity.) Features like storage, laundry facilities consisting of shared electric washers and dryers, or electric hookups are also mentioned. Each unit comes with a range and refrigerator. Some units have basements which add to the listed square feet of living space. Some basements are used for laundry and storage only. All units have a connection to the campus high-speed Ethernet-based network. Long distance telephone calls are billed to students monthly. The maintenance deposit is one month's rent. If the rental unit is left in good condition, the deposit will be refunded. (*All rent subject to change without notice*). Interested students should request appropriate information, including housing application forms, available on the WTS website. Since priority is given to early applicants, students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Housing Fees

2017-2018

Housing	Units	Bedrooms.	Baths	Sq. Ft.	Rent
Blair Court Houses: <i>Basement, laundry hookups, single car garages, walk out basement</i>	#1-#6	2	1	725	\$895
Blair Court Houses: <i>Basement, laundry hookups, single car garages</i>	#7-#9	2	1	725	\$835
Blair Court House: <i>Laundry hookup, garage</i>	#10	4	1.5	1320	\$915
Denver Court Townhouses: <i>Basement, laundry hookups, dishwashers</i>	16	3	2	1200	\$915
Pulpit Rock Apartments: <i>Laundry hookups, (electric and gas), AC</i>	24	2/3	1/1.5	912/1160	\$750 / \$875
Residence Hall Rooms/Suites: <i>Laundry hookups, (electric and gas), AC</i>	44	1	1	165-325	\$365 / \$400 \$435 / \$560

The seminary reserves the right to change rental rates as may be warranted.

Pet Policy

The pet policy is very strict. A limited number of pets (2 cats or 1 dog) are allowed only in designated housing units. A nonrefundable pet fee of \$30 per pet per month will be added to rent. A detailed pet policy document is available in the Student and Community Life Handbook or from the Business Office.

Payment Policy

All charges and fees that are due must be paid in full at the time of registration for each term, or a deferred payment program approved by the Vice President of Finance and Operations. In cases where payment is delayed, an interest charge may be assessed. It is required that all accounts be paid in full prior to graduation.

Refunds

The Wartburg Seminary policy for the refund and repayment of institutional and federal (Title IV) funds follows the federal financial aid refund policy for both institutional and Title IV funds. This refund and repayment policy is stated in the *Student and Community Life Handbook* and covers leave of absence as well as withdrawal.

Seminary Student National Health Insurance Program

Seminarian health insurance coverage is mandatory for all full time students at all of the ELCA seminaries, thus full time students are required to provide proof of insurance. If you do not have health coverage, you must enroll in a plan. To find a plan that is best for you, visit <http://www.mybenefitbasket.com/> and select "individual plans" or you can also check out <https://www.healthcare.gov/>. Please visit both sites to find the best plan and price for you and your family. If you are in need of health insurance for your child/children only, please visit <http://www.hawk-i.org/>. If you currently have health insurance, you need to stop by the business office and sign a statement saying that you are currently enrolled in a healthcare plan.

Financial Aid

Wartburg Seminary recognizes the cost of preparing for service in the Church can seem overwhelming. Therefore, we are committed to assisting, advocating for, and accompanying students as they steward financial resources and support throughout seminary. Our Financial Aid Office, in cooperation with our Development and Admissions Offices, works to provide a variety of grants, scholarships, loans, and employment opportunities for students in their educational preparation for ministry leadership in the ELCA.

Each year, our Development Office raises approximately \$800,000 for financial aid to offset the cost of tuition for the majority of our students.

Renewable Scholarships

Students are selected for renewable scholarships based on passion for ministry, along with past academic performance, application materials, references, proven leadership, and need.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Through the generous giving of faithful people, our church is able to subsidize the cost of theological education at all ELCA seminaries. Recognizing the growing gap between the rising costs of theological education and the income potential of church leaders, the ELCA has established the Fund for Leaders in Mission (FLM), the goal of which is to provide full-tuition scholarships for every seminary student. At this time, FLM full-tuition scholarships are awarded to a limited number of seminary students who have demonstrated academic and leadership abilities through an application process.

Grants

Wartburg is blessed with a sizeable endowment built by faithful donors over the course of many years. Interest from this endowment is used for grants that are awarded based on financial aid eligibility.

Congregations and Synods

Often a congregation or synod with which a student is affiliated will offer financial assistance. It is important for you to talk with your pastor, congregational council, and synod candidacy committee about what financial assistance they are able to offer.

Scholarships and Grants

The Financial Aid Office has information on a number of other scholarship resources offered by congregations, foundations, trusts, and organizations. Please ask the Financial Aid Office for a list of those for which you may be eligible.

Employment

Wartburg offers a variety of on-campus and work-study jobs for students. Interest in work-study can be indicated on your financial aid eligibility form.

Loans

Students may also be eligible for institutional and federal loans.

Eligibility

All students enrolled in a degree program and in good academic standing are eligible to apply for financial aid. Annually, applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Wartburg Seminary Financial Aid Eligibility Form. Current and incoming students may request financial aid and scholarship information at any time by contacting the Financial Aid Office, (563) 589-0332, or by visiting financial aid opportunities at mywts.wartburgseminary.edu. Further details regarding financial aid are published in the *Student and Community Life Handbook* and at mywts.wartburgseminary.edu.

Admissions and Candidacy

Admissions and Candidacy Degree Programs

For complete information on the following degree programs offered by Wartburg Theological Seminary, visit our website: www.wartburgseminary.edu

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

The Master of Divinity degree program is designed for students interested in preparing for ministry as an ordained pastor.

There are three options to complete the MDiv degree: Residential Program, Distributed Learning Program, and the Collaborative Learning Program.

The option to include a concentration in **Youth, Culture and Mission**, in **Hispanic Ministry**, in **Rural Ministry**, or in **Mission Development** is available.

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry (MADM)

The Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry is a comprehensive theological and practical course of study for those preparing for rostered ministry as a deacon, as well as for those desiring formation for other forms of Christian service.

There are two options to complete the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree: Residential Program and Distributed Learning Program.

The Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry program offers the option of concentrations upon the approval of the faculty, insofar as diaconal ministry is already a specialization.

Master of Arts (MA)

The Master of Arts degree program is designed for students interested in theological study at the graduate level for further graduate study, church leadership and rostering, Christian service in society, personal growth, or international students seeking study at the Masters level.

There are two options to complete the MA degree: Residential Program and Distributed Learning Program.

The option to include a concentration in **Youth, Culture and Mission**, in **Hispanic Ministry**, **Rural Ministry**, or **Mission Development** is available.

(The Wartburg MA and MA in Diaconal Ministry degree programs meet the theological education requirement for those students preparing to become deacons in the ELCA.)

All three degree programs are accredited. Graduation requirements for each student are based on the catalog current for the year the student enters their degree program.

Note: Currently, two degree programs have been suspended: Master of Arts in Theology, Development and Evangelism (MATDE) and Master of Sacred Theology (STM). Students previously admitted to these programs should consult the catalog from the year of their admission for applicable requirements.

General Admission Requirements

Students should have a broad background in liberal arts and demonstrate basic competence in the following areas.

- **Thinking** A student's framework for critical, abstract thinking should include some knowledge of the history of ideas. Students should be able to critique and analyze issues in logical ways.
- **Language** The use of language in writing, reading, speaking, and listening is the primary tool for thinking and communicating in any ministry setting. Students need to be competent in English grammar and composition and they should be familiar with at least one significant body of literature (ex: Shakespeare).
- **Science** Students should be familiar with the scientific method and know at least one area of natural science, preferably anthropology, cosmology, or the social sciences.
- **History** Students should know the broad outline of world history and should have a historical consciousness that helps in seeing events and ideas in relationship to historical processes, including an understanding of how people and societies have interpreted themselves.
- **Cultures** Students should have some knowledge and understanding of cultures other than their own, of world religions, and of the phenomenon of religion.

- **Values and Ethics** Students should be able to reflect on issues and make choices in a way that is wary of final answers and yet reaches decisions with an appropriate exercise of critical judgment.
- **The Arts** It is important that students' perceptual world been enriched and broadened by an appreciation of the fine arts and the performing arts.
- **Numbers** Students should be able to understand numerical data and to evaluate it appropriately.

Master of Divinity Admissions Requirements

- 1) The academic requirement for admission is the Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by a United States agency recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation.
- 2) A Cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, documented by official transcripts.
- 3) The ability to write and speak English clearly and correctly (for persons whose primary language is other than English, a score of 500 or above on the TOEFL paper test, or its equivalent, is required).
- 4) ATS degree program standards state: "As many as 15 percent of students in the MDiv degree program may be admitted without possession of the baccalaureate degree or its educational equivalent. An institution admitting persons without a baccalaureate degree or its educational equivalent shall demonstrate that its process and criteria for evaluating academic ability are educationally appropriate and rigorous." (2012 Bulletin 50, Part 1:A.4.2 The Association of Theological Schools.)

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry Admissions Requirements

- 1) The academic requirement for admission is the Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by a United States agency recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation.
- 2) A Cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, documented by official transcripts.
- 3) The ability to write and speak English clearly and correctly (for persons whose primary language is other than English, a score of 500 or above on the TOEFL paper test, or its equivalent, is required).
- 4) ATS degree program standards state: "As many as 15 percent of students in the MDiv degree program may be admitted without possession of the baccalaureate degree or its educational equivalent. Admission of such applicants should be restricted to persons with life experience that has prepared them for the theological study at the graduate level. An institution admitting persons without a baccalaureate degree or its educational equivalent shall demonstrate that its process and criteria for evaluating academic ability are educationally appropriate and rigorous." (2012 Bulletin 50, Part 1:B.4.2 The Association of Theological Schools.) The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree falls under this standard as a professional degree program.

Master of Arts Admissions Requirements

- 1) The academic requirement for admission is the Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by a United States agency recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation.
- 2) A Cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, documented by official transcripts.
- 3) The ability to write and speak English clearly and correctly (for persons whose primary language is other than English, a score of 500 or above on the TOEFL paper test, or its equivalent, is required).

Graduate Level Writing Prerequisite

Students are expected to be able to write at graduate degree level. Wartburg Seminary offers a graduate writing course and writing assistance for those in need of assistance in meeting this expectation. Degree-seeking and non-degree students typically complete a writing assessment during the first week of starting coursework at Wartburg Seminary. These essays are reviewed by faculty to determine who would benefit from the graduate writing course or further writing assistance. Students may be requested to take the course, IN 003W Graduate Writing, which adds a separate tuition charge.

Greek Prerequisite to the MDiv Program

Eight undergraduate semester hours (or its equivalent) of Greek are prerequisite to the MDiv first-year curriculum. Students will need to have completed college Greek when enrolling or be able to demonstrate competency through a proficiency exam. Students admitted with no Greek shall be required to satisfactorily complete the summer or online Greek course (BI 003-004W/E). The Greek prerequisite normally must be met before a student can enroll in BI 190W Engaging the New Testament Narratives, which is normally taken in a student's first year and serves as a foundation course for all New Testament coursework. Students in both Master of Arts programs are welcome to register for the Greek course, which is elective for either MA degree and not a prerequisite.

International Students Admission Requirements

Minimum entry requirements include a bachelor's degree or equivalent, a TOEFL score of 500 (paper-based), 173 (computer-based), or 61 (internet-based) for students whose primary language is other than English, and endorsement from

the applicant's church or sending agency. Detailed information about admission procedures for international students is available on the Wartburg Seminary website.

Discovery (Non-Degree) Students

Discovery students are those who are not in a degree program.

These students fit one of four categories:

1. International students admitted to the seminary who have been selected by their home institutions to come for a period of study.
2. Students who receive a Master of Divinity degree at a non-Lutheran seminary and need to fulfill ELCA ordination requirements.
3. Those admitted to the seminary, but temporarily lacking one or more of the requirements for the degree program they wish to enter.
4. Students who take occasional courses.

These stipulations apply to Discovery students:

- Normally a student cannot continue to study full-time as a Discovery student for longer than one year without being admitted to a degree program.
- Anyone who wishes to take a course for Master's credit must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent, must fill out an application for Discovery student status before enrolling, and must provide official undergraduate transcript(s) to the Admissions Office.
- Those who wish to take more than three semester hours for credit in a semester are held to the same admission procedures as MA and MDiv students.
- Discovery students are not eligible for financial aid.
- Full-time Discovery students are normally eligible to live in student housing for one year.

For information and necessary forms please see our website:
www.wartburgseminary.edu

Application Requirements for Discovery students:

1. The completed Discovery application form.
2. Official transcript(s) of all post-secondary academic work, mailed directly to the Admissions Office from the institution.

Admissions Procedures for MDiv, MA in Diaconal Ministry, and MA

The Admissions Staff at Wartburg Theological Seminary recommends that applicants begin the application procedure nine to twelve months before the time of anticipated enrollment.

All application materials are online:
www.wartburgseminary.edu

Or contact us directly:

Admissions Office

Wartburg Theological Seminary
 333 Wartburg Place
 Dubuque, IA 52003-7769
 Phone numbers: 563-589-0203
 E-mail: admissions@wartburgseminary.edu

Application Requirements for MDiv, MA-DM and MA:

- 1) The completed online application form.
- 2) Autobiographical Statement: This statement will be 4 to 7 pages, typewritten and double-spaced. Please note that you may utilize your candidacy essay in lieu of writing an additional essay for the admissions committee. Please describe in your autobiography: 1) Events, circumstances and persons in your life that have affected your faith and sense of call; 2) Your family of origin and how it has shaped who you are; 3) Your current life situation (your physical, spiritual, emotional and financial health); 4) How others have encouraged you to explore theological study and/or the possibility of a church vocation which reflects on your current understanding of the ministry to which you feel called; 5) Assess your strengths, weaknesses, gifts, convictions and concerns related to ministry.
- 3) Official transcript(s) of all post-secondary academic work, mailed directly to Wartburg Seminary Admissions from the institution.
- 4) Three references:
 - A. Pastor
 - B. A faculty member, supervisor, or advisor in college (someone who can speak to the applicant's academic ability and/or work ethic), and
 - C. A personal reference (non-family member).
- 5) ELCA Candidacy Entrance Decision
 An applicant for Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry wishing to be in ELCA rostered ministry must receive a positive entrance decision before the end of the first year of study.

Switching Degree Programs/Roster Tracks

A student wishing to switch degree programs needs to contact their academic advisor and the Dean for Vocation. Upon entrance into a different degree program, the student will work with their academic advisor to evaluate credits applying to the new degree. ELCA students wishing to change candidacy rosters need to contact their candidacy committee and the Dean for Vocation at Wartburg Seminary.

Entering the MDiv with an MA

A person with a Wartburg MA degree or an MA degree from another ATS accredited theological school may be given up to one year of advanced standing in the MDiv degree program.

Candidacy

ELCA Candidacy Process

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has two distinct rostered ministries:

- ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament
- consecrated deacon of Word and Service

Candidacy is the church wide process of discernment, preparation and formation leading to rostered ministry. The process engages candidate, congregation, synod, seminary and the ELCA candidacy process in evaluation, theological education and practical preparation.

All potential candidates are strongly encouraged to begin the candidacy process one full year prior to beginning theological education. An applicant must be an active member of an ELCA congregation for a minimum of one year prior to registration.

The steps to the candidacy process:

1. **Entrance** – An applicant must receive a positive entrance decision prior to completion of the first semester of seminary. Wartburg Seminary and the Admissions office are not responsible if a student relocated to campus and then are not granted a positive entrance decision and are not allowed to continue coursework. The student is responsible for following through with the wishes of their candidacy committee.
2. **Endorsement** – Typically completed halfway through a student's seminary program.
3. **Approval** – Approval normally occurs during the final year of study and indicates the church's confidence that the candidate is ready to begin service in one of the rostered ministries of the ELCA.
4. **Assignment** - Final-year MDiv students who are approved for call may apply for assignment to a region of the ELCA through a church wide assignment process. Subsequently there will be further assignment to a synod within that region. The assignment process is predicated upon the needs of the church and also takes very seriously the gifts and ministry hopes of the candidates.

For complete information and explanations of the ELCA rostered ministries and the candidacy process, please see the current candidacy information provided on the ELCA website, <http://www.elca.org/>. Wartburg Theological Seminary's Vice President for Admissions and Students Services and the student's academic advisor are resources through the candidacy process.

Process toward Professional Ministry

At significant points in a student's preparation for ministry in the ELCA, the appropriate synod and the seminary engage with the student in evaluation as outlined above. The purpose of these evaluation processes is to encourage students, to raise issues with any student whose progress is hindered, or to dismiss students whose work or conduct make it apparent that he/she will not be able to meet the church's expectations. For students preparing for ministry in a church other than the ELCA, the seminary will engage with these students in an appropriate evaluation with the sponsoring denomination.

When issues are raised with students or when students are dismissed, the concerns may include: inadequate academic performance; lack of professional skills appropriate to the ministries for which they are preparing; conduct which the church judges unbecoming a person preparing for, or engaging in, professional ministry. Basic documents for evaluation are the Endorsement Essay, CPE evaluation, internship reports, the Approval Essay, and the ELCA's "Vision and Expectations."

Additional evaluations during one's seminary career may be conducted either by the seminary or by the synodical or multisynodical candidacy committee if there are sufficient concerns to warrant such actions.

Students in the Anglican Tradition

Students preparing for ordination in the Episcopal and Anglican tradition, and therefore intending to complete the Bexley Seabury Diploma in Anglican Studies in conjunction with Wartburg's MDiv degree, must separately apply for admission with both Wartburg Seminary and Bexley-Seabury Theological Seminary (www.bexley-seabury.edu). Wartburg Seminary will partner with the candidate's diocese to make arrangements to meet the student's ecclesial requirements, including the completion of an appropriate internship that fulfills the Master of Divinity degree requirement and the student's ecclesial office.

Lutheran Learning and Formation/Affiliated Students/Lutheran Students Attending Non-ELCA Seminaries

Wartburg Seminary welcomes students who are required by the candidacy process to enroll in courses related to Lutheran Learning and Formation at an ELCA seminary. Such students are those pursuing theological studies at institutions other than those of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and seeking ordination in the ELCA.

It is to the student's advantage to start the candidacy process upon enrolling in a non-ELCA seminary or divinity school. Affiliation with an ELCA seminary should take place during the first year of study. A positive entrance decision by a candidacy committee is required in order to be affiliated with an ELCA seminary. More information is available from the Admissions Office and the appropriate candidacy committee. The Wartburg affiliation fee is listed with other fees. The seminary will work with each student and candidacy committee in selecting the courses most needed and in obtaining a suitable internship in an ELCA congregation.

For information and necessary forms please see our website: www.wartburgseminary.edu

Application Requirements for Discovery students:

- 1) The completed Discovery application form.
- 2) Official transcript(s) of all post-secondary academic work, mailed directly to the Admissions Office from the institution(s).

Introducing Our Collaborative Curriculum...

The Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS) faculty has designed and implemented a dynamic new curriculum. While preserving the worship-centered values of the residential community, this “collaborative” curriculum introduces new methods of teaching and learning for all Master of Divinity, Master in Arts in Diaconal Ministry, and MA students by providing live (or recorded) classroom sessions to distance students through the use of interactive video technology. All new students enter and follow the curriculum patterns described in this Catalog. Increasingly continuing students also have the opportunity to participate in several of their classes through the enhancement of this interactive video approach to teaching and learning, while completing their degrees according to the curriculum sequence with which they began seminary.

Why this new curriculum? Because we care about the kind of church needed for serving God’s mission in the life of the world today. The point of departure for this curriculum is forming leaders for witness and service to Jesus Christ in the contemporary world, moving beyond the assumptions of Christendom. The focus is on adaptive leadership, intentionally integrating teaching, ministry practice, and reflection on practice. This focus is urgently needed in our post-Christian world, where not only is there unprecedented religious pluralism, which now includes neo-atheism, but also many who describe themselves as “nones” or “dones” in relation to the church.

Following the theme “Read, Interpret, Teach,” this curriculum forms graduates to interpret contemporary contexts wisely and to be culturally savvy in witnessing to and embodying the Gospel in those contexts. As students complete the curriculum, there is emphasis not only on learning to understand and interpret the Bible and the Christian faith for themselves but especially on developing the capacity as ministers of the Word to teach the Bible and Christian faith to others. This is urgently needed in a world no longer familiar with the Christian message.

Each of our three curriculum models—residential, distributed, and collaborative—brings distinctive and valuable gifts to the teaching and learning community. Residential learners experience the richness of campus life and bring these perspectives to share with the whole. Distributed learners bring experiences from their work and community contexts into conversation with faculty and students. Collaborative learners contribute their immersion in the ministry of congregations to the shared conversation.

Grounded in the historic values of WTS—worship, life together in community, critical theological reflection, diaconal service, global horizons, and Christ-centered mission—we extend our teaching and learning community into partnership with congregations of the church in innovative ways through interactive technologies to enrich the formation of all students. Through collaboration among seminary, synods, and congregations, it is possible to deliver theological education to those serving in congregations during their time of study, while also bringing the richness of those contexts into the on-campus classroom. Congregations benefit by being connected to the teaching and learning resources of WTS through this collaborative approach. The ministry of synods as partners in theological education is also enhanced.

Each of our Master of Divinity models can normally be completed in four years, while the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree coursework normally can be completed in two years. There are several distinctive features to the new curriculum: 1) fieldwork in local service organizations, 2) interdisciplinary courses for integrating learning with practice, 3) courses in spiritual practice that involve all students in engaging Scripture and learning a life of prayer, 4) ecumenical openness, 5) a variety of configurations for completing the ELCA internship requirements, and 6) gaining capacity to be an effective teacher of the Christian faith in the contemporary world.

In the WTS tradition of innovation for the sake of God’s future in Christ, join us as we read theologically, interpret contextually, teach faithfully, and act lovingly in the power of the Spirit for the sake of God’s world!

Craig L. Nesson, Academic Dean

Degree Programs

Academic Features

Four-One-Four and Course Lengths

The academic year consists of a fall semester of four months (September-December), a one-month interim (January), and a spring semester of four months (February-May). Students begin the academic year with an opening worship on Labor Day, followed by a required one-week intensive called Prolog Week, whereby all students – residential, collaborative, and distributed - come together to participate in the first classroom meeting hours of each of their major courses. Non-degree students participate in the fall Prolog Week as their program dictates. Beginning in Spring 2014, the spring semester now also has an added Spring Prolog Week, where again students come to Dubuque for intensive classroom meetings to start each major course. The spring prolog week begins with a day set aside, known as the J-Term Celebration/Interim Debriefing, where the entire Wartburg community comes together to celebrate and share about the varied activities that everyone completed during their January interim.

Some courses are not a traditional semester in length. They may meet over a shorter period of time and some may be more concentrated than others. Consequently, these courses receive varying amounts of credit. Some short courses in the same semester are sequential while others are independent.

Wartburg Seminary offers summer courses in both the Masters and various certificate programs, including our Summer Language (Greek) program. Most students use one summer term to complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), begin or finish their internship, or to complete fieldwork or an independent study project, as required for a specific degree program.

Distributed Learning (DL) Programs

The Distributed Learning program provides an option for students who are unable to move to the Wartburg campus when starting the MDiv degree or in order to complete the MA or MA in Diaconal Ministry degrees. Students complete the same coursework as the residential students by either joining the course synchronously with web cameras, or asynchronously by watching recorded lectures later and interacting with each other through our campus learning management system.

A variation of the distributed learning program within the Master of Divinity degree program is Collaborative Learning (CL). The “Collaborative Learner” is a specific category of student where the student is formally approved by the seminary, by the student’s home ELCA synod (or appropriate non-ELCA denominational adjudicatory), and by the ELCA synod providing a congregational site. CL students serve concurrently in part-time congregational ministry (and upon approval, as a synodically authorized minister) under the supervision of a supervisor and mentor. For CL students, coursework is distributed over the entire four years of study with a specific time period designated for the evaluation process of internship.

It is recommended that Masters students in the Distributed Learning and Collaborative Learning programs normally work no more than 20 hours per week in other employment or half time in their ministry setting, preferably less if possible. This is to honor and provide the time needed to complete one’s coursework, which is normally at a full-time academic load at the graduate level.

Exceptions to the Normal Course of Study

Extended Program

A student may elect to extend his or her academic program beyond the norm. Sample programs are available from the registrar. No adjustments are made to tuition for students on an extended program and the student pays the current tuition rate each term.

Transfers

Transfer students consult initially with the admissions office about their prior work. The Registrar will determine the number of transferable credits. The Academic Dean and Registrar, with faculty consultation when appropriate, will determine which Wartburg program requirements have been met. In consultation with adviser and Registrar, the student should map out a program that satisfies the remaining requirements.

January Interim

The interim month of January (“J-Term”) provides students and faculty with a change of pace from the classroom work of the fall and spring semesters. Interim normally involves a student taking a single course of three credit hours or completing an independent study of the student’s design. MDiv students are normally required to complete 3 interims, with all MA students

normally required to complete 2 interims. With permission, a summer experience may be substituted for an interim. Students are encouraged to seek hands-on experience in service situations or in cultural settings that will expand their horizons. The Pastoral Practicum, a month spent in a parish working with a pastor and congregation, is offered for first year students who want to get an introduction to parish ministry. One interim is used by most students to complete their cross-cultural immersion requirement for the MDiv, MA, and MA in Diaconal Ministry degree programs. Courses are also available at other ELCA/ELCIC Seminaries through an exchange arrangement.

Interim courses in the recent past have included:

- Domestic violence against women and children
- Congregational experience in Guyana
- Milwaukee Cross-Cultural Ministry
- Introduction to Islam in the Midwest
- Reformation and Holocaust Tour to Germany
- Rural J-Term experience
- Immersion and cross-cultural encounters at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
- Immersion and cross-cultural encounters in overseas study tours to Iceland, Namibia, Tanzania, Turkey, and the Holy Land.

Each student is under supervision of a faculty member during the interim. Three hours of credit are granted for work successfully completed during this month. A time at the beginning of the spring semester is normally scheduled for community sharing of the interim experience.

Summer Language Studies

Students applying for the MDiv program who have not completed at least eight undergraduate semester hours of Greek or cannot demonstrate competency through a proficiency test are expected to participate in the New Testament Greek course that begins in late July or complete the Greek requirement through online instruction. Eight undergraduate semester hours (or its equivalent) of Greek are prerequisite to the MDiv first year curriculum. MA students who choose to take the summer Greek course and successfully complete it may request four semester hours of masters credit (see the MA program). A summer language brochure is available from the Registrar's office.

Independent Study

Students may arrange to take a particular course by means of a reading program upon the consent of the instructor. This arrangement does not apply to required courses or courses offered on an annual basis. Reading and research on a subject of one's own choosing is also possible under a readings course in any of the three academic divisions (BI=Biblical Studies, HT=History/Theology, and MN=Ministry) under the 199, 299, or 399 numbers (or 499 if STM). Whenever independent study is arranged with an instructor, the student must complete a "Contract for Independent Study" and register for the course at the Registrar's office. The same procedure that applies to regular courses also applies to independent study: should students fail to complete their assignments by the last day of classes, an incomplete is given and the student must arrange for an extension arranged through the registrar's office.-Independent studies are charged tuition the same as other courses.

Cross-Cultural Requirement

Students are encouraged to consider carefully the religious, social, economic, cultural, and political realities of the world as they struggle to interpret and live out their faith in Christ. One avenue for such learning is the Cross-Cultural Requirement: a minimum of three credit hours in immersion (or immersion-like) experiences that bring students into a significant encounter with a different culture. Such encounters both enrich the students' breadth of experience and provide an opportunity for them to reflect on their own culture. Successful completion of a cross-cultural immersion is a requirement for the MDiv, MA, and MA in Diaconal Ministry degree programs.

Because students come from many cultural backgrounds, there is no single course by which this requirement is met. Instead, the student consults with his or her faculty adviser to discern the kind of immersion appropriate to that student's own prior experiences and readiness for future ministry. Most cross-cultural opportunities are already structured and available for enrollment during the January interim (the typical time for completing this requirement). Generous donors, committed to cross-cultural immersions, make it possible for students to receive a limited cross-cultural travel subsidy to support this requirement.

International Exchange Programs

Part of the Wartburg Center for Global Theologies commitment to the global dimension of the church's mission is expressed in bringing international faculty members from selected seminaries outside of traditional northern American and western European settings to the Wartburg campus. Similarly, Wartburg faculty members may go to Martin Luther Seminary in Papua New Guinea and the Paulinum Seminary in Namibia because of the special relationship with these two seminaries. In addition, Wartburg continues to explore relationships with seminaries in other countries. Contacts are made or strengthened

where faculty members spend some of their sabbatical time. In addition to welcoming students from around the world to its campus, another feature of the Center for Global Theologies is to make available opportunities for North American students to study and serve in other countries. For additional information on these exchange opportunities, contact the office of the Academic Dean.

Theological Study in the Developing World

Wartburg is in partnership with certain seminaries in other countries where the instruction is in English and where the faculty, library, and curriculum are on a standard similar to theological education in the United States. At these seminaries, located in Tanzania, Namibia, Nigeria, Hong Kong, Singapore, and India, Wartburg students may study for a term or a full academic year. This program is open to students who have completed at least one year of theological studies and have received faculty approval.

International Internships

The seminary works with the ELCA regarding international internships. Internship placements are made by the ELCA in locations like Germany, Brazil, Tanzania, Egypt, and other countries. Language training is required for some internship sites. This program is open to students to apply who have completed two years of study and who receive faculty recommendation.

Theological Study in Europe

Studies in Europe are provided through relationships with two Lutheran theological seminaries: The Free Faculty of Theology of the Church of Norway in Oslo (Menighetsfakultet) and the Augustana Hochschule in Neuendettelsau, Germany. Significant scholarships, including room, board, or tuition may be available from the host institutions. Classes are in English, Norwegian, and German with language training available by special arrangement.

Academic Policies:

Registration and Cross Registration

Registration dates are indicated on the academic calendar. Deadlines apply for changing registration. Wartburg also has a policy regarding withdrawal from courses. Registration deadlines and withdrawal are discussed in the student handbook. A fee may be charged for late registrations.

Students who are registered at Wartburg have the option of cross-registering for courses offered at the nearby University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (UDTS) in the same manner in which they register for courses taught by Wartburg faculty. In doing this, students should note the differences between the two academic calendars.

Grades

Students in the MDiv and all MA degree programs may choose to be graded either by credit/no credit (Cr/NCr) or by letter grade in each course. Exceptions are explained in the student handbook. The student handbook contains explanations of the grading system and policies concerning probation and dismissal. All degree requirements and named courses must receive a passing grade of C- (Credit) or better to fulfill the degree requirement.

Auditing

A student may audit a course upon consent of the instructor. Audits will be recorded on the transcript, providing the student actually attends the class. An auditor is not evaluated by the instructor and may not receive credit for the course. The number of auditors should not exceed 25 percent of the number in the class.

Leave of Absence and Withdrawal

A student may request an academic leave of absence by a written statement submitted to the Academic Dean. In no case is leave granted for more than one year at the time of the request, but a leave can be renewed for an additional year upon written request. A student who wishes to withdraw from the seminary should secure a withdrawal form from the Registrar and turn it in to the Academic Dean. Signatures from the student's advisor, the Academic Dean, and the Dean for Vocation are also required on the withdrawal form (*For important information on the financial aid implications of a leave of absence or withdrawal, see the Student & Community Life Handbook section on Financial Aid: Procedure for Requesting Leave of Absence or Withdrawal*).

Learning Disabilities Accommodations

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the effect of a disability should contact Dr. Ann Fritschel (afritschel@wartburgseminary.edu or (563) 589-0308) to coordinate reasonable accommodations for documented disabilities. Wartburg encourages you to self-identify after admission to Wartburg Theological Seminary, and prior to the start of the term. Please give us the necessary lead time to meet with you, discuss your accommodation needs, and complete Wartburg's Seminary Accommodations Request Form.

Master of Divinity Degree Program

Wartburg Theological Seminary is an educational community centered in worship, which sets the study of the Christian message in the legacy of the church's heritage and in the global and social context of today's world. The Master of Divinity (MDiv) program, a four-year degree program, when taken full time, is a focal point of the faculty's mission in preparing women and men for effective leadership in the ordained ministry of the church. Wartburg prepares pastors who are grounded in their confessional identity as Lutheran Christians for service in local congregations. The Mission Statement of WTS and Twelve Pastoral-Diaconal Practices focus all curriculum outcomes on the church's mission to the world. This is characterized by the theme "justification and justice." We aim to form pastors who are able to faithfully bear witness to Jesus Christ in open dialogue with alternative religious options and who can interpret the gospel in engagement with the deep human longing for personal and social healing. Wartburg's program is organized under three divisions: Biblical Studies, History and Theology, and Ministry. There are also Integrative courses team-taught by professors of the three divisions.

One MDiv Degree Program – Three Categories of Students – Two Primary Schedules

The Master of Divinity degree program consists of a single set of requirements and designated courses that apply for all categories of students. This program can be completed in four years of fulltime study for every semester. Most courses are taught in a "hybrid" pattern of teaching that joins face-to-face classroom learning by students in residence with students who are off-campus through interactive web streaming or through recordings of those class sessions combined with asynchronous online discussion groups. Using interactive video technology, all our students are therefore participating in an integrated learning experience.

We offer the MDiv curriculum to three categories of students. Each student is admitted into one category based on your situation. Each student completes coursework under one of two basic patterns of course scheduling. Both course patterns include the same courses, but vary between either a three or a four year pattern for sequencing the coursework. There also are differences in how a given student completes the internship requirement. Both scheduling patterns are considered as fulltime study for completing the degree within four years. The curriculum can also be taken at a slower pace for longer than four years, although the student may no longer be full time depending on their level of registered coursework.

The three categories (pathways) of students are the following:

- **Residential Learners (RL)** – The "Residential Learner" is the on-campus student (or commuter) who completes coursework in face-to-face classroom learning on campus in Dubuque.
- **Distributed Learners (DL)** – The "Distributed Learner" is the off-campus student who is studying from their home context and completing their courses from afar. It is expected that a distributed learner, who may or may not be working part-time, can still sustain a course load equal to the residential learner, and that it is a matter of location and personal circumstances (due to work, family, or other reasons) that distinguishes a DL student from the RL student.
- **Collaborative Learners (CL)** – The "Collaborative Learner" is a specific category of student where the student is formally approved by the seminary, by the student's home ELCA synod (or appropriate non-ELCA denominational adjudicatory), and by the ELCA synod providing a congregational site. CL students serve concurrently in part-time congregational ministry (upon approval, as a synodically authorized minister) under the supervision of a mentor. For CL students, coursework is distributed over the entire four years of study and internship normally takes place during the fourth through sixth semesters, during which time the evaluation process is formalized.

Because of these differences, there are two different patterns of scheduled coursework identified for completion of the degree. Full-time Residential and Distributed Learners will complete the Residential Learner/Distributed Learner pattern for the degree, whereby internship has its own designated year (normally the third year) and the academic coursework is normally completed in three academic years. Collaborative Learners have a distinctive pattern that schedules courses over the entire four years, allowing time for their involvement in ministry concurrently with their entire period of study. Because of their common coursework schedule, RL, DL, and CL students can with permission move back and forth between residential, distributed, and collaborative study in different years or semesters should that become necessary. See the curriculum grids later in this section to see the differences between the two academic patterns.

Normal Program of Study

The MDiv program normally requires a minimum of four full years of study. The normal pattern for RL and DL students is two years of academic study, a third year on internship, and a fourth year in academic study. The normal pattern for CL students is four years of coursework taken concurrently with serving in ministry in a congregation and with internship formalized for three of those semesters. Choosing to take heavy course loads does not have the effect of shortening the time spent in earning the degree. A full year of academic study consists of a fall semester (with an on-campus intensive week at the beginning), a January interim, and a spring semester (with an on-campus intensive week at the beginning). Normally, most

of one summer is devoted to Clinical Pastoral Education. Please refer to the appropriate course scheduling chart based on the category of study for which you are admitted. Please also see information below on possible concentrations available for this degree and the impact these may have on the course of study.

Course Load

To be considered a full-time student (and therefore potentially eligible for all forms of financial aid), a student must take a minimum of nine (9) semester hours each term. The normal minimum course load in the Residential and Distributed Learners programs is 12.5 credit hours in each fall and spring semester, plus 2 credit hours in each of the three required January interims, in order to complete the degree in four years. The normal minimum course load in the Collaborative Learners program is typically 9.5 hours in each of the fall and spring semesters (or 9 hours each in the two semesters that Spiritual Practices is not taken), plus 2 credit hours each in three January interims. These credit amounts do not include any elective courses and may not include all the courses taken for a concentration, which may be beyond these expected minimums. Permission from the Academic Dean is required to take more than 15.5 semester hours in a semester.

Part-time study is possible and becomes necessary for some students for a variety of reasons. Part-time study for WTS is defined as less than 9 semester hours in the fall or spring semester respectively (or less than 2 hours in the January interim). Depending on the specific situation of the student, part-time students may or may not have access to all forms of financial aid (as many forms of financial aid stipulate that the student must be full-time). The student who becomes part-time should no longer expect that their MDiv degree can still be completed in the four years normally defined for the degree. Further, with the exception of some distributional courses, most courses that meet degree requirements are only taught once each year, and therefore a part-time student may need to wait for a later academic year in order to meet a particular degree requirement, which can further delay completion of the degree. The MDiv degree normally must be completed within seven continuous years of study from the oldest course to the more recent course, unless specific action is taken by the faculty to extend this for a student.

Time Expected on Campus in Dubuque or Traveling

The traditional and still excellent pattern for a seminary education has long been some form of residential face-to-face study in classrooms while living on campus, with all the possibilities for community learning through shared experiences, including worship, interactions between students, faculty, and staff, and the variety of extra-curricular learning outside the classroom. Today's culture, with its changing social and economic needs, are challenging this pattern. WTS is committed to maintaining excellence in formation and collaborative learning for all categories of learners. We recognize that this learning needs to be an intentional extension of the residential community to include groups of new categories of students who are not residential.

To foster a continued community learning for all, WTS requires that all enrolled students are expected to come together as a community in Dubuque for the following times during one's time as an MDiv student:

- For each intensive/Prolog week of the fall and spring semesters, respectively, all students are expected to come together for study at the beginning of the semester to launch their courses together as all residential, distributed, and collaborative learning students meet in the same classroom for six hours of face-to-face instructional time in each course; and
- For three January interims, students are either expected to come to Dubuque to complete a J-Term course, or to participate with a group of Wartburg Seminary students on an immersion course, in order to complete requirements such as the cross-cultural requirement or the rural/urban ministry requirement. J-Term courses last from one to three weeks, either for face-to-face instruction or travel with an immersion group, with additional hours assigned for readings, keeping a journal, or writing a paper.

In addition to time in Dubuque for intensives, there are other requirements that may require relocation for a period of time:

- For Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), depending on the clinical or ministry site you choose, this may involve commuting or living temporarily near the site, typically 10 to 12 weeks for a full CPE unit. Because of the nature of most CPE sites (at least those in hospital contexts) where overnight and weekend on-call status is expected, on occasion you may be away from your home longer than for a typical work day.
- For Internship, depending on your internship assignment, you may be asked to relocate to a site for the duration of the internship, or be commuting some distance, in order to carry out a full-time ministry at the internship site, with all the attendant meetings, visitation, and worship services.

DL and CL students, in particular, will need to make arrangements for these travel times as part of their degree program, including the expenses associated with housing, food, transportation, etc. during these periods.

Re-entrance

Students who have interrupted their theological education for seven or more years prior to re-entrance, ordinarily will not receive credit for previous work.

MDiv Curriculum Requirements

The basic Master of Divinity degree consists of a minimum of 116 semester hours, met by completing 83 hours of coursework (including three January interims), the equivalent of a twelve-month internship (27 hours) and one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (6 hours). The requirements are itemized below, both in a chart form organized by academic areas and in a list of requirements. Most requirements are met by specified courses that are taught once a year in the designated semester (either fall or spring). Two course requirements, the Youth and Family Ministry requirement and the Rural Ministry requirement, can be met in any semester when such courses are offered. [See the curriculum grids later in this section showing typical course sequences.] Knowledge of Biblical (*Koine*) Greek is a language prerequisite to the degree program. There is also a graduate writing expectation that is tested among new students during the first week of the semester. Those students needing further help with writing are normally required to take the IN 003 Graduate Writing course during the fall semester of the first year.

A. MDiv Requirements Checklist Presented In Chart Format:

Each requirement is 3 semester hours, unless otherwise noted, and is usually met by a specified course. Each requirement has a number, and a shorthand title for the requirement. The actual course (or eligible courses) to fulfill a requirement may vary. The MDiv has no required electives credits except for one January interim course that is required. All students are encouraged to take electives as their schedule permits, as well as encouraged to complete a concentration within the degree program (see the separate descriptions of the concentration options later in the catalog).

Bible (BI) Division	History/Theology (HT) Division	Ministry (IN) Division	Interdisciplinary (IN)
Prerequisite: Biblical Greek Language (no hours credited to the MDiv degree)	HT-1 Global Church History & Mission 1	MN-1 Worship	IN-1 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hours)
BI-1 New Testament 1	HT-2 Systematic Theology	MN-2 Pastoral Care	IN-2 Formation for Discipleship (2 hours)
BI-2 New Testament 2	HT-3 Lutheran Confessions	MN-3 Education	IN-3 21 st Century Leadership (2 hours)
BI-3 Hebrew Bible 1	HT-4 Global Church History & Mission 2	MN-4 Being Body of Christ: Theology of the Congregation (2 hours)	IN-4 Integrative Seminar
BI-4 Hebrew Bible 2	HT-5 Christian Ethics	MN-5 Preaching	IN-5 Word, Image, Imagination
BI-5 Advanced Bible - New Testament	HT-6 Advanced Theology	MN-6 Liturgy & Life / Renewing Worship	IN-6 Reading & Leading in Context
BI-6 Advanced Bible - Hebrew Bible		MN-7 Rural Ministry Requirement (1 hour)	IN 7.1 – 7.6 Spiritual Practices 1-6 (six courses at 0.5 hours each)
		MN-8 Youth & Family Ministry Requirement (1 hour)	IN 8.1 J-Term 1 Cross-Cultural Immersion (2 hours)
		MN-9 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (6 hours)	IN 8.2 J-Term 2 Student's choice (2 hours)
		MN-10 Internship (27 hours)	

			IN-8.3 J-Term 3 Student's choice (2 hours) IN 9.1 – IN 9.4 Fieldwork 1-4 (four courses at 1 hour each)
= 18 Hours	= 18 Hours	= 52 Hours	= 28 Hours
Degree Total = 116 hours			

B. MDiv Requirements Checklist In List Format:

Each course requirement is 3 hours, unless otherwise noted, and is usually met by a specified course. Each requirement has a number, and a shorthand title for the requirement. The actual course (or eligible courses) to meet a requirement may vary. The MDiv has no required elective credits, other than for one of the required January interim courses, but is flexible in what can be taken. Students are encouraged to enroll for electives, as well as encouraged to complete a concentration within the degree program (see the separate descriptions of the possible concentrations elsewhere in the catalog).

Requirement Number

Requirement Short Title

Primary Course to Meet Requirement

Bible Division (BI) – 18 Hours

Prerequisite	Biblical Greek Language	BI003-4 Beginning NT Greek Language
BI-1	New Testament 1	BI 190 Engaging the New Testament Narratives
BI-2	New Testament 2	BI 192 Engaging the New Testament Letters
BI-3	Hebrew Bible 1	BI 222 Hebrew Bible-Exegesis for Ministry 1
BI-4	Hebrew Bible 2	BI 224 Hebrew Bible-Exegesis for Ministry 2
BI-5	Advanced Bible – New Testament	BI 360 New Testament – Engaging the World or Designated BI 3xx courses
BI-6	Advanced Bible – Hebrew Bible	BI 320 Hebrew Bible – Engaging the World or Designated BI 3xx courses

History/Theology Division (HT) – 18 Hours

HT-1	Church History/Mission 1	HT 105 The Global Church in Motion 1
HT-2	Systematic Theology	HT 140 Systematic Theology
HT-3	Lutheran Confessions	HT 213 Lutheran Confessions
HT-4	Church History/Mission 2	HT 205 The Global Church in Motion 2
HT-5	Christian Ethics	HT 267 Lutheran Ethics: Freedom for the Neighbor
HT-6	Advanced Theology	Designated HT 3xx courses

Ministry Division (MN) – 19 Hours of coursework, plus 33 hours of CPE and Internship

MN-1	Worship	MN 106 Foundations of Christian Worship
MN-2	Pastoral Care	MN 270 Pastoral Care in Context
MN-3	Education	MN 250 Christian Vocation: Education, Development and Lived Faith
MN-4	Being Body of Christ	MN 255 Being Body of Christ: Theology of the Congregation (2 hours)
MN-5	Preaching	MN 230 Preaching
MN-6	Liturgy & Life/Renewing Worship	MN 306 Liturgy and Life: Worship and Mission in Context and Culture
MN-7	Rural Ministry Requirement	Designated MN xxx courses or MN 397 Rural J-Term (1 hour minimum)
MN-8	Youth & Family Ministry	Designated MN 16x courses (1 hour)
MN-9	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)	MN 280 Clinical Pastoral Education [normally completed offsite at an accredited ACPE site] (6 hours)

MN-10	Internship	MN 370 Internship [12 months full-time or 18 months part-time (equivalent to full-time), completed at a church designated by the seminary in collaboration with the synod] (27 hours)
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Interdisciplinary/Integrative (IN) – 28 Hours

IN-1	Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds	IN 141 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hours)
IN-2	Formation for Discipleship	IN 142 Formation for Discipleship: Vocation, Witness, and Ministry (2 hours)
IN-3	21 st Century Leadership	IN 243 21 st Century Leadership: Public, Connected, and Adaptive (2 hours)
IN-4	Integrative Seminar	IN 344 Integrative Capstone Seminar or Designated courses
IN-5	Word, Image, Imagination	IN 345 Word, Image, Imagination
IN-6	Reading & Leading in Context	IN 346 Reading and Leading in Context: Methods, Media, and Entrepreneurial Practices
IN-7.1 to IN 7.6	Spiritual Practices 1 – 6	IN 161/162 Spiritual Practices 1 & 2 IN 261/262 Spiritual Practices 3 & 4 IN 361/362 Spiritual Practices 5 & 6 (each SP course 0.5 hours; totaling 3 hours)
IN-8.1	January – Cross-Cultural Requirement	Designated January courses (2 hours)
IN-8.2	January – Required 2 nd J-Term	Student's choice (2 hours)
IN-8.3	January – Required 3 rd J-Term	Student's choice (2 hours)
IN-9.1 to IN-9/4	Fieldwork Experiences 1 – 4	IN 171/172 Serving the Community: Fieldwork 1 & 2 IN 271/272 Engaging Contexts: Fieldwork 3 & 4 (1 hour each, totaling 4 hours)

Degree Total = 116 hours (79 hours of coursework, 4 hours of fieldwork, 6 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education, and 27 hours of internship)

MDiv Clinical Requirement

Wartburg Seminary is a member of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), which is the international professional agency for the certification of supervisors and accreditation of centers for clinical pastoral education since 1968. CPE, an ELCA and seminary requirement, is normally an 11-week specialized practicum in pastoral ministry in a clinical setting designed to provide ministry to persons in need. It is most available to students during the summer months, although units of CPE are scheduled all year round. CPE provides actual practice in pastoral ministry under the direction of an accredited supervisor, usually in a clinical institutional setting and among an ecumenical and interdisciplinary professional staff. The usual settings are general hospitals, mental health, correctional, and other specialized institutions. A number of CPE sites have begun offering congregationally based units.

Use of the small group method for personal growth, mutual support, and peer learning are prominent features of CPE. Programs are designed to be emotionally supportive, growth-oriented, educationally challenging, and enabling skills in ministry. Students should expect to pay tuition to the CPE site. Stipends are available in a limited number of settings. The MDiv clinical requirement of one unit of CPE normally needs to be completed prior to internship. Students are strongly encouraged to complete this requirement during the summer after their first year. Some candidacy committees require this component be completed after the first year.

MDiv Internship

Internship provides students a significant contextualized experience in ministry as a fundamental component of their theological education. Internship is an opportunity for a student to serve full-time in a church or agency setting under the guidance of an experienced pastoral supervisor. Normally internship is equivalent to one year of full-time supervised ministry. It normally takes place before the final academic year of the MDiv degree (during Year 3 of the Residential and Distributed Learning programs) or the internship extends for 18 months concurrently with three academic semesters in the Collaborative Learning program. At the recommendation of the respective candidacy committee and with the concurrence of the seminary faculty, internship may take place as the final year of the Master of Divinity program.

The purpose of internship is for students to develop their pastoral skills through an experience of practicing ministry and reflecting upon that experience. Interns grow in their pastoral identity, spiritual development, theological reflection, practical skills, emotional maturity, stewardship leadership, and missional leadership. The supervisor and congregation are viewed as extensions of the seminary faculty in this important dimension of theological education. Regular weekly scheduled supervisory meetings are important to the internship experience.

By faculty assignment, under the direction of a faculty-student Internship Task Force, each student fulfills the internship requirement. Assignments are based on the congregation's needs, the recommendation of the synod, the qualifications of the supervisor, the student's needs, the needs of the seminary, and the mission of the larger church. There is no waiver of internship, although occasionally an extended earlier or concurrent parish experience may be approved as its equivalent.

The ELCA sets standards for all ELCA internships; some concern practical matters pertaining to living at the internship site. Normally a monthly stipend (which is taxable income) and help with internship-related auto expenses (mileage reimbursement) are paid to the student by the congregation. In addition, the congregation normally provides adequate housing and utilities. Congregations with housing maintain their own housing policies. Students should be aware that pets are not allowed in many internship site housing units. During the internship year, the congregation (not the student) normally pays tuition to the seminary.

Prior to internship, the student normally is expected to be endorsed by a synodical candidacy committee, to have completed a unit of CPE, and to have fulfilled pre-internship curriculum requirements, including Greek.

Concentrations

The MDiv degree program offers the option of Concentrations as a means to develop specialization in an area of ministry. A concentration consists of a minimum of 10 credits in a specified area of emphasis. Currently we offer four concentrations with the MDiv degree:

- Hispanic Ministry
- Rural Ministry
- Youth, Culture, and Mission (YCM)
- Mission Development

The general pattern for meeting the requirements for all concentrations is as follows:

- One J-Term devoted to the subject area (2 credits). For the Hispanic Ministry concentration, this would mean a J-Term immersion through our extension site, the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS) in Austin, Texas. For the Rural Ministry concentration, this would mean completing the North Dakota & Shalom Hill Farm J-Term course. For the YCM and Mission Development concentrations, either J-Term courses or their equivalents will be offered.
- Other on-campus/hybrid courses taken to meet a degree requirement, such as additional Rural Ministry courses, further coursework in pastoral care and youth/family ministry with YCM eligibility as designated by the faculty, or Spanish language courses in the case of the Hispanic Ministry concentration.
- The two Fieldwork requirements in the second year of the degree, requirements IN-9.3 and IN-9.4, will be arranged in the specified area of the concentration.
- The final-year integrative requirements, IN-5 and IN-6, are to be arranged in the area of study of the concentration.

Most concentrations also allow some flexibility in how assignments are completed in other courses. It is also possible in some cases to make arrangements, so that a student's internship site might provide experience in the student's area of a concentration.

Students should note that completing a concentration could involve some coursework beyond the minimum MDiv degree requirements. The student in a concentration may need to take heavier additional courses beyond the minimum to meet the needs of both the degree and the concentration.

MDiv Thesis

Seniors may elect to write a thesis in meeting their graduation requirements. Normally students interested in doing an M.Div thesis should express interest in writing to a faculty member (and copied to the Academic Dean) as early as possible and prior to the fall semester of their final year. Those approved shall enroll in the fall IN 300W research seminar. Students will submit a one page proposal to the faculty before the October faculty meeting. No later than the October faculty meeting, faculty will determine which students will be allowed to do a thesis based on faculty load and student ability. Students who are not chosen to do a thesis may be encouraged to focus their research into an independent study. Normally the student should use the January interim of their final year to do research for the thesis as an independent study. Registration and credit for the thesis occur in the final semester.

Research and writing are to be done under the supervision of a faculty adviser. The first draft should be completed and submitted to the faculty adviser by early March. Two copies of the second draft, one for the adviser and one for a second faculty reader, are due by mid-April. An electronic copy of an approved final thesis must be submitted to the registrar one week before the end of the semester and before the awarding of the degree. The thesis is given one of three grades: accepted, accepted with honors, or accepted with high honors. Details concerning style and format are available from the registrar. Six hours of credit will be given for a satisfactory thesis.

MDiv Graduation Requirements

The requirements of the Master of Divinity degree are:

- 1) The satisfactory completion of academic requirements, (including all named courses or their authorized equivalents, and distribution requirements) with a minimum of 116 semester hours (83 hours of academic coursework, 6 hours for one unit of CPE, together with 27 hours received at the completion of one year of internship).
- 2) One year equivalent minimum of Wartburg Theological Seminary taught coursework (that is, a degree cannot consist entirely of credits transferred from institutions other than WTS).
- 3) A recommendation by the faculty to the Board of Directors and the Board's approval. Students must file an "Application for Degree" form with the Registrar by the beginning of their final semester of study. A student must be in good standing with the business office, library, and financial aid office in order to receive a diploma.

Master of Divinity Curriculum Chart

Four-Year Residential Learning (RL) & Distributed Learning (DL) Sequence

For students who are in residence or commuting to the campus in Dubuque (RL), or are completing the degree in their home context (DL), but not in a seminary and synod approved collaborative learning context. (See the separate chart for the CL program.)

Prerequisite: Biblical Greek Language – If not already completed by prior college or graduate-level coursework, or by passing a proficiency exam, students will need to complete the summer online or residential course, BI 003-4, Beginning Biblical Greek Language.

 Indicates when CPE normally is taken

 Indicates when Internship normally is taken

NOT SHOWN ON THE FOLLOWING CHART: The Rural Ministry [MN-7] and Youth & Family Ministry [MN-7] requirements, one credit hour each, which are met by designated courses that can be taken at any time, including as one's January course when appropriate.

	Summer	Fall Semester (15 weeks)	January Interim (4 weeks)	Spring Semester (15 Weeks)
Year 1	Greek (Prerequisite, if not already completed)	New Testament 1 [BI-1, 3 cr] Global Ch. History & Mission 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Worship [MN-1, 3 cr] Fieldwork 1 [IN-9.1, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}	[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	New Testament 2 [BI-2, 3 cr] Systematic Theology [HT-2, 3 cr] Formation for Discipleship [IN-2, 2 cr] Pastoral Care [MN-2, 3 cr] Fieldwork 2 [IN-9.2, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}
Year 2	CPE	Hebrew Bible 1 [BI-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] Christian Vocation: Education [MN-3, 3 cr] 21 st Century Leadership [IN-3, 2 cr] Fieldwork 3 [IN-9.3, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 3 [IN-7.3, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}	[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	Hebrew Bible 2 [BI-4, 3 cr] Global Ch. History & Mission 2 [HT-4, 3 cr] Being Body of Christ [MN-4, 2 cr] Preaching [MN-5, 3 cr] Fieldwork 4 [IN-9.4, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}

Year 3	Internship (12 months)			
Year 4		Advanced Bible – NT [BI-5, 3 cr] Christian Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] Integrative Capstone Seminar [IN-4, 3 cr] Advanced Theology [HT-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 5 [IN-7.5, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}	[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	Advanced Bible – HB [BI-6, 3 cr] Liturgy & Life / Renewing Worship [MN-6, 3 cr] Word, Image, Imagination [IN-5, 3 cr] Reading & Leading in Context [IN-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 6 [IN-7.6, 0.5 cr] {=12.5 credits}

Degree Total = 116 hours (as 79 hours of coursework, 4 hours of fieldwork, 6 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education, and 27 hours of internship)

Master of Divinity Curriculum Chart

Four-Year Collaborative Learning (CL) Sequence

For students only in a seminary and synod approved placement

Prerequisite: Biblical Greek Language – If not already completed by prior college or graduate-level coursework, or by passing a proficiency exam, students will need to complete the summer online or residential course, BI 003-4, Beginning Biblical Greek Language.



Indicates when CPE normally is taken



Indicates when Internship normally is formalized as an 18-month involvement while concurrently completing the designated coursework.

NOT SHOWN ON THE FOLLOWING CHART: The Rural Ministry [MN-7] and Youth & Family Ministry [MN-7] requirements, one credit hour each, which are met by designated courses that can be taken at any time, including as one's January course when appropriate.

	Summer	Fall Semester (15 weeks)	January Interim (4 weeks)	Spring Semester (15 Weeks)
Year 1	Greek (Prerequisite, if not already completed)	New Testament 1 [BI-1, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Worship [MN-1, 3 cr] Fieldwork 1 [IN-9.1, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}	[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	New Testament 2 [BI-2, 3 cr] Systematic Theology [HT-2, 3 cr] Formation for Discipleship [IN-2, 2 cr] Fieldwork 2 [IN-9.2, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}
Year 2	CPE	Hebrew Bible 1 [BI-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] 21 st Century Leadership [IN-3, 2 cr] Fieldwork 3 [IN-9.3, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 3 [IN-7.3, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}	[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}	Hebrew Bible 2 [BI-4, 3 cr] Being Body of Christ [MN-4, 2 cr] Preaching [MN-5, 3 cr] Fieldwork 4 [IN-9.4, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}

<p>Year 3</p>		<p>Global Ch. History & Mission 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Christian Vocation: Education [MN-3, 3 cr] Christian Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] {=9 credits}</p>		<p>Pastoral Care [MN-2, 3 cr] Global Ch. History & Mission 2 [HT-4, 3 cr] Advanced Bible – HB [BI-6, 3 cr] {=9 credits}</p>
<p>Year 4</p>		<p>Advanced Bible – NT [BI-5, 3 cr] Integrative Capstone Seminar [IN-4, 3 cr] Advanced Theology [HT-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 5 [IN-7.5, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}</p>	<p>[IN8.1] or [IN 8.2] or [IN 8.3] {=2 credits}</p>	<p>Liturgy & Life / Renewing Worship [MN-6, 3 cr] Word, Image, Imagination [IN-5, 3 cr] Reading & Leading in Context [IN-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 6 [IN-7.6, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}</p>

Degree Total = 116 hours (as 79 hours of coursework, 4 hours of fieldwork, 6 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education, and 27 hours of internship)

Master of Arts Degree Program

FALL 2017 INTERIM VERSION

NOTE: The Master of Arts (MA) degree program is under major redesign. Students should anticipate revision of the degree requirements in future years.

The basic Master of Arts (MA) degree program is aimed at students interested in theological study at the seminary level for personal growth, international students preparing for a teaching ministry, or students preparing for further graduate study. It has also served the interests of people who want to integrate theological reflection with other professions in which they want to live out their vocation. The two-year MA program described here may be augmented by a Concentration or departmental specialization to better meet professional and academic goals of the student. The MA aims at integrating skills for ministry, normally acquired elsewhere, with theological reflection. Students interested in rostered church service who are members of church denominations that require the completion of field work or other activities in addition to their academic study need to plan on completing those requirements separately from the degree program. Students interested in service as a diaconal minister are encouraged to consider the Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry, which includes coursework and field work activities specific to the needs of that church service.

Normal Program

The MA degree program normally requires two years, with a limit of five years for completion. A full year of academic study consists of a fall semester (with prolog week), a January interim, and a spring semester (with prolog week). To be considered a fulltime student and to be eligible for financial aid, a student must take a minimum of nine semester hours per semester. Please see the program chart for an elaboration of the normal sequencing of courses in the two-year residential or distributed learning MA degree. *Adding a concentration will raise overall degree requirements to more than 45 semester hours and either raise the course load needed each semester to more than minimum registration (subject to overload restrictions) and/or extend the time needed to complete the degree to more than two years.*

Residential and Distributed Learning Option

Master of Arts students enroll as either Residential Learner (RL) or Distributed Learner (DL) students. These categories of student are defined as follows:

- **Residential Learners (RL)** – The “Residential Learner” is the on-campus student (or commuter) who completes coursework in face-to-face classroom learning on campus in Dubuque.
- **Distributed Learners (DL)** – The “Distributed Learner” is the off-campus student who is studying from their home context and completing their courses from afar. For completion in two years, it is expected that a distributed learner, who may or may not be working part-time, can sustain a course load equal to the residential learner, and that it is a matter of location and personal circumstances (due to work, family, or other reasons) that distinguishes a DL student from the RL student.

Both Residential and Distributed Learning students complete the same degree requirements and take the same courses. Most courses are taught in a hybrid pattern that combines face-to-face classroom instruction among students in residence with students who are off-campus, where the off-campus students join the classroom live through interactive web streaming or through recordings of the class session together with asynchronous online assignments. Using educational technology, all our students participate in a common learning experience. Because of the sequencing of courses between both RL and DL students, a MA student would be able to shift into another track as individual needs might require without any anticipated loss in time of study.

MA Course of Study

In the MA program, the student takes twelve hours in Biblical Studies and nine hours in History and Theology within the the required curriculum. In the Ministry division, the student selects from a variety of suggested courses to meet the seven to eight hours required for that division. The MA student must also complete the cross-cultural immersion requirement (normally offered during the January Interim). A student may pursue a major area of study in any one of the three divisions by taking a total of 15 hours in that division. The major research project requirement is included in these hours. Where appropriate to the student’s goals, the major area of study may be interdisciplinary in character.

Greek is NOT a prerequisite for an MA degree. However, for MA students who choose the New Testament as a major area of study and have no training in Greek, the summer Greek course (BI 003-004W) is required. A student choosing to take BI 003-004W New Testament Greek may receive four hours of credit toward an MA degree. For those who choose the Hebrew Bible as a major area of study, Hebrew language is required. Those students should take the Hebrew language courses in addition to the required Hebrew Bible content courses. The MA program allows students flexibility in designing a course of study utilizing the full range of academic resources of the seminary, including independent study. Through academic

advising, prior background may be found to have covered some introductory required courses. In this case, advanced courses may be substituted with permission. During their second year, students should take 300 level courses for advanced work.

MA Curriculum Degree Requirements

The basic Master of Arts degree consists of a minimum of 45 semester hours of coursework and research earned by the following named courses, plus other courses selected to meet distributional requirements and expressing the student's area of specialty: The requirements are itemized below. Elective coursework beyond the listed courses may be needed to meet the minimum number of credit hours. [See the curriculum chart later in this section showing the typical residential and Distributed Learning course sequence.]

1. Two Spiritual Practices courses – Totalling 1 hour, one course each major semester in the first year; Optionally a second year of Spiritual Practices courses is highly recommended:

Required (First year):

IN 161W Spiritual Practices 1 (Fall, first year, 0.5 hr)

IN 162W Spiritual Practices 2 (Spring, first year, 0.5 hr)

Highly Recommended (Second Year):

IN 261W Spiritual Practices 3 (Fall, second year, 0.5 hr)

IN 262W Spiritual Practices 4 (Spring, second year, 0.5 hr)

2. Biblical Studies (BI) – Four courses totaling 12 hours:

BI 190W Engaging the New Testament Narratives (3 hrs)

BI 192W Engaging the New Testament Letters (3 hrs)

BI 222W Hebrew Bible Content I (3 hrs)

BI 224W Hebrew Bible Content II (3 hrs)

3. History and Theology (HT) – Five courses totaling 9 hours:

HT 105W The Global Church in Motion I (3 hrs)

HT 140W Systematic Theology (3 hrs)

HT 212W Lutheran Confessions (3 hrs)

4. Ministry (MN) – A minimum of four courses, totaling 8 hours:

MN 155W MA Colloquium I (1 hr), arranged as a, independent study if needed

MN 156W MA Colloquium II (1 hr), arranged as a, independent study if needed

MN 250W Christian Vocation: Education, Development and Lived Faith (3 hrs)

Ministry Distribution - Either MN 106W Foundations of Christian Worship (3 hrs), MN 270W Pastoral Care in Context (3 hrs), or at least two (2) hours of pastoral care coursework, depending on one's area of specialization.

5. Interdisciplinary/Integrative Studies (IN) – Three courses (totaling 5 hours), an independent study for project research (2 hours), and the major research project (6 hours)

IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hrs)

IN 142W Formation for Discipleship (2 hrs)

IN 300W Research Seminar (1 hr)

An independent study (2 credits, often taken as a January interim) for project research

IN 302W Major Research Project (6 hrs)

6. Other Distributional Requirements – One requirement met by designated courses:

Cross-cultural Immersion Requirement (2 hrs; completed any time, most offerings will be a January Interim course designated for this specific requirement)

7. Two January Interim Courses (totaling 4 hours), one of which must fulfill the cross-cultural distributional requirement, with the other January typically set aside for a two-credit independent study to complete research toward your major research project.

8. Other general electives

The MA degree as defined above does not require a student to complete elective courses in order to meet degree minimums beyond the distributional requirements (i.e., Ministry distribution and the Cross-cultural requirement). However, a student is encouraged and welcome to take elective courses or complete a concentration, particularly as they help meet goals for your desired area of specialization. The student will need to keep in mind course needs to get to the semester minimum of 9 credits each semester if financial aid needs require one to be a full-time student. See below for more information on available concentrations.

MA Major Research Project

The project integrates the course work for the degree. It may be in one of the classical disciplines or it may be related to some area of ministry and church life. In the latter case, field work may be an element of the research for the project. A student who intends to prepare for diaconal ministry or for service as an associate in ministry may use the project requirement to do research related to the particular ministry toward which the student is aiming. Both a written report and an oral presentation are required. Guidance for the major research project is provided in a research seminar in the fall of the second year. During the spring semester of the second year, an informal research seminar may be held. This seminar receives no credit and may meet sporadically. A guidebook for MA students is available from the MA coordinator.

Concentrations

The MA degree program offers the option of Concentrations as a means to develop specialization in an area of ministry. A concentration consists of a minimum of 10 credits in a specified area of emphasis and involves coursework, possibly some fieldwork, and a final project. Currently we offer concentrations in the following thematic subject areas:

- Hispanic Ministry
- Rural Ministry
- Youth, Culture, and Mission (YCM)
- Mission Development

Please consult with the seminary at the time you start your program as to the likely availability of courses to meet your concentration, as they can vary depending on available faculty and what is anticipated in needed subject areas courses. Most concentrations also allow some flexibility in how assignments are completed in other courses.

Students should note that completing a concentration could involve coursework beyond the minimum MA degree requirements. The student in a concentration may need to take a heavier course load with additional courses beyond the minimum to meet the needs of both the degree and the concentration, and this coursework could extend to additional academic semesters depending on course offerings.

MA Colloquia

The MA Colloquia (MN 155W and MN 156W) will be built around books, biblical texts, or other material that can focus the discussions. The discussions will be shaped to serve personal, ecclesial, and ministry formation, questions of identity and goals, and prayer. The colloquia will also serve as a forum to address common concerns and to help students begin to think about their major research project (IN 302W) or other concentration project.

MA Graduation Requirements

The requirements of the Master of Arts degree are:

1. The satisfactory completion of the academic requirements (including all named courses or their authorized equivalents, and distribution requirements) with a minimum of 45 semester hours.
2. One year equivalent minimum of Wartburg Theological Seminary taught coursework (i.e., residency).
3. A recommendation by the faculty to the Board of Directors and the Board's approval. Students must file an "Application for Degree" form with the Registrar by the beginning of their final semester of study. A student must be in good standing with the business office, library, and financial aid office in order to receive a diploma.

MA Graduate Placement

Following is a list of what some graduates have gone on to do with their completed MA degree:

- Ph.D. study
- Youth and family minister
- Minister of music
- Director of ecumenical ministry
- Parish ministries coordinator
- Youth minister and Christian education director
- Minister in rural pastoral interims
- Publishing house editor
- University campus Lutheran minister
- Chaplain at a Lutheran retirement center
- Lutheran Family Services counselor
- Director of regional lay education
- Bread for the World volunteer
- Teacher of learning-disabled students
- Counselor of families and children at a state institute
- Homemaker and volunteer
- Agricultural economist
- Banker and volunteer
- Regional disease center coordinator
- State employment program coordinator

Master of Arts Curriculum

Residential (RL) and Distributed Learning (DL) Sequences

Interim Fall 2017 Version

Prerequisites:

Graduate Writing Test out or enroll in IN 003W Graduate Writing (Tested during Prolog Week)

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

Weeks 1-15	BI 190W	Engaging the New Testament Narratives	3 CR
	HT 105W	The Global Church in Motion I	3 CR
	IN 141W	Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds	2 CR
	IN 161W	Spiritual Practices 1	0.5 CR
	MN 155W	MA Colloquium I (as possibly arranged as an independent study)	1 CR
	Possibly the Ministry Distribution (e.g., MN 106W), or a Concentration or Elective course		Recommended 3 CR

Semester Total

Minimum 9.5 to 12.5 CR

INTERIM	Cross-Cultural Requirement	2 CR
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SPRING SEMESTER

Weeks 1-15	IN 142W	Formation for Discipleship	2 CR
	BI 192W	Engaging the New Testament Letters	3 CR
	HT 140W	Systematic Theology	3 CR
	IN 162W	Spiritual Practices 2	0.5 CR
	MN 156W	MA Colloquium II (as possibly arranged as an independent study)	1 CR
	Ministry Distribution (if not already done, e.g., MN 270W), Concentration, or Elective Courses		Recommended 3 CR

Semester Total

Minimum 9.5 to 12.5 CR

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

Weeks 1-15	BI 222W	Hebrew Bible Content 1	3 CR
	HT 212W	Lutheran Confessions	3 CR
	MN 250W	Christian Formation: Education, Development and Lived Faith	3 CR
	IN 300W	Research Seminar	1 CR
	RECOMMENDED: IN 261W Spiritual Practices 3 - Classical Spiritual Practices 1		0.5 CR
	RECOMMENDED: Ministry Distribution (if not already done), or Additional Concentration or Elective courses		Up to 3 CR
Semester Total			Minimum 10 CR

INTERIM	Independent Research for MA Project Research (or second J-Term course if appropriate for student's area of study or service)	2 CR
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SPRING SEMESTER

Weeks 1-15	BI 224W	Hebrew Bible Content 2	3 CR
	IN 302W	Major Research Project	6 CR
	RECOMMENDED: IN 262W Spiritual Practices 4 - Classical Spiritual Practices 2		0.5 CR
	RECOMMENDED: Ministry Distribution (if not already done), or Additional Concentration or Elective courses		3 CR
Semester Total			Minimum 9 CR

Degree Total (Interim Fall 2017 Version)

Minimum 45 CR

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry Degree Program

Wartburg Theological Seminary is an educational community centered in worship, which sets the study of the Christian message in the legacy of the church's heritage and in the global and social context of today's world. The Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry (MA in Diaconal Ministry) degree program is aimed at students interested in service in the church as a diaconal minister or deacon¹. The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree combines the academic requirements for diaconal ministry with courses that meet the fieldwork/internship requirements for candidacy as a deacon in the ELCA. The MA in Diaconal Ministry program aims at integrating skills for ministry with theological reflection. It is ideal for those candidates for church service who want to bridge a congregational or local church setting with the mission of the church in society.

Normal Program

The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program normally requires two academic years to complete coursework (or three years in the Collaborative Learner version), with time to complete fieldwork components, with a limit of five years for its completion. A full year of academic study consists of a fall semester (beginning with an on-campus intensive week), a January interim, and a spring semester (beginning with an on-campus intensive week). Normally one summer is devoted to Clinical Pastoral Education. To be considered a full-time student and to be eligible for financial aid, a student must take a minimum of nine credit hours per semester. Please refer to the curriculum charts for an elaboration of the normal sequencing of courses in the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree. These credit amounts do not include elective courses. Permission from the academic dean is required to take more than 15.5 credit hours in a semester.

Part-time study is possible and may be necessary for some students for a variety of reasons. Part-time for Wartburg Seminary is defined as less than 9 semester hours in the fall or spring semester respectively (or less than 2 hours in the January interim). Depending on specific circumstances, part-time students may or may not have access to all forms of financial aid (as many stipulate that the student must be full-time). The student who becomes part-time should no longer expect that their MA in Diaconal Ministry degree can be completed in the two year minimum normally defined for the degree. Further, with the exception of some distributional courses, most courses to meet degree requirements are only taught once each year. Therefore a part-time student may need to wait for the next offering of a particular required course, which can delay completion of the degree. The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree must normally be completed within five continuous years of study from the oldest course to the most recent course, unless specific action is taken by the faculty to extend the duration for a student.

Residential, Distributed Learning, and Collaborative Learning Options

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry students enroll as either a Residential Learner (RL), Distributed Learner (DL), or Collaborative Learner (CL) depending on their needs. These categories of student are defined as follows:

- **Residential Learners (RL)** – The “Residential Learner” is the on-campus student (or commuter) who completes coursework primarily by face-to-face classroom learning on campus in Dubuque.
- **Distributed Learners (DL)** – The “Distributed Learner” is the off-campus student who is studying from their home context and completing their courses from afar. It is expected that a distributed learner, who may or may not be working part-time, can still sustain a course load equal to the residential learner, and that it is a matter of location and personal circumstances (due to work, family, or other reasons) that distinguishes a DL student from the RL student.
- **Collaborative Learners (CL)** – The “Collaborative Learner” is a specific category of student where the student is formally approved by the seminary, by the student's home ELCA synod (or appropriate non-ELCA denominational adjudicatory), and by the ELCA synod providing a ministry site. CL students concurrently complete coursework and serve part-time in their ministry setting under the supervision of a mentor. For CL students, coursework is distributed over three (3) years of study (instead of the normal two years) and the diaconal ministry internship is arranged to take place over a specified period of time, during which time the evaluation process is formalized.

All the students, whether RL, DL, or CL, complete the same degree requirements and are in the same courses. Most courses are taught in a hybrid pattern that combines face-to-face classroom instruction among students in residence with students who are off-campus, where the off-campus students join the classroom live through interactive web streaming or

¹ The ELCA recently combined its previous lay rosters (Associate in Ministry, Diaconal Minister, and Deaconess) into a single Word and Service roster of Deacons. The status of a previous ELCA roster requirement of a Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (DMFE), mentioned in the catalog with reference to January (J-Term) requirements, is undefined at this time. When the DMFE is not available, a second J-Term course is required. Degree requirements will continue to remain flexible with respect to ELCA roster requirements, allowing substitutions as they may become defined.

retroactively through recordings of the class session together with asynchronous online discussion sessions. Using this technology, all our students participate in a common learning experience.

MA in Diaconal Ministry Curriculum Degree Requirements

The basic Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree is designed to meet the candidacy requirements for the leadership roster of Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), but can be adapted to meet requirements also for other denominations.

The degree requirements consist of a minimum of 69 semester hours, met by 51 credits of coursework and research, including two J-Term courses, plus 18 credits of internship and clinical pastoral education: Of the overall credits for the degree, 27 semester hours are specific to the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree. The degree requirements are itemized below. Students seeking candidacy in the ELCA to become a Deacon may also need to complete the Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (DMFE) or an equivalent learning event sponsored by the ELCA. The DMFE (or its future equivalent) can be completed as one of the January course requirements (if so taught), with the option of credits transferred back to WTS and applied to your degree. Those non-ELCA students who do not need the DMFE will complete a second January interim course of the student's choosing.

A. MA in Diaconal Ministry Requirements Checklist Presented In Chart Format:

Each requirement is 3 semester hours, unless noted, and is usually met by a specified course. Each requirement has a number, and a shorthand title for the requirement. The actual course (or eligible courses) that fulfills a requirement may vary. The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree has no required electives credits. Students are encouraged to complete electives as time permits, particularly to meet a specialty area for their ministry.

Bible (BI) Division	History/Theology (HT) Division	Ministry (IN) Division	Interdisciplinary (IN)	Diaconal Ministry Specific Requirements
BI-1 New Testament 1	HT-1 Global Church History & Mission 1	MN-1(DM) Worship (1 hour minimum)	IN-1 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hours)	DM-1 Diaconal Ministry: Compassion and Justice (1 hour)
BI-2 New Testament 2	HT-2 Systematic Theology	MN-2 Pastoral Care	IN-2 Formation for Discipleship (2 hours)	DM-2 Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (2 hours, likely as a J-Term course)
BI-3 Hebrew Bible 1	HT-3 Lutheran Confessions	<i>EITHER</i> MN-3 Education (3 hours) <i>OR</i> IN-3 <i>21st Century Leadership</i> (2 hours)	<i>EITHER</i> IN-3 21 st Century Leadership (2 hours) <i>OR</i> MN-3 <i>Education</i> (3 hours)	DM-3 Diaconal Ministry Research Seminar (1 hour)
BI-4 Hebrew Bible 2	HT-4 Global Church History & Mission 2	MN-5(DM) Preaching (1 hour minimum)	IN 7.1 – 7.4 Spiritual Practices 1-4 (four courses at 0.5 hours each)	DM-4 Diaconal Ministry Research Project (3 hours)
	HT-5 Christian Ethics		IN 8.1 J-Term 1 Cross-Cultural Immersion (2 hours)	DM-5 Diaconal Ministry Capstone (2 hours)
				DM-6 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (6 hours)
				DM-7 Diaconal Ministry Internship [6 months equivalent length] (12 hours)

= 12 Hours	= 15 Hours	= 5 or 8 Hours depending on either/or choice	= 8 or 10 Hours depending on either/or choice	= 27 hours
Degree Total = 69 hours minimum, possibly more depending on the choice between MN-3 or IN -3 and the courses chosen to meet the preaching and worship requirements.				

B. MA in Diaconal Ministry Requirements Checklist In List Format:

Each course requirement is 3 hours each, unless noted, and is usually met by a specified course. Each requirement has a number and a shorthand title for the requirement. The actual course (or eligible courses) to fulfill a requirement may vary. The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree has no required electives credits. Students are encouraged to enroll for electives, particularly to meet a specialty area for their ministry.

<u>Requirement Number</u>	<u>Requirement Short Title</u>	<u>Primary Course to Meet Requirement</u>
Bible Division (BI) – 12 Hours		
BI-1	New Testament 1	BI 190 Engaging the New Testament Narratives
BI-2	New Testament 2	BI 192 Engaging the New Testament Letters
BI-3	Hebrew Bible 1	BI 222 Hebrew Bible-Exegesis for Ministry 1
BI-4	Hebrew Bible 2	BI 224 Hebrew Bible-Exegesis for Ministry 2
History/Theology Division (HT) – 15 Hours		
HT-1	Church History/Mission 1	HT 105 The Global Church in Motion 1
HT-2	Systematic Theology	HT 140 Systematic Theology
HT-4	Church History/Mission 2	HT 205 The Global Church in Motion 2
HT-3	Lutheran Confessions	HT 213 Lutheran Confessions
HT-5	Christian Ethics	HT 267 Lutheran Ethics: Freedom for the Neighbor
Ministry Division (MN) – 5 to 8 Hours of coursework (depending on choice between MN-3 or IN 3)		
MN-1(DM)	Worship	Minimum of 1 hour needed (either MN 106W Foundations of Christian Worship, 3 hours, or a different designated course, possibly TM 065W Foundations of Lutheran Worship, 1 hour)
MN-2	Pastoral Care	MN 270 Pastoral Care in Context
<i>EITHER</i> MN-3	Education	MN 250 Christian Formation: Education, Development and Lived Faith
<i>OR</i> IN-3		or 21 st Century Leadership – see below under Interdisciplinary requirements)
MN-5 (DM)	Preaching	Minimum of 1 hour needed (possibly MN 230W Preaching, 3 hours, MN 131W Preaching Basics, 1 hour, or a different designated course, such as course from the TEEM certificate curriculum)
Interdisciplinary/Integrative (IN) –8 or 10 Hours (depending on choice between IN-3 or MN-3)		
IN-1	Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds	IN 141 Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (2 hours)
IN-2	Formation for Discipleship	IN 142 Formation for Discipleship: Vocation, Witness, and Ministry (2 hours)
<i>EITHER</i> IN-3	21 st Century Leadership	IN 243 21 st Century Leadership: Public, Connected, and Adaptive (2 hours)
<i>OR</i> MN-3	Education – see above under Ministry Division requirements)	
IN-7.1 to IN 7.4	Spiritual Practices 1 – 4	IN 161/162 Spiritual Practices 1 & 2 IN 261/262 Spiritual Practices 3 & 4

IN-8.1	January – Cross-Cultural Requirement	(each SP course 0.5 hours; totaling 2 hours) Designated January courses (2 hours)
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Diaconal Ministry Specific Requirements – 27 Hours

DM-1	Diaconal Ministry: Compassion & Justice	MN 157 Diaconal Ministry: Compassion & Justice (1 hour)
DM-2	Diaconal Ministry Formation Event	Diaconal Ministry Formation Event, An ELCA-sponsored course, possibly as a January or Summer course; if not offered by the ELCA, then the student substitutes a second J-Term course (2 hours)
DM-3	Diaconal Ministry Research Seminar	IN 300W Research Seminar (1 hour)
DM-4	Diaconal Ministry Research Project	IN 305W Diaconal Ministry Research Project (3 hours)
DM-5	Diaconal Ministry Capstone	IN 323W Diaconal Min.: Servant Leadership (2 hours)
DM-6	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)	MN 280 Clinical Pastoral Education [normally completed offsite at an accredited ACPE site] (6 hours)
DM-7	Diaconal Ministry Internship	IN 320W Diac. Min. Internship [equivalent to 6 months of full-time fieldwork] (12 hours)

Degree Total = 69 hours minimum, plus possibly more depending on choice between MN-3 or IN -3 and on the courses chosen to meet the preaching and worship requirements.

Deacon Fieldwork and Internship

The fieldwork components of the MA in Diaconal Ministry program are divided into two areas: (1) a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at an ACPE-accredited site; and (2) a Deacon Internship normally the equivalent of nine months at a full-time rate of 40 hours a week) at a setting approved by the seminary in partnership with the synod candidacy committee (or other denominational adjudicatory). CPE is normally a summer activity from 10 to 12 weeks in duration, although there are ACPE-accredited units taught throughout the year. The Deacon internship is independently arranged with the internship site, with actual times of activity varying throughout what will be an extended period of time, but totaling normally nine months at a full-time rate. A Learning Agreement is required to be completed prior to the start of the internship, with evaluations required at minimum at its conclusion by the student, a supervisor, and an internship committee at the internship site. The actual registration for the diaconal ministry fieldwork is normally in the semester that the fieldwork is expected to be completed, and does not count toward the overload status of a student's registration. Neither the CPE unit nor Deacon Internship are normally charged tuition. In the case of the CPE unit, it is expected that the CPE site will separately charge the student a site fee that varies by each site.

MA in Diaconal Ministry Research Project

The diaconal ministry research project, a three semester hour activity in the final semester of the degree program, integrates the course work for the degree with the internship. This research will normally be related to the particular ministry toward which the student is preparing. A written project report is required, and an oral presentation is also recommended. Guidance for the diaconal ministry research project is provided in a research seminar in the fall of the second year. During the spring semester of the second year, an informal research seminar also may be held. The MA Coordinator of the faculty provides general oversight for Master of Arts and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry programs in addition to the student's faculty advisor.

Concentrations

The MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program offers the option of concentrations only upon the approval of the faculty, insofar as diaconal ministry is already a specialization.

Time Expected on Campus in Dubuque or Traveling

The traditional and still excellent pattern for a seminary education has long been some form of residential face-to-face study in classrooms while living on campus, with all the possibilities for community learning through shared experiences, including worship, interactions between students, faculty, and staff, and the variety of extra-curricular learning outside the classroom. Today's culture, with its changing social and economic needs, are challenging this pattern. WTS is committed to maintaining excellence in formation and collaborative learning for all categories of learners. We recognize that this learning needs to be an intentional extension of the residential community to include groups of new categories of students who are not residential.

To foster a continued community learning for all, WTS requires that all enrolled students are expected to come together as a community in Dubuque for the following times during one's time as an MDiv student:

- For each intensive week of the fall and spring semesters, respectively, all students are expected to come together for study at the beginning of the semester to launch their courses together as residential, distributed, and collaborative learning students meet in the same classroom for six hours of face-to-face instructional time in each course; and
- For two January interims students are either expected to come to Dubuque to complete a J-Term course, or to participate with a group of Wartburg Seminary students on an immersion course, in order to complete requirements such as the cross-cultural requirement or the rural ministry requirement. J-Term courses last from one to three weeks either for face-to-face instruction or travel with an immersion group, with additional hours assigned for readings, keeping a journal, or writing a paper.

In addition to time in Dubuque for intensives, there are other requirements that may require relocation for a period of time:

- For Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), depending on the clinical or ministry site you choose, this may involve commuting or living temporarily near the site, typically 10 to 12 weeks for a full CPE unit. Because of the nature of most CPE sites (at least those in hospital contexts) where overnight and weekend on-call status is expected, on occasion you may be away from your home longer than for a typical work day.
- For your deacon Internship or fieldwork, depending on your location, you may be asked to relocate to a site for the duration of the internship, or be commuting some distance, in order to carry out a necessary ministry at the internship or fieldwork site.

DL students, in particular, will need to make arrangements for these travel times as part of their degree program, including the expenses associated housing, food, transportation, etc. during these periods.

Ecclesiastic Requirements

Candidates planning to enter the deacon roster (or its equivalent in another church body) may have additional ecclesiastic requirements to complete beyond an academic degree program.

Within the ELCA, those students who are candidates for the Diaconal Ministry/Deacon roster may be required to participate in the Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (DMFE) or equivalent learning event sponsored by the ELCA. The DMFE (or its future equivalent) may be completed as one of the January course requirements with the option of credits transferred back to WTS and applied to your degree. Those non-ELCA student who do not need the DMFE will complete a second January interim course of the student's choosing.

This program is a candidacy requirement of the church and not a specific requirement of this MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program. A positive entrance decision from the student's synod candidacy committee normally is required before one can register for the DMFE. A student completing the DMFE during the time of the degree program will normally complete this event as one of their two required January courses. A student doing so will pay to WTS the Interim tuition fee, plus pay to LTSG all pertinent housing expenses, and cover their own food and travel arrangements to and from the site of the DMFE. A student, with a prior entrance decision, can complete the formation event before beginning degree coursework, which will provide the greatest flexibility in scheduling coursework, internship/fieldwork, or research for their diaconal ministry project.

For non-ELCA students, WTS is committed to work with the student's church body wherever possible to meet the needs of those ecclesiastic requirements, particularly the internship/field work components. Prospective students, and their respective church judicatories, should be in conversation with WTS as early as possible, preferably before the student is admitted to this degree program. WTS may request a written letter of understanding from the denominational judicatory that identifies the ecclesial requirements and approval by that church body into the WTS degree program to meet the student's academic requirements for that church roster.

MA In Diaconal Ministry Graduation Requirements

The requirements of the Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree are:

1. The satisfactory completion of the academic requirements (including all named courses or their authorized equivalents, and distribution requirements) with a minimum of 69 semester hours (depending on choice among requirements), including internship/field work components.
2. One year equivalent minimum of Wartburg Theological Seminary taught coursework (that is, a degree cannot consist entirely credits transferred from other institutions outside of WTS).
3. A recommendation by the faculty to the Board of Directors and the Board's approval. Students must file an "Application for Degree" form with the Registrar by the beginning of their final semester of study. A student must be in good standing with the business office, library, and financial aid office in order to receive a diploma.

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry Curriculum Chart

Two-Year Residential Learning (RL) & Distributed Learning (DL) Sequence

For students who are in residence or commuting to the campus in Dubuque (RL), or are completing the degree in their home context (DL)

 Indicates when CPE normally might be completed [DM-6, 6 cr]

 Indicates when Diaconal Ministry Internship normally might be completed [DM-7, 12 cr]

	Summer	Fall Semester (15 weeks)	January Interim (4 weeks)	Spring Semester (15 Weeks)
Year 1		New Testament 1 [BI-1, 3 cr] Global Church History & Mission 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] Diaconal Ministry: Compassion & Justice [DM-1, 1 cr] <i>EITHER:</i> Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] <i>OR:</i> Lutheran Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] {=12.5 credits}	[IN8.1] Cross-Cultural Immersion or [DM-2] Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (Gettysburg, PA) {=2 credits}	New Testament 2 [BI-2, 3 cr] Systematic Theology [HT-2, 3 cr] Formation for Discipleship [IN-2, 2 cr] Pastoral Care [MN-2, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] {=11.5 credits}
Year 2	CPE	Hebrew Bible 1 [BI-3, 3 cr] Diaconal Ministry Research Seminar [DM-3, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 3 [IN-7.3, 0.5 cr] Worship [MN-1(DM), 1 cr minimum] <i>EITHER:</i> Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] <i>OR:</i> Lutheran Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] <i>EITHER:</i> Christian Vocation: Education [MN-3, 3 cr] <i>OR:</i> 21 st Century Leadership [IN-3, 2 cr] {=10.5 or 11.5 credits minimum}	[IN8.1] Cross-Cultural Immersion or [DM-2] Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (Gettysburg, PA) {=2 credits}	Hebrew Bible 2 [BI-4, 3 cr] Global Church History & Mission 2 [HT-4, 3 cr] Preaching [MN-5(DM), 1 cr minimum] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] Diaconal Ministry Project [DM-4, 3 cr] Diaconal Ministry: Servant Leadership [DM-5, 2 cr] {=12.5 credits minimum}

Degree Total = 69 hours minimum, possibly more, depending on the choice between MN-3 or IN -3 requirements, and the specific courses chosen to meet the preaching and worship requirements.

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry Curriculum Chart

Three-Year Collaborative Learning (CL) Sequence

For students only in a seminary and synod approved ministry placement

 Indicates when CPE normally might be completed [DM-6, 6 cr]

 Indicates when the Diaconal Ministry Internship [DM-7, 12 cr] might be completed; See Note below.

	Summer	Fall Semester (15 weeks)	January Interim (4 weeks)	Spring Semester (15 Weeks)
Year 1		New Testament 1 [BI-1, 3 cr] Global Church History & Mission 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Diaconal Ministry: Compassion & Justice [DM-1, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}	[IN8.1] Cross-Cultural Immersion or [DM-2] Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (Gettysburg, PA) {=2 credits}	New Testament 2 [BI-2, 3 cr] Systematic Theology [HT-2, 3 cr] Pastoral Care [MN-2, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] {=9.5 credits}
Year 2	CPE [6 cr]	Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 3 [IN-7.3, 0.5 cr] EITHER: Christian Vocation: Education [MN-3, 3 cr] OR: 21 st Century Leadership [IN-3, 2 cr] [DM Internship , part 1 of 3, 4 cr] {=9.5 or 10.5 credits}	[IN8.1] Cross-Cultural Immersion or [DM-2] Diaconal Ministry Formation Event (Gettysburg, PA) {=2 credits}	Formation for Discipleship [IN-2, 2 cr] Preaching [MN-5(DM), 1 cr minimum] Diaconal Ministry: Servant Leadership [DM-5, 2 cr] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] [DM Internship , part 2 of 3, 4 cr] {=9.5 credits minimum}
Year 3		Hebrew Bible 1 [BI-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] Diaconal Ministry Research Seminar [DM-3, 1 cr] Worship [MN-1(DM), 1 cr minimum] [DM Internship , part 3 of 3, 4 cr] {=12 credits minimum}	[Free or complete the second required J-Term course]	Hebrew Bible 2 [BI-4, 3 cr] Global Church History & Mission 2 [HT-4, 3 cr] Diaconal Ministry Project [DM-4, 3 cr] {=9 credits}

NOTE: The timing for the completion of the CPE unit and the formalizing of the registration for the Diaconal Ministry Internship is by arrangement and flexible within limits. For the internship in particular, the timing of its registrations will affect the total number of credits registered for in each semester, which in turn will determine whether one is at the minimum of 9 or more hours needed to be full time in each fall and spring semester that may be necessary for financial aid eligibility. The suggested scheduling of these two registrations in the chart above does meet this objective.

Degree Total = 69 hours minimum, possibly more, depending on the choice between MN-3 or IN -3 requirements, and the specific courses chosen to meet the preaching and worship requirements.

Non-Degree Certificate Programs

Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM)

The Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program provides alternative preparation for those who will provide pastoral ministry in emerging ministry contexts throughout the church. These contexts include ethnic specific, multicultural, rural, inner city, and ministry with deaf communities. TEEM is a process of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is described by them this way:

Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) is a process by which the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America approves for the roster of ordained ministers those persons “who by reason of age and prior experience” (Constitution 7.31.14) are qualified to participate in an alternative program of preparation for ordination. It is for exceptional persons who are identified for ministry in a specific context and complete theological education (non-MDiv degree) and candidacy requirements.

Candidates for the TEEM program are nominated by their synods and approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Normally TEEM candidates in rural settings are age 40 or older. Each candidate works with a Competency Assessment Panel (CAP, comprised of ELCA regionally deployed staff, synod candidacy, and seminary representatives) to design a program of study to complete all of the TEEM educational requirements.

Wartburg Theological Seminary has two certificate programs in support of the ELCA TEEM process, one based out of Dubuque and another, emphasizing ministry in and for Hispanic communities and is offered in partnership with the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), that is based out of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS) in Austin, Texas. Both of these programs incorporate the guidelines of the ELCA, which stipulate a program of study through a seminary of the church that includes the study of Scripture, Christian theology, the Lutheran Confessions, church history, worship, preaching, and the polity and practices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In addition, the candidate will be expected to complete a unit of supervised clinical work (CPE) and an internship.

Wartburg Theological Seminary TEEM program in Dubuque, Iowa

Wartburg Theological Seminary has implemented a specific curriculum for the preparation of candidates for ordained ministry through the TEEM program of the ELCA.

Abiding Commitments

The following are abiding commitments of Wartburg Theological Seminary that inform the entire TEEM curriculum:

- Action-reflection method of learning
- Sensitivity to context
- Missional church
- Justification and justice
- Partnership of women and men, clergy and laity in ministry
- Global connections
- Collegiality
- Ecumenical openness
- Fostering the spirit of life-long learning

Curriculum

The Wartburg Seminary TEEM Curriculum is designed to meet all of the ELCA requirements for the following seven competencies: biblical knowledge and understanding, basic understanding of theology/ethics, knowledge of Christianity in the United States, ability to understand and communicate the teachings of the Lutheran church, evangelism/stewardship/worship, pastoral care skills, and knowledge of ELCA church polity and ecclesiology.

The Wartburg TEEM curriculum includes the following requirements, courses, and activities:

- Hebrew Bible 1 (Torah and Psalms)
- Hebrew Bible 2 (Prophets and Wisdom)
- New Testament 1 (Gospels and Revelation)
- New Testament 2 (Pauline and Pastoral Epistles)
- Church History

- Lutheran Confessions and Mission
- Systematic Theology 1 and 2
- Lutheran Ethics
- Lutheran Leadership, Ecclesiology, and Church Polity
- Preaching 1 and 2
- Lutheran Worship
- Educational Ministry
- Pastoral Care
- Contextual Ministry (including stewardship and evangelism)
- One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
- Mentoring in partnership with home Synod
- Internship

Candidates may meet requirements for the Wartburg TEEM curriculum through multiple methods:

1. Intensive courses on the Wartburg campus four to six courses per year: usually one course during a fall weekend, and two courses during two separate summer weeks.
2. Through designated TEEM online courses. Three to four online courses are typically offered each semester.
3. Through designated Masters level courses held on the Wartburg campus during the fall and spring semesters.
4. Through designated Masters level online courses provided by WTS.

Normally TEEM candidates will complete at least half of their courses through on-campus intensives.

WTS TEEM Tuition

See the separate Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary website, for current tuition. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) may require additional tuition paid directly to the CPE site or host institution. Internship is also considered a “course” for purposes of the WTS TEEM program, with the tuition of one course charged to the student.

ELCA Candidacy Application for TEEM

Candidacy in the ELCA is a church-wide process. Entrance into candidacy occurs through a synod candidacy committee which provides guidance and makes decisions on behalf of the ELCA. Any person seeking to become a candidate for rostered ministry in the ELCA through the TEEM program should first contact their synod office for application and information.

For More Information about the WTS TEEM Program or to apply

Please contact the Admissions Office:

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Wartburg Theological Seminary

333 Wartburg Place

Dubuque IA 52003-7769

LSPS TEEM program in Austin, Texas

Where is LSPS?

LSPS is an extension program of Wartburg Theological Seminary and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Its mission is to prepare leaders for ordained ministry in Latina/o and cross-cultural contexts. We have been in Austin, TX since 1975. We are located on the campus of the Seminary of the Southwest, an Episcopal Seminary.

What is TEEM in the LSPS context?

Theological Education for Emerging Ministries is a program that prepares leaders for ordained ministry in the ELCA. Particular areas of emphasis are: ethnic specific, inner city and rural ministry; renewal of congregations in decline; and innovative missions.

The point of departure of the program at LSPS is the Latina/o emphasis. Since Spanish is the second most spoken language of the USA, the student is expected to attain cultural sensitivity of the Hispanic culture. Although English continues to be the language of communication, we affirm the plurality of cultures and languages in our context of ministry. In other words, you do not have to know Spanish; however, you do have to be open to diverse theological perspectives.

LSPS TEEM Curriculum:

The LSPS TEEM curriculum consists of the following elements:

- Biblical Interpretation – New Testament I
- Biblical Interpretation – New Testament II
- Biblical Interpretation – Old Testament I
- Biblical Interpretation – Old Testament II
- History of Christian Thought I
- History of Christian Thought II
- Lutheran Confessions I and II
- Contextual Ecclesiology
- Pastoral Arts I and II
- Preaching
- Liturgical and Sacramental Leadership
- Polity and Leadership
- Ethics
- Cultural Encuentro at the Hispanic Summer Program
- Clinical Pastoral Education, 1 unit.
- Mentoring in partnership with home Synod
- Internship

How much time will the LSPS program take?

Completion of the curriculum usually takes three to four years and is based on competency assessment. The competency assessment panel (CAP) is comprised of candidacy committee members and faculty who meet with the student periodically to assess the student's progress.

Where and When are LSPS courses offered?

The LSPS TEEM program uses an action/reflection/action model of learning while the student is immersed in the practice of ministry. Seminarians meet in Austin for intensive three to four days of study, four times a year: January, Spring, Summer and Fall.

How much do courses cost?

See the Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary or LSPS websites, for current tuition. Because of the nature of all LSPS TEEM courses currently being taught face-to-face in Austin, Texas, with its associated needs for housing and board, the cost per course billed includes more than just tuition. See the tuition and fees chart for the breakdown of these costs. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) may require additional tuition paid directly to the CPE site or host institution. Internship is also considered a "course" for purposes of the LSPS TEEM program, with the tuition-only portion of one course charged to the student.

ELCA Candidacy Application for TEEM

Candidacy in the ELCA is a church-wide process. Entrance into candidacy occurs through a synod candidacy committee which provides guidance and makes decisions on behalf of the ELCA. Any person seeking to become a candidate for rostered ministry in the ELCA through the LSPS TEEM program should first contact their synod office for application and information.

For More Information about the LSPS TEEM Program

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 Austin, TX 78705

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Seminary for Everyone Certificates

Advanced Certificate in Rural Ministry

The Certificate in Town and Country Church Leadership is designed for clergy and laity who are new to rural ministry and/or want to strengthen their ministry in small town and rural churches. The Certificate program consists of twelve courses, combining foundational subjects such as Bible, theology, and church history with rural ministry and community development. Program requirements are completed through a combination of online and intensive courses, allowing students the flexibility to work at their own pace taking one, two, or three courses at a time.

Certificate Requirements

Twelve courses are required for the Advanced Certificate in Rural Ministry:

- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- History & Confessions
- Theology
- Pastoral Care
- Education & Discipleship
- Leadership & Faith Formation
- Evangelism
- Worship
- Rural Ministry/Community Development (2)
- Elective

WTS Certificate Tuition

See the Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary website, for current tuition. Additional housing and/or meal fees may be incurred for on-campus intensive courses.

For More Information about this WTS Certificate Program

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Advanced Certificate in Theology and Congregational Leadership

The Advanced Certificate in Theology and Congregational Leadership is designed for clergy and laity who want to strengthen their ministry leadership. The Certificate program consists of twelve courses, combining foundational subjects such as Bible, theology, and church history with two courses in the area of specialty. Program requirements are completed through a combination of online and intensive courses, allowing students the flexibility to work at their own pace, taking one, two, or three courses at a time.

Certificate Requirements

Twelve courses are required for the Advanced Certificate in Theology and Congregational Leadership:

- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- History & Confessions
- Theology 1
- Theology 2 or Ethics
- Worship
- Leadership & Faith Formation
- Education & Discipleship
- Pastoral Care

- Contextual Ministry
- Ministry Specialization (2)

WTS Certificate Tuition

See the Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary website, for current tuition. Additional housing and/or meal fees may be incurred for on-campus intensive courses.

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Advanced Certificate in Youth & Family Ministry

The Advanced Certificate in Youth & Family Ministry is designed for clergy and laity who want to strengthen their ministry with children, youth, families and across the generations. The Certificate program consists of twelve courses, combining foundational subjects such as Bible, theology, and church history with two courses in youth & family Ministry. Program requirements are completed through a combination of online and intensive courses, allowing students the flexibility to work at their own pace, taking one, two, or three courses at a time.

Certificate Requirements

Twelve courses are required for the Advanced Certificate in Youth & Family Ministry:

- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- History & Confessions
- Theology 1
- Theology 2 or Ethics
- Worship
- Leadership & Faith Formation
- Education & Discipleship
- Pastoral Care
- Contextual Ministry
- Youth Ministry Specialization (2)

WTS Certificate Tuition

See the Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary website, for current tuition. Additional housing and/or meal fees may be incurred for on-campus intensive courses.

For More Information about this WTS Certificate Program

Please contact the Registrar's Office:
registrar@wartburgseminary.edu

or

Wartburg Theological Seminary
 333 Wartburg Place
 Dubuque, IA 52003-7769
 Phone: 563-589-0220 or 563-589-0341

Certificate in Hispanic Ministry at LSPS in Austin, TX

This certificate will equip laity for contextual ministry with the Latino/a community, offer Latina/o perspectives on the Lutheran confessions and doctrines, provide pastoral care practices, engage the ethical principles for moral decision-making, and give an overview of Christian history from the perspective of the margins.

Certificate Requirements

Eight requirements taught across five content areas are required for the Certificate in Hispanic Studies, all which are taught through LSPS:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- History of Christian Thought I
- History of Christian Thought II
- Lutheran Confessions I
- Lutheran Confessions II
- Contextual Ecclesiology
- Pastoral Arts I
- Pastoral Arts II
- Ethics

LSPS Certificate Tuition

See the Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary website, for current tuition. Additional housing and/or meal fees may be incurred for on-campus intensive courses.

For More Information about the LSPS Certificate Program

Please contact the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest:
lsps@lsps.edu

or

LSPS
PO Box 4790
Austin, TX 78765
Phone: 515-477-2666 or Fax 512-477-6693

Certificate in Theological Studies

This certificate is earned by the completion of eight courses, taught in a combination of online and on campus intensive courses, covering Bible, church history, theology, and electives. The certificate, for lay leaders and pastors, is designed for participants to work at their own pace, taking one, two, or three courses at a time.

Certificate Requirements

Eight courses are required for the Certificate in Theological Studies:

- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- Choice of one History or Confessions Course
- Choice of one Systematic Theology Course
- Choice of one Contextual Ministry Course
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

WTS Certificate Tuition

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The Reu Memorial Library

Reu Memorial Library serves the mission of Wartburg Theological Seminary (Wartburg) by supporting the educational activities of the institution; providing a place for independent and collaborative learning; collecting, preserving, organizing, and offering resources in a variety of formats; and teaching and equipping the Wartburg community for lifelong spiritual, intellectual, and personal learning.

- Educational activities of the institution: The evolution of the programs of the institution determines the shape of the resources. New courses, programs, centers, or even new emphases may require additional resources, both current and retrospective, and expanded or reorganized services.
- Place for independent and collaborative learning: The library provides a welcoming, inviting environment which facilitates and nurtures study and spiritual and theological dialog.
- Resources: The library provides resources through a physical collection of books, journals, audio material, and visual material, as well as an electronic collection of resources and the equipment to access these resources. Resources are added according to the collection development policy.
- Lifelong spiritual, intellectual, and personal learning: The library teaches students to find, evaluate, and responsibly use information resources for lifelong learning. Research needs of the faculty are supported.

The library primarily serves the students, faculty, and staff at Wartburg. The library has a relationship with the University of Dubuque and provides resources such as books, journals, audio and visual material and services to UD students, faculty, and staff as feasible within the constraints of licensing, network, and other policies. To a lesser extent, the library provides services to Wartburg alumni/alumnae, local pastors and lay leaders, and other area students. As an Open Access library, the library is open to Iowa residents with proper identification.

The library cooperates with the Charles C. Myers Library of the University of Dubuque. The two institutions are located about a mile from each other. A week day daily courier service between Wartburg and the University of Dubuque facilitates use of both collections.

The Rausch Student Technology Center in the library provides ten student workstations and instructor's workstation. The arrangement of the computers allows students to work individually as well as collaboratively in groups. The Rausch Center is used as an open lab and as a classroom for sessions needing special equipment or software. More student workstations are available elsewhere in the library.

Course Descriptions

Wartburg and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (UDTS) are located less than a mile from each other. Cross-registration is an option available to students of each seminary at no extra charge during the fall and spring semesters for courses taken face-to-face, and is limited to no more than six (6) semester hours in a given term. Students should compare the UDTS academic calendar to Wartburg's when considering this option because the two seminaries operate on different schedules.

Key to Wartburg Course Numbers

Each course number consists of a two-letter prefix, a three-digit course number and a one-letter suffix. The two-letter prefix refers to the curriculum area in which the course is offered:

BI = Biblical Studies division

HT = History and Theology division

MN = Ministry division

IN = Integrative courses, taught by professors of the BI, HT, and MN divisions

ST = Master of Sacred Theology (Reserved, currently not used)

TM = TEEM Certificate Course

CE/CO = Other Certificate Courses

LS = Courses at LSPS

The three-digit course number refers to the following classifications. Although some courses presuppose a certain level of preparation, students may cross number levels if appropriate prerequisite requirements are met and the instructor approves.

000-Level: Courses whose first digit is "0" do not receive Masters credit in a seminary degree program.

100-Level: Courses designed for First-Year Students (those in the first year of a degree program)

200-Level: Courses designed for Second-Year Students (those in their middle years of a degree program, after the first year, but before their final year)

300-Level: Courses designed for advanced Final-Year Students (those in their final year of a degree program)

400-Level: Courses designed for the Master of Sacred Theology (Reserved, currently not used)

The one-letter suffix following the course number identifies the seminary that is offering the course, whether it is cooperatively offered by both seminaries, or whether this is an online course or one taught in Spanish:

D = University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

W = Wartburg Theological Seminary

T = jointly offered by the Schools of Theology in Dubuque (Wartburg and UDTS; Reserved, currently not used)

E = Online Course

H = Hispanic Ministry/Spanish Course

The course descriptions represent a reasonably accurate listing of courses available. Courses may not be available in every instance precisely as described here. Full information on available courses, including objectives, content and requirements, is published each semester and made available to all current students prior to preregistration.

Wartburg Seminary Courses

Biblical Studies Division I

BI 003-004W/E New Testament Greek

Elementary New Testament Greek language study. Class work and tutorial help are designed to prepare the student for exegetical work. This course is offered primarily during the summer, both in online and on-campus versions, with occasionally a special version taught during the academic year. Wartburg MDiv students receive no credit for this course, as this requirement is a prerequisite for the degree. UDTS students, and students from other seminaries, normally receive six semester hours. *Wartburg MA students may request four semester hours of elective credit for this course. Offered Every Summer, M Persaud, Staff*

BI 190W Engaging the New Testament Narratives (New Testament 1)

[Requirement BI-1]

This course is "part one" of a two semester introduction to the New Testament, focusing on exegesis, interpretation, and teaching of the New Testament. We will explore the diverse voices and various contexts of the four Gospels and Acts, with special attention given to their portrayals of Israel's heritage and people, engagement with surrounding cultural forces, and different theological messages.

Required, first year MA and M.Div. students.

Three semester hours. Troftgruben, M. Persaud

BI 192W Engaging the New Testament Letters (New Testament 2)

[Requirement BI-2]

This course is “part two” of a two semester introduction to the New Testament, focusing on exegesis, interpretation, and teaching of the New Testament. We will explore the diverse messages and various contexts of the NT epistolary writings—from Romans to Revelation—with special attention given to their uses of Israel’s theological heritage, engagement with political and cultural forces, and approaches to ethics, practice, and ecclesiology. *Required, first year MA and M.Div. students. Normally follows BI 1 but may be taken first.*

Three semester hours. Troftgruben, Saylor

BI 202W Readings in New Testament Greek

Designed for students who wish to further their Greek competency, this course involves translating texts from the New Testament and discussing the pertinent grammatical, syntactical, and interpretive issues. *One Semester Hour, M. Persaud*

BI 203W Readings in Ecclesiastical Latin

This course is an experience in reading selections of interest from church writings in Latin. Reading will come from Jerome’s Vulgate translation of the Bible, ancient Christian creeds, liturgical texts, and the writings of Martin Luther. While the course will offer basic introduction to Latin as a language (grammar, vocabulary, syntax), with helps from recommended textbooks, the focus of most class periods together will be around reading actual texts in Latin and making sense of them for our appreciation. *Elective, offered occasionally, One Semester Hour, Troftgruben*

BI 204W Readings in Biblical Hebrew

This course is designed to help students develop their skill in translating Hebrew and building vocabulary. It meets one hour per week during a semester. *One Semester Hour, Staff*

BI 220W Hebrew Language 1

This elective course is an introduction to the Hebrew Bible language. Students will learn Hebrew grammar and vocabulary through the process of immersion in selected texts. *Offered fall semesters, Two semester hours, M Persaud*

BI 221W/E Hebrew Bible, Part 1—Pentateuch

This course is normally for “legacy” MA and MA in Diaconal Ministry students – those having only a two-credit requirement. (Please take BI 222W if you are an MDiv student.) This course is “part one” of a two-semester introduction to the Hebrew Bible. Students will become acquainted with a wide variety of Hebrew Bible texts, socio-historical contexts, themes, and issues. *Required, second year MA students. Offered Every Fall, Two Semester Hours, Fritschel, Saylor*

BI 222W/E Hebrew Bible: Exegesis for Ministry 1 (Hebrew Bible 1)

[Requirement BI-3]

This course is normally for MDiv students. This course is “part one” of a two-semester introduction to the Hebrew Bible, focusing on exegesis, interpretation, and teaching

of the Hebrew Bible. We will explore the religiously pluralistic and multi-cultural world of the Pentateuch, investigating texts, themes, and issues with a focus on God’s mission in the world. Throughout the course, texts will be approached with an emphasis on and respect for their Jewish contexts.

Required, 2nd year MDiv students.

Three semester hours. Fritschel, Saylor

BI 223W/E Hebrew Bible, Part 2—Prophets and Writings

This course is normally for “legacy” MA and MA in Diaconal Ministry students – those having only a two-credit requirement. (Please take BI 224W if you are an MDiv student.) Continuation of Hebrew Bible 1, BI 221W. Students will become acquainted with a wide variety of Hebrew Bible texts, socio-historical contexts, themes, and issues. *Pre-requisite: successful completion of Part 1. Required, second year MA students. Offered Every Spring, Two Semester Hours, Fritschel, Saylor*

BI 224W Hebrew Bible: Exegesis for Ministry 2 (Hebrew Bible 2)

[Requirement BI-4]

This course is normally for MDiv students. This course is a continuation of Hebrew Bible :Exegesis for Ministry 1, BI 222W. Focusing on the Prophets and the Writings, we will delve into themes of justice, suffering, and identity formation, with an emphasis on God’s mission in the world. Final sessions of the course will introduce the intertestamental re-castings of Hebrew Bible texts, bridging into those texts further re-casting in the New Testament.

Required, 2nd year MDiv students. Pre-requisite: successful completion of Part 1.

Three semester hours. Fritschel, Saylor

BI 225W Hebrew Language 2

This course explores 8th century prophets not examined in BI 221 and their socio-historical introduction to the biblical Hebrew language. Students will gain further grammar, syntactical, and interpretive skills as they become acquainted with a wide variety of selected texts. *Offered spring semesters. Two semester hours. M Persaud*

BI 231W Pericopes from the Minor Prophets

This course will explore the minor prophets in depth by studying several pericope texts from Haggai, Zechariah, Zephaniah, Joel, Hosea and Habbakkuk. *One Semester Hour (two or three hours when taught as a J-Term course), Fritschel*

BI 232W Pericopes from the Writings

This course will explore pericope texts from Daniel, Esther, Song of Songs, Jonah, and Ruth. *One Semester Hour (two or three hours when taught as a J-Term course), Fritschel*

BI 233W Pericopes from Wisdom Literature

This course will explore wisdom literature in more detail by studying pericope texts from Job, Ecclesiastes and Proverbs. *One Semester Hour (two or three hours when taught as a J-Term course), Fritschel*

BI 239W Topics in Old Testament Bible

An occasional course focusing each time on a different books or topics with the Old Testament. *Elective, one semester hour, Staff*

BI 240W Overview of the New Testament

Many persons sharing in congregational life today have limited knowledge of the Bible, yet long for a deeper understanding. This module proposes one way to assist adults and youth in gaining an informed overview of the New Testament. *One semester hour, Staff*

BI 249W Readings in Biblical Theology

An occasional course focusing each time on a different book in the Bible. *Elective, one semester hour, Giere*

BI 251W The New Testament World

This elective is a seminar-oriented elective aimed at exploring New Testament historical and cultural issues in greater detail than can be done in typical classes. Tailored to the interests of students who register, this class is geared for students either entering seminary with NT study background (first-yearers) or further along in their study and desiring more. Particular attention will be given to the social and cultural dynamics of Jesus' and Paul's day (e.g., slavery, family life, political realities, cultic features). *One semester hour, elective, Troftgruben*

BI 259W Topics in New Testament Bible

An occasional course focusing each time on a different books or topics with the New Testament. *Elective, one semester hour, Staff*

BI 268(or 9)W Parables

A study of Jesus' parables and other sayings, with a focus on implications for preaching and teaching. *One semester hour - 268, two semester hours - 269, Staff*

BI 271W Preaching the Pericopes

This learning experience is designed to prepare seminarians for preaching texts in the liturgical lectionary (normally the Gospel selections). Within a collegial environment, the learning group will discuss these passages with a focus on effective and faithful preaching of these texts in contemporary congregations. *One semester hour, Staff*

BI 281W Book of Revelation

A literary, sociological, historical, political, and theological study of the Apocalypse of John (Book of Revelation), with a focus on key texts for preaching and teaching. *One semester hour, Saylor*

BI 306W Advanced Hebrew Bible Language

Designed for students with a background in the Hebrew language to further their Hebrew competency, this advanced elective course involves translating texts from the Hebrew Bible and discussing the pertinent grammatical, syntactical, and interpretive issues. *Two semester hour, may be taken more than once, M. Persaud*

BI 320W Hebrew Bible: Engaging the World (Advanced Hebrew Bible)**[Requirement BI-6]**

This course functions as a "placeholder" to be used for any offering that meets the BI-6 MDiv requirement and is not a separate course on its own.

We offer a selection of diverse courses that in differing ways engage Hebrew Bible texts, book, or themes in relation to modern contemporary issues. Examples of courses offered include: Jeremiah—Hope in the Midst of Crisis and Trauma; Responding to Violence in the Bible; Isaiah and Leadership in Changing Communities; Apocalyptic Thought—Understanding it Then and Responding to it Now.

Required, final year M.Div. students. Presupposes completion of Requirements BI 3 and BI 4.

Three semester hours. Fritschel or Saylor

BI 321T Biblical World Study Tour

This study trip to Israel and Palestine, occurs during the January Interim every other year (the political situation allowing). Readings and orientation sessions prepare participants for the experience. A faculty member serves as instructor and tour leader. *Three semester hours, Staff*

Capstone Biblical Courses

MDiv students who started before Fall 2016 have an Bible Capstone Requirement. Each final year M. Div. student is required to take one capstone course in Bible. One or two courses will be offered each year, and typically at least one each semester. Eligible courses will those from among the 300-level courses listed below and indicated as a capstone course. *All capstone courses are two semester hours.*

BI 325W Traditions of Violence in the Bible and Implications for Today (exegesis)

The purpose of this course is to provide a framework within which to understand the dynamics of violence one may encounter in the parish and to develop biblical resources to address it. This will be done through an examination of traditions of violence in the Bible and through discussion of relevant contemporary writings. We will work both in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Saylor*

BI 334W The Psalms in Israel's Worship

An introduction to the meaning and theology of the Psalms in their historical contexts, with detailed exegesis of selected texts. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Fritschel*

BI 335W Isaiah

A socio-literary analysis of all or portions of the Book of Isaiah, with emphasis on the form and function of the Zion tradition in Jewish thought at various points in Israel's history and on implications of this tradition for the New Testament and contemporary expressions of faith. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Fritschel*

BI 336W Jeremiah

A socio-literary analysis of the Book of Jeremiah and an exploration of Jeremiah's influence on later biblical writings, with emphasis on the value of this prophetic

book as a resource for ministry today. *Capstone course, Two semester hours, Fritschel*

BI 355W From the Hebrew Bible to the New Testament through Intertestamental Literature

This course explores how selected New Testament writings were shaped by re-casting of central Hebrew Bible traditions during the formative period extending from ca 300 BCE—100 CE. Jewish writings during this “intertestamental” period—collected in the Apocrypha, Pseudepigrapha, and Dead Sea Scrolls—offer a crucial window into the shaping of traditions about Jesus in the NT. Tracing trajectories extending from the Hebrew Bible thru intertestamental writings into the NT, we will situate NT claims about Jesus’ identity, salvation, resurrection, sin and evil, the freedom or bondage of the will in their larger biblical/post-biblical contexts. This, in turn, will deepen and broaden our understanding of what NT authors are claiming—which in turn will impact our preaching and teaching of the NT texts, as well as our use of the Hebrew Bible in general pastoral/diaconal care. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Saylor*

BI 360W New Testament: Engaging the World (Advanced Bible - New Testament) [Requirement BI-5]

This course functions as a “placeholder” to be used for any offering that meets the BI-5 MDiv requirement and is not a separate course on its own.

In this course we engage New Testament texts, books, or themes in relation to modern contemporary issues with an eye not only to reading and interpreting but also to teaching these NT texts. Examples of courses offered include: The Acts of the Apostles—Witness and Leadership in the World; Responding to Violence in the Bible; Paul’s Corinthian Letters—Being Church in Complex Contexts; Apocalyptic Thought –Understanding it Then and Responding to it Now.

Required, final year M.Div. students. Presupposes completion of BI 1 and BI 2.

Three semester hours. Troftgruben or Saylor

BI 362W The Gospel of Mark

A socio-rhetorical, historical, and theological study of the entire narrative of the Gospel, with a focus on key texts for preaching and teaching. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Saylor, Staff*

BI 363W Luke-Acts

An in-depth literary, sociological, historical, political, and theological examination of Luke’s stories of Jesus and the early church, with a focus on key texts for preaching and teaching. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Saylor*

BI 364W Matthew

An in-depth study of the Gospel as a whole and selected texts, designed to develop skills in exegesis and interpretation of pericopes for preaching and teaching. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Staff*

BI 365W Johannine Literature

An in-depth literary, sociological, historical, and theological study of the Fourth Gospel and letters of John, with a focus on key texts for preaching and

teaching. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Troftgruben*

BI 366W Acts of the Apostles

An in-depth literary, sociological, historical, and theological study of the Acts of the Apostles, with a focus on key texts for preaching and teaching. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Troftgruben*

BI 375W Romans

An in-depth study of the background, composition, and theology of Paul’s letter to “God’s Beloved in Rome.” *Capstone course, two semester hours, Staff*

BI 376W Paul’s Corinthian Correspondence

An in-depth study of the background, rhetorical structure, and theology of 1 Corinthians (and sometimes 2 Corinthians). *Capstone course, two semester hours, Staff*

BI 377W Galatians

An in-depth study of Paul’s letter to the Galatian churches, with a detailed exegesis of selected texts. *Capstone course, two semester hours, Staff*

BI 390W Teaching the Bible

In this course, students will explore faith development and age appropriate ways of teaching the Bible to youth and adults and will gain hands-on teaching experience. Curricula will also be reviewed and evaluated. *Required, all final year MDiv students who started their degree pre-Fall 2016.*

Two semester hours. Fritschel, Saylor, Staff

Independent Study

A student may do independent reading or a research project on some phase of biblical study with the approval and guidance of an instructor in the division. *One to three semester hours.*

BI 199W Readings and Directed Research (First-year level)

BI 299W Readings and Directed Research (Second-year level)

BI 399W Readings and Directed Research (Final-year or graduating student level)

History and Theology Division II

HT 105W Global Church in Motion 1 (History and Mission 1)

[Requirement HT-1]

Participants will study Christian history with a consistent focus on how people shared and spread the faith in their time and setting. The course begins with examination of how Christianity spread in the centuries after Christ, both inside and outside the Roman Empire; it then continues to follow Christian groups and renewal movements around the world, up to the eve of the Reformation.

Three semester hours. Lohrmann/Stache

HT 140W Systematic Theology

[Requirement HT-2]

This course will examine God's multifaceted activity in the history of salvation with an eye to its unity. It will explore the Christian interpretation of the relationship between God, humanity, and the world in its religious plurality in a history that extends from creation and fall to the consummation of all things, and that centers in Jesus Christ.

Required, first year MDiv and MA students, offered every spring, three semester hours, W.Persaud/Priebe

HT 191W Reading Theology in German

A periodic seminar offered to allow students to practice their German by reading theological texts in this language under guidance of an instructor. *Elective, one semester hour, Nessan*

HT 205W Global Church in Motion 2 (History and Mission 2)

[Requirement HT-4]

A continuation of Requirement HT-1, HT 105W, this course examines global Christian witness and mission in the past 500 years. Special attention will be given to the diversity of Christian communities after the Reformation, the impact of social factors like colonialism, industrialism and rationalism on religious life, and the efforts of immigrant communities—including Lutherans—to balance identity and change in new contexts.

Three semester hours. Lohrmann/Stache

HT 212W Lutheran Confessions

[Requirement HT-3]

This course studies The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the collection of Reformation-era writings that expresses the scriptural and theological foundations for Lutheran faith and practice. Students will learn the contexts in which these documents were written and become acquainted with their content. The course will also connect the Lutheran Confessions with key aspects of church life today, including worship, catechesis, public service, ecumenism and global Christian mission.

Three semester hours. Lohrmann

HT 259W Theologians/Topics in Theology

An occasional course focusing each time on a selected theologian or topic in theology. *Elective, variously one or two semester hours, Staff*

HT260W American Genocide 1: American Indian History and Theology

This ethics readings course engages selected texts in American Indian history and by American Indian theologians. The procedure involves discussion of assigned texts in seminar format. Insofar as this course engages different texts in different semesters, students may enroll more than once. *Elective, one semester hour, Nessan*

HT261W American Genocide 2: African American History, Slavery, and Black Theology

This ethics readings course engages selected texts in African American history, the history of slavery in it he U.S., and black theology. The procedure involves discussion of assigned texts in seminar format. Insofar as this course engages different texts in different semesters, students may enroll more than once. *Elective, one semester hour, Nessan*

HT 264W Readings in Theology: A Critical, Meditative and Contemplative Approach

This course will involve a critical, contemplative, and meditative reading of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification between Lutherans and Roman Catholics (31 October 1999) and selected texts of the Common Statements from the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue USA, Volumes I-X. The focus will be on a way of reading theological texts-critical, meditative and contemplative, and the doctrine of justification. *One or two semester hours, can be taken more than once, W. Persaud/Staff*

HT 267W Lutheran Ethics: Freedom for the Neighbor

[Requirement HT-5]

An introduction to Christian ethics, paying particular attention to Lutheran themes: Word of God, law and gospel, Christian freedom, two kingdoms, vocation, reason, and ethics of the cross. Course includes reflection on the congregation as locus for ethical leadership, focus on teaching social statements, and attention to method in moral deliberation.

Fulfills the ethics requirement, Three semester hours, Nessan

HT 276W Caribbean Theology, Slavery and Colonialism

An attempt to discern the indigenous ways of conceptualizing the liberating presence and acts of God among the oppressed and suffering during the history of slavery and colonialism in the Caribbean. *One semester hour, W. Persaud*

HT 277W Jesus in Missiological Context

The purpose of the course is to explore several images of Jesus that have emerged in mission contexts, especially in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and Oceania. The implication of these images for mission and evangelism in different contexts will be analyzed.

This course is to enable students to recognize and appreciate the emerging plurality in World Christianity. *Meets part of MDiv Mission distribution requirement, One semester hour, Priebe*

HT 280W Interfaith Dialogue

This course examines principles of interfaith encounter, taking seriously the beliefs, spiritual practices, and ethical commitments of one's own and other religions. The contrasting approaches of pluralism, inclusivism, and exclusivism are analyzed. *Meets one hour of the mission requirement. One semester hour. Nessian*

HT 285W Readings in the Theology of Mission

This course will address current issues and movements in the field of mission and the theology of mission, including particular theologians (e.g., Lesslie Newbigin) or topics such as global mission. The specific focus or topic will change each time this course is offered. *One semester hour, can be taken more than once, Stache*

HT 288W Christian Mission in Global Perspective

This course provides students with an introduction to biblical theologies of mission and an overview of the history and theory of Christian mission with particular attention to global contributions & ecumenical considerations. Implications for a missiology in the 21st century are explored, with an eye toward leading in a pluralistic world. *Fulfills the MDiv mission distribution requirement. Three semester hours, Stache*

HT 292W Theology of Youth Evangelism

Examining and discussing approaches to youth evangelism with a focus on translating the gospel into the "language of the mall." *Distribution course for the YCM Concentration or an elective. One semester hour, Staff*

HT 294W Theology of Wartburg Seminary

Examines the history of Wartburg Seminary and the theology of those who have taught and learned at the school. After examining the mission theology of Wilhelm Loehe, special attention is given to the positions taken by the Iowa Synod and the theological contributions of Sigmund Fritschel, Gottfried Fritschel, J. Michael Reu, and other important figures. *Elective, one or two semester hours, Nessian*

HT 298W The Gospel and Ideology

A critical analysis of how "sound" orthodox statements and positions of the church or individual Christians may be more ideological in import than proclamatory. An attempt will be made to grapple with this ambiguity, especially in relation to the preaching and advocacy ministries of the church. *One semester hour, W. Persaud*

HT 303W Christianity in the Modern World

This course completes the study of Christian history from the Peace of Westphalia (1648) until the present. The primary focus will be on Christianity within the United States, looking at such topics as America's religious foundations, the on-going immigrant experience, revivalism, religion and society, and, in particular, developments in American Lutheranism. *Required, graduating MDiv students, two semester hours, Lohrmann*

HT 316W Theology of Luther

Major motifs in Luther's thought centered around justification by faith alone are studied in primary sources. Interpretations by modern Luther scholars supplement

the focus on Luther's own writings. *Elective, one or two semester hours, Staff*

Capstone and Area Elective Theology Courses:

MDiv students who started before Fall 2016 have a History/Theology Capstone Requirement, as well as an Area Elective requirement. Each final year M. Div. student is required to take one capstone course in Theology. Two or more courses will be offered each year, and typically at least one each semester. Eligible courses will be those from among the 300-level courses listed below and indicated as a capstone course. *All capstone courses are two semester hours.* There will also be one or two designated Area Elective courses offered each semester for final-year MDiv students, also selected from among the 300-level courses listed below. *All area elective courses are two semester hours.*

HT 340W The Trinity: Dogma, Salvation and Doxology

The focus of this research seminar will be on the biblical and historical development of the doctrine of the trinity, as well as contemporary reinterpretations of the essential triunity of God that are centered in the identity of God as the unity of the triune community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in God's saving action in Jesus Christ. Mystery both in God and in God's salvation calls forth adoration, praise and thanksgiving. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement. Two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 342W Creation

This course will explore the unity of eschatology and creation centered in Jesus Christ. We will examine what that means for how we understand God, humanity, history and the world in conversation with the natural sciences and other religious traditions. *Elective, One or two semester hours, Priebe*

HT 345W Atonement

This course is an interdisciplinary research seminar that will explore the meaning and significance for human life of the death of Jesus. Interpretations of the crucifixion will be examined in the light of various historical, religious, anthropological, and political contexts. *Elective, One or two semester hours, Priebe*

HT 347W Jesus Christ: Traditions East and West

This research seminar will explore issues surrounding the relation of "cosmic Christology" to the figure of Jesus. Against the background of classical christological debates about the Logos through whom the universe was created and the relation of the Logos to both God and the human figure of Jesus, we will explore this question in relation to two contemporary issues: theology and science and the relation of Christian faith to other religions. *Elective, One or two semester hours, Priebe*

HT 349W The Concept of the Poor in Christian Theology

The focus of this research seminar will be on texts and contexts in relation to the place and importance of the poor in the history of the church. Primary attention will be given to the biblical witness and writings of the Fathers,

Luther and the Reformers, and contemporary theologians. The underlying hermeneutical principle will be the creative interaction of texts and contexts in their presentation of the poor as the locus of God's presence in Jesus Christ in the world. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement. Two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 350W The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

The focus of this seminar will be on the biblical, historical, and contemporary development of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Our focus will be trinitarian, and a primary area of investigation will be the creedal confession: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. . . ." The overriding focus will be the doctrines of creation, redemption, and sanctification from the standpoint of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement. Two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 354W The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of the World

In this research seminar, we will examine the biblical, theological, and historical roots of Luther's "doctrine" of the two kingdoms, with the view to understand how God's reign through the gospel of Jesus Christ is and is not manifest in the public world of government, ideologies, economics, culture, and the promotion of and struggle for social-economic and political liberation. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement. Two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 355W Luther and the Religions

In this research seminar, we will read and critically evaluate both primary texts in Luther and the World Religions, as well as secondary texts which address the question of a contemporary theology of religions in our religiously plural context. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement. Two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 359W Moltmann's Theological Writings

The concern will be to analyze carefully Moltmann's treatment of the doctrine of God as Trinity, especially in light of traditional doctrines concerning the Trinity and in order to appreciate the pastoral import of this doctrine. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement. Two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 360W Luther's Theology of the Cross and Marx's Anthropology

In this research seminar, we will consider texts in Luther and Marx which show how each defined his respective context (religiocultural, socio-economic, and political) in the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries, the meaning of human being, and how they articulated radically different responses to the ills of their day. Special attention will be given to the question of how to interpret critically the contemporary context and, consequently, respond to the call to articulate the gospel of God's justifying grace in Jesus Christ in a world crying out for justice. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement. Two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 363W Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The life, theology, and ethics of Bonhoeffer are examined within the context of the struggle in Nazi Germany. Bonhoeffer's biography provides the basis for understanding his theology and ethics. *Fulfills the ethics requirement. Three semester hours, Nessian*

HT 390W Hans-Georg Gadamer and the Doctrine of Scripture

This research seminar seeks to construct a contemporary doctrine of Scripture in conversation with Hans-Georg Gadamer, Truth and Method. It will be done in conversation with what it means for a text to be scripture in Classical Christian and Lutheran traditions as well as in other religious traditions, such as Judaism, Islam, Hinduism. Students will consider what it means to read Scripture as a sacred text and the reading strategies that engenders, in conversation with classical ways Christians have read Scripture as well as in conversation with methods of historical study. *Elective, One semester hour, can be taken more than once, Priebe*

HT 391W Advanced Tutorial in Bible and Theology

This research seminar will explore issues and insights raised by various articles that touch questions of biblical interpretation and theology with interreligious dimensions. One article will be explored each semester it is offered. The topics will change, and the course may be repeated on different topics. It is open to students at any level who are interested in pursuing advanced research and in approaching topics as independent contributors to the development of the subject matter. The course will often be team taught. *Elective, One semester hour, Priebe*

HT 393W Liberation Theology

This is a research seminar which views liberation theology as an ecumenical theology. Attention will be directed to its *Sitz im leben*. The writings of Latin American and other theologians will be considered in terms of Marx's influence; the hermeneutic circle; and reformulation of the doctrines of Christ, sin and salvation, church and sacrament, mission and evangelism, and eschatology. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement, two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 395W Biblical Hermeneutics and Theology

This seminar will explore the intersection between biblical interpretation and theological thought, using the issues involved in interpreting particular biblical texts to address hermeneutical and pastoral questions. *The biblical material will vary from term to term and the course may be repeated. Elective, One or Two semester hours, Priebe*

HT 396W The Contemporary Crisis of Defining and Confessing the Gospel

This seminar will examine the biblical witness (both Testaments) to the gospel; explore the Lutheran principle of law/gospel; discern some of the primary and enticing, distorting formulations of the gospel; consider the meaning of the gospel in the encounter with the religions of the world; consider the contemporary meaning of the

article on justification as the article by which the church stands or falls (AC, Art. VII); and explore the interrelatedness of gospel, culture, and mission. *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement. Distribution course or elective for the YCM Concentration. Two semester hours, W. Persaud*

HT 397W Christian Apologetics

This course will explore resources for articulating the gospel in light of changing views of the world in modern thought and in light of the objections and alternatives to Christian faith. It will examine apologies for the faith in the history of Christian thought and the possibilities for a modern defense of the faith. *Elective, one or two semester hours, Priebe*

HT 398W Hermeneutics of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification

This research seminar will be focused on the hermeneutics of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (JDDJ, 31 October 1999) between the worldwide Lutheran community (LWF) and the Roman Catholic Church. Specifically, we will critically engage select publications from the ten rounds of the L-RC Dialogue, USA, in light of the JDDJ, asking the fundamental question: How might the JDDJ serve as a hermeneutical catalyst in forwarding the understandings and proposals contained in those documents for the sake of God's mission? *Fulfills the MDiv capstone theology distribution requirement, two semester hours, W. Persaud*

Independent Study

A student may do independent reading or a research project on some phase of history or theology with the approval and under the guidance of one of the instructors in the division. *One to three semester hours.*

HT 199W Readings and Directed Research *(First-year level)*

HT 299W Readings and Directed Research *(Second-year level)*

HT 399W Readings and Directed Research *(Final-year or graduating student level)*

Ministry Division III

MN 103W Pastoral Practicum

A month-long contextual engagement in a parish setting under pastoral guidance. Arranged in context of an independent study. *Available every interim by arrangement, three semester hours, Staff*

MN 106W Foundations of Christian Worship **[Requirement MN-1]**

An initial study of Christian worship focused on contemporary practice and the development of good liturgical leadership, with attention to biblical, theological, historical, and ritual foundations. The Sunday assembly around word and sacrament and the celebration of the church year will be highlighted, together with the distinctive features of Lutheran theology and practice. The course is intended for anyone who will be involved in preparing and leading worship in the congregation as well as for those who desire a general introduction to the study of Christian worship.

Required, first-year MDiv students; elective for MA and MA-Diaconal Ministry students (meets one-hour requirement).

Three semester hours. Schattauer

MN 112W Chapel Choir

A course to foster deeper awareness of the role of music, especially congregational song, in corporate worship, and to offer opportunity to observe and model collaborative ministry between clergy, worship leaders and musicians, and to provide a consistently mentored setting for increased musical competency and spiritual growth for individuals serving the WTS community as members of the Chapel Choir. Meets in conjunction with rehearsals and performances of the Chapel Choir.

Students may take this course for a maximum of one hour credit toward their degree, or as audit for additional times. One-half semester hour, Carroll

MN 113W Applied Organ/Piano

Applied music study, including repertoire and service playing techniques suitable for worship in a diversity of settings. For beginning or advanced students. *MDiv or MA students may take this course for a maximum of three hours of credit. Times to be arranged. Additional tuition required. One half semester hour, Carroll*

MN 115W Musical/Theater

An occasional course, offered at times when the seminary is putting on a musical play. *One or three semester hours, Staff*

MN 131W In Faith, For Faith: Basics of Christian Proclamation

This course offers students a starting point for thinking about and practicing Christian proclamation. The course is grounded in the claim that the living Word of God does what God intends (Isa 55.10-11) and that, at least foundationally, what God intends is the faith of the hearer (Rom 10.17). Faith in Christ, worked by the Spirit through the hearing of the Word, orients the believer to her/himself, to one another, to the church,

and to the world. The course is organized in a seminar format that combines presentation by the instructor and group discussion. Students will be responsible for preaching one sermon toward the end of the term.
Elective. One semester hour, Giere

MN 155W MA Colloquium I: Vocation & Discernment

Each semester the on-campus MA students will meet for discussion around a current topic which unifies ministry goals. Students will have opportunity to foster professional collegiality among MA students, to focus diverse ministry goals, and to reflect theologically on the nature of ministry within the church and the world.
Required, first year MA and MA in Diaconal Ministry students, one semester hour, Staff

MN 156W MA Colloquium II: Reading and Practicing Research

This course is a continuation of the MA Colloquium, normally taken in the spring semester of the first year. Although the colloquium continues to focus on collegiality and vocational discernment, specific attention is devoted this semester to exploring core themes of Christianity in today's world and determining a topic for the MA major research project. *Required, first year MA and MA in Diaconal Ministry students, one semester hour, Staff*

MN 157W Diaconal Ministry: Compassion and Justice

[Requirement DM-1 for the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program]

We will explore Word and Service ministry through understanding being part of the historic, global diaconal movement of serving people at the margins with compassion and justice. Centered on the Word, we will come together through various means for conversation, prayer, discussion of readings and discernment. Themes include faithful, public, relational, authoritative and collegial servanthood.

Required for first-year MA in Diaconal Ministry students; open to others.

One credit hour, Staff

MN 160W/E Seen and Heard: Foundations for Youth and Family Ministry

This course will provide a basic framework for a working theology of youth and family ministry. The challenges and possibilities for mission and ministry to and with young people and their families will be considered in light of the postmodern "turn" in the North American context. Attention will be given to foundations, methods, principles, and strategies for life, ministry, and mission with youth and their families in congregations and communities. *Fulfills MDiv Youth and Family Ministry requirement prior to internship; Required for MDiv students before internship, credit/no credit only. Required for YCM Concentration, elective for non-MDiv students, one semester hour, Frambach*

MN 161W Congregation and Community: Nurturing Christian Faith in Children, Youth, and Families

This course will provide a basic framework for developing theologies and strategies for ministry to and with

children, youth and families. Particular attention will be given to the role of the congregation as community and within community in shaping the lives and faith of children, youth and families. *Fulfills MDiv Youth and Family Ministry requirement before internship and/or as YCM concentration elective, credit/no credit grading only, one semester hour, Stache*

MN 162W Church & Home: Faith Formation and Cross-Generational Ministry

This course will focus on the household as a primary locus for faith formation and the congregational community as an intergenerational context for faith development and practices. The challenges and possibilities for mission and ministry to, with and for young people and their families will be considered, particularly in light of the research emerging from the National Study of Youth and Religion. Attention will be given to foundations, methods, principles, and strategies for life, ministry, and mission with youth and their families in congregations and in the home. *Fulfills MDiv Youth and Family Ministry requirement before internship and/or as YCM concentration elective, credit/no credit grading only, one semester hour, Frambach*

MN 170W Listening and Assessment in Pastoral Care

This course will focus on the significance of listening and explore the practice of assessment in parish ministry. The ministry of pastoral care is the primary domain of the pastoral leader, whereas pastoral counseling is a more specialized ministry to which not all are called and for which not all pastoral leaders have the requisite skills and competencies. The fundamental pastoral care skills of listening and assessment will be considered in this course. *Partially fulfills pastoral care distribution requirement, one semester hour, Frambach*

MN 195W Rural Plunge Weekend (Fall Semester)

This course involves a field experience in communities on the Illinois-Wisconsin border. Students spend a weekend observing agricultural and other rural enterprises in operation, conversing with community and congregational leaders, and learning about the resources and challenges that affect the quality of life in a rural setting. Plenary class meetings are held before and after the field experience. *Fulfills the M. Div. rural ministry requirement, one semester hour, Staff*

MN 209W Foundations of Lutheran Worship

A study of the major documents of Lutheran liturgical history and sacramental theology from Martin Luther to contemporary North American Lutheranism. Consideration will be given to the western liturgical tradition as the context of Luther's reforms and to the ecumenical context of modern liturgical renewal and sacramental understanding. *One or two semester hours, Schattauer*

MN 212W Chanting: "Speaking on Tones"

A practical learn-by-doing course designed to help worship leaders learn to chant various portions of sung liturgical settings found in (but not restricted to) Lutheran Book of Worship, With One Voice, Hymnal Supplement 1991, This Far by Faith, and other sources. Class

sessions will nurture the development of good breath control and text projection, and explore the historical evolution of chant and its role in the worship life and spiritual development of the congregation. *One semester hour, Staff*

MN 219W Music and the Church

This course presents a general survey of the evolution of music, vocal and instrumental, in the worship life of the Christian church from its earliest days to the present. Special emphasis is given to issues such as worship planning and team ministry, hymnody and the promotion of good congregational singing, and evangelism through music. *One semester hour, Staff*

MN 220W Architecture for Worship

An exploration of the visual and architectural environment for Christian worship, with attention to the principal centers in the liturgical use of space—the place of the people, the place of baptism, the place of the word, the place of the meal. The focus will be on the contemporary design and renovation of spaces for worship. Soundings in the history of Christian architecture will illustrate the relation of the understanding and practice of worship to the arrangement of space. *One semester hour, Schattauer*

MN 230W Preaching

[Requirement MN-5]

This course explores what preaching is from the vantages of theology and ecclesiology. In addition, much attention is given to the practice of sermon preparation and delivery in a small group setting. By way of their own preaching and their listening to and collegially critiquing the preaching of fellow students, students encounter firsthand many of the challenges of preaching in a variety of contextual scenarios. *Required of 2nd-Year MDiv before their internship, three semester hours, Giere*

MN 250W Christian Formation: Education, Development and Lived Faith

[Requirement MN-3]

In our diverse contexts we are called to create trustworthy learning environments in the church and in the world as we teach and learn through a wide range of methods. We focus on ages and stages of faith formation and development for lifelong and intergenerational learning. We strengthen congregations to be catechetical, confirming communities and equip laity to be teachers of the faith. Learning leads to mission as we send people forth for vocation in the public, pluralistic world. This course includes a field work component. *Three semester hours. Snyder*

MN 255W Being Body of Christ: Theology of the Congregation

[Requirement MN-4]

This course examines the pastor as theological leader in the congregational context. The congregation is a worship-centered community with a particular identity and mission. Formed at worship to be the body of Christ, the congregation claims this identity through prayer, discipleship, community, and stewardship, and is sent in mission for evangelizing, global accompaniment, ecumenism, and social justice.

Required, MDiv students. Two semester hours. Nessan

MN 260W Across the Generations: Cross-Generational Ministry

In this course we will explore, describe, better understand, and learn from the living generations for the sake of effective communication and ministry in the life together of a congregation and its community. The basic premise of the course is that the generations can and must learn from each other and intentionally engage in ministry together. Generational thinking and theory is concerned both with generating a sense of community between the generations within congregations as well as affecting the way in which evangelism and outreach strategies are intentionally designed to reach people incarnationally. *Distribution course for the YCM Concentration or an elective, two semester hours, Frambach or Stache*

MN 264W Readings in Youth, Culture and Mission

In general, this seminar will consider current issues and movements in the field of ministry with young people, with an eye toward their theological implications. The specific focus or topic will change each time this seminar is offered. *This course is suited particularly to students involved in the Youth, Culture & Mission concentration (whether MA or MDiv), though open to anyone interested in theological conversation about youth ministry. Distribution course for the YCM concentration or an elective, one or two semester hours, Frambach or Stache*

MN 269W Topics in Youth, Culture, and Mission

An occasional course focusing on ministry to children, youth, young adult, and/or families as it pertains to a particular topic. Taught generally as a distribution course for the YCM concentration or as elective. *One or two semester hours, Staff*

MN 270W Pastoral Care in Context

[Requirement MN-2]

This course will provide a working framework for an integrated understanding of pastoral care in the life and ministry of a congregation. Students will be challenged to claim their own approach as a pastoral caregiver and identify the most salient principles and practices for effective pastoral care ministry. Biblical, theological, confessional, systemic and developmental perspectives will inform and undergird the ability of students to read and interpret a variety of “contexts” for pastoral care (e.g., loss and grief, developmental and situational crises, illness, adolescence, inter alia). In addition, students will have both the freedom and time within the course to choose a specific area in the ministry of pastoral care for independent reading and research. *Three semester hours, Frambach*

MN 274W Readings in Pastoral Care

In general, this seminar will consider current issues and movements in the field of pastoral care, with an eye toward their theological implications. The specific focus or topic will change each time this seminar is offered. *Elective, one or two semester hours, Frambach*

MN 278W Domestic Violence Interim

1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually assaulted before the age of 18. The Domestic Violence Interim seeks to provide future rostered leaders with resources to address the inter-locking effects of the power/control dynamic underlying this and related forms of violence.

Integrating “hands-on” experiences with theological readings, students have opportunity to grow in awareness, theological acumen, and advocacy. The course, which may be taken to fulfill cross-cultural credit or as an elective is cross-cultural both in readings and in hands on experiences.

Students take two trips during the course—a two night stay in Chicago and an overnight in Madison, WI. In these trips, as well as in Dubuque they visit institutions and hear speakers on a variety of topics: transitional housing for victims of abuse, shelters serving primarily E. Asian women, shelters serving primarily Caucasian and African-American women, police departments, Afro-American empowerment ministries, sexual trafficking, violence within gay, lesbian, bi, trans communities, ministry to batterers, elderly abuse, crisis intervention services, prevention services, rape crisis centers, advocacy centers, community organizers, etc. Additionally, students have conversation with a pastor who works with victims of abuse and hear the stories of several survivors of abuse. They also sit in on the domestic violence court in Chicago.

With the exception of the two out-of-town trips, the course meets in Dubuque the first three weeks of the interim and on Monday morning of the 4th week. Typical cost to the student for expenses incurred during the interim is \$150-200. *Meets cross-cultural requirement or an elective, can be taken for credit/no credit, three semester hours, Saylor*

MN 279W Topics in Pastoral Care

In general, this seminar will consider current practices and movements in the field of pastoral care. The specific focus or topic will change each time this seminar is offered.

Elective, one or two semester hours, Frambach

MN 280W Clinical Pastoral Education

Normally an 11-week summer program, CPE is conducted in a variety of appropriate centers under the supervision of a chaplain supervisor accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.

Required, MDiv students, offered every summer, six semester hours, Affiliated Chaplains

MN 281W Clinical Pastoral Education

Work beyond MN 280W (the 11-week program of CPE). *Elective, three semester hours, Affiliated Chaplains*

MN 285W Pastoral Practicum in Guyana

This is a 4- or 10-week contextual engagement in a Lutheran church in a Guyana parish. It is scheduled as an interim or summer experience of 3 semester hours or 6 semester hours respectively and is open to any student. *Fulfills the cross-cultural distribution requirement, three semester hours - interim, six semester hours -summer, W. Persaud*

MN 291W Imagining Rural Ministry

This course explores the character of rural communities within the context of American society, and the character of rural congregations within the context of rural communities. In the light of those explorations, this course considers implications for the public ministry of the gospel in rural settings. Particular attention is given to an understanding of relational ministry. *Fulfills the M. Div. rural ministry requirement, one semester hour, Staff*

MN 292(or3)W Rural Literature as Field Education for Rural Ministry

This course explores biblical themes of sin, grace, and redemption in a selection of novels set in rural American communities and considers how the practice of rural ministry might be informed by fictional experience and understanding. *Fulfills the M. Div. rural ministry requirement. Two semester hours - 292, one semester hour - 293, Staff*

MN 294W Topics in Rural Ministry

In general, this seminar will consider current practices and movements in rural ministry. The specific focus or topic will change each time this seminar is offered.

Elective, one or two semester hours, Fritschel, Yackel-Juleen

MN 295W Ministry in Rural Context

The goal of this course is to expand the student's understanding of the rural setting in order to promote ministerial effectiveness in a small church parish. We will examine the context of the town and rural church and explore the future minister's understanding of him- or herself as a community and spiritual leader. *Fulfills the rural ministry distribution requirement, one semester hour, Staff*

MN 300W Feasts and Seasons

An exploration of the feasts and seasons of the church year, emphasizing the principal festal cycles—Christmas and Easter. The focus will be the understanding and celebration of the church year in contemporary congregations, with attention to pertinent matters of history and theology. Consideration will be given to the relation of calendar and lectionary as witness to the role of the Scriptures in shaping liturgical practice. *One or two semester hours, Schattauer*

MN 301W Connecting Faith, Culture and Daily Life

This course, dialogical and experiential, explores American Civil Religion in our contemporary culture and the relationship of church and state. Students will further develop their leadership skills which are needed for mission in a diverse society. The class will struggle with faith questions people face in the worlds in which they live so that they can be empowered for ministry in daily life. *One semester hour, Staff*

MN 302W Readings in Liturgical Theology

The course provides an occasion for in-depth reading and wide ranging discussion of a particular topic in liturgical theology. The course will ask how the liturgy—as a practice of communion with God and a participation in God's mission—imagines and engages the world and makes it anew. *One or two semester hours, Schattauer*

MN 306W Liturgy and Life: Worship and Mission in Context and Culture**[Requirement MN-6]**

This course falls into two distinct, but related parts. The first part focuses on the formation of baptismal identity in relation to the way the community of the church ritually marks life's significant passages—sickness, death, and marriage. Attention will be given 1) to the preparation and conduct of the rites for baptism, confession and forgiveness, healing, funeral, and marriage, 2) to the intersection of these rites with personal experience, cultural practices, and social forces, and 3) to the connection with pastoral care in congregational life. The second part aims to survey critically the landscape of Christian worship in the North American context today and to develop principles and practices that will assist congregations to be vital, faithful, and missional worshipping communities. We will imagine a future for worshipping assemblies in conversation with historic traditions, confessional commitments, emerging cultural realities, and a missional ecclesiology. A weekend of field work as participant observers at the worship of several congregations serves as a point of orientation for reflection and discussion.

Required, final-year MDiv students; elective for MA and MA-Diaconal Ministry students, either the course as a whole or in one of its parts.

Three semester hours. Schattauer and Frambach

MN 308W Renewing Worship in the Missional Congregation

The course aims to survey critically the landscape of Christian worship in the North American context today and to develop principles and practices that will assist congregations to be vital, faithful, and missional worshipping communities. It will encourage students to imagine a future for worshipping assemblies in conversation with historic traditions, confessional commitments, emerging cultural realities, and a missional ecclesiology. The course includes a weekend of field work as participant observers at the worship of several congregations. *Area elective or free elective, distribution course for the YCM Concentration., two semester hours, Schattauer/Frambach*

MN 309W Shalom Church

This course retrieves Luther's two kingdoms teaching for the life and mission of the church today. Evangelizing and social ministry belong integrally together as forms of outreach for the body of Christ for the life of the world. *Area elective, two semester hours, Nessan*

MN 321W The Bible, Church, and Film

This course is designed to engage the intersection of Bible and Cinema with special attention to place of the Church in/on/under film. Students will explore the categories of bible on film and the bible in film, as the class engages a number of films over the course of the semester. The films explored throughout the course reflect a global cinematic interpretations of Scripture. Students will consider ways that film can be an asset in ministry.. *Area elective or free elective, two semester hours, Giere*

MN 332W Preaching the Hebrew Bible

Working with texts that are often used as background illustrations or simply ignored within Christian worship and life, students will explore by means of a cruciform hermeneutic the reading and preaching of Old Testament texts as Word. *MDiv final-year free elective or area elective, two semester hours, Giere*

MN 335W Topics in Preaching

A course focusing on preaching as it pertains to a particular topic or set of biblical texts. *One or two semester hours, Giere/Staff*

MN 339W Church and Community

This is an opportunity to read, in a group setting, two recent, scholarly, and challenging books broadly situated in the areas of ecclesiology and the sociology of religion. Selections change each time the course is offered. Participants will be exposed to the current and lively issues in these research areas, as well as an in depth theological conversation that reflects on the nature of the church today. *One semester hour, Frambach*

MN 341W Parables, Post-Modernity, and Preaching

As frequent occupants of the weekly gospel lection, parables are often well-worn both in the ears of hearers and in the minds of preachers. In this class participants will engage parables in light of elements of post-modern literary and linguistic theory attempting to revive the subversive gospel messages of these little stories for the purpose of proclamation. *MDiv final-year free elective or area elective, two semester hours, Giere*

MN 342W With Ears to Hear

In a time when preachers and congregations are feeling pressure to provide multi-media sermons, this course encourages serious and creative thinking about how to voice the Gospel to the community of faith as a word of grace - the 'alien righteousness' that brings and sustains faith. Participants will strive to take seriously the aesthetic and poetic qualities of language with the goal of engaging and speaking the gospel to their hearers without the trappings of technology. *MDiv final-year free elective or area elective, two semester hours, Giere*

MN 346W Preaching and Stewardship

From a holistic understanding of stewardship, students will engage the challenges and opportunities of preaching and stewardship in conjunction with exploring a variety of perspectives on congregational stewardship. *MDiv final-year free elective or area elective, two semester hours, Staff*

MN 350W Church Administration and Mission

A study of the church, its leadership and parish life. In the course students will seek to deepen their ecclesiological foundations for ministry and to integrate theology with issues of public ministry. The course aims to further develop skills in leadership and administration for equipping the saints to carry out their mission and ministry. *Required, Final-Year MDiv students, offered every fall, two semester hours, Nessan*

MN 351W Church Conflict

The course provides opportunity to explore various types and patterns of conflict and how conflict can be destructive or productive. Students will reflect on how conflict spreads and what roles leaders can play. The class will look at theological dynamics of seven responses to conflict, develop skill in each of them and discern when to use the one needed in the particular situation. The course will be highly experiential. *One semester hour, Staff*

MN 352W Collaborative Leadership

This course gives opportunity for readings and discussion about communication, mutual accountability, shared power and partnership in our callings to collaborative ministry in the Body of Christ in the world. Contexts to explore include Church staff relationships, multiple-point parishes, colleague groups, congregational dynamics and more. *One semester hour, Staff*

MN 353W Church Conflict and Collaborative Leadership

A single course combining together the topics of MN 351W and MN 352W. *Elective. Two semester hours, Staff*

MN 354W Leading and Cultivating Missional Communities

This course intends to help students create an imagination for leading faith communities in mission. A framework for understanding congregations as missional communities will guide our mutual conversation. We will explore how one's understanding of God's purpose for the world shapes our identity as leaders of congregations. How do leaders create the space for congregations to recognize and discern God's presence and action in their midst? Specific investigation into communal discernment and conversation will be addressed. *MDiv area elective. Two semester hours, Stache*

MN 355W The Cultures of Youth and the Question of Identity

In this course we will examine the cultures and sub-cultures of youth in order to consider the question of identity. Students will think theologically, in a collegial setting, about the study of culture and cultural processes in relationship to adolescent identity development. The course will help students learn how to set up "listening posts" in order to engage and interpret cultures for the sake of faithful, truthful, and effective ministry with young people and their families. *Distribution course for the YCM Concentration or an elective, two semester hours, Frambach*

MN 359W Education: The Key to Evangelism

This course presumes that in order to carry out mission goals of evangelical outreach, solid teaching in the faith is essential. Education is also the key to helping people reenter the church after having been away for some time. This course connects education and evangelism in a comprehensive way for all age groups, showing how we can build on our Reformation foundation to reach and teach people with the Gospel in the 21st century. *One semester hour, Staff*

MN 360W Our Calling in Adult Education

The course provides means and methods to multiply exciting opportunities for adult learning in the parish. Students will develop further skill in teaching in areas of Bible and theology as well as helping connect faith to daily life. This course, using the ELCA social statement, also will explore the challenge of the ministry of education, both our communal role of providing equitable access to education for all and our specific calling of providing Christian education through a variety of avenues in the congregation and beyond, e.g. colleges, universities and campus ministry. *One semester hour, Staff*

MN 362W Youth Ministry Immersion: Camps, Creation, Confessions, and Kids (January Interim)

This January interim elective includes:

- Field Trips to Outdoor Ministry Settings
- Interaction w/camp staff
- Theological presentations on site

Distribution course for the YCM Concentration or an elective, three semester hours, Frambach/Staff

MN 365W Systems Thinking and Family Theory in Pastoral Ministry

This course will introduce basic systems theory as the matrix for human development and the emerging life of faith. Attention will be given to integrating systems thinking and theological reflection in pastoral ministry. General and family systems thinking and theory will be juxtaposed in order to consider the role and adequacy of each in the life and ministry of congregations. A wide variety of resources will be explored and employed for interpreting persons how can we care more effectively for people of differing cultural backgrounds? *Partially fulfills pastoral care distribution requirement. Two semester hours, Frambach*

MN 368W Gender, Power and Leadership

The course gives students opportunity to explore deeply the realities of domination and oppression and the power cycle as we, together, work toward more healthy partnerships in church and society. We will discuss theological grounding in the creeds: being created for interdependence, reconciled in Christ, and renewed for relationships of shared power and liberating styles of ministerial leadership. *One semester hour, Staff*

MN 370W Internship

A full year of intensive involvement for the MDiv student in responsible, pastoral ministry under the supervision of an experienced pastor and the seminary. It normally follows successful completion of a student's second year of academic work. All internships are assigned by the faculty upon recommendation of the student/faculty Internship Task Force. See: MDiv Internship. *Required, MDiv students. Twenty-seven semester hours*

MN 372W Children, the Family, and Faith

This seminar will consider the nature of childhood and the care of children. We will reflect critically on ideas about children and childhood from various theological traditions within the history of Christian thought. In addition, we will employ historical, theological, and

ethical analysis in order to explore the changing notion of family in a diverse, pluralistic social context. Students will work together in a collegial setting to integrate their emerging understandings of children, family, and faith and construct a theology of childhood. *Distribution course for the YCM Concentration or an elective, two semester hours, Frambach or Stache*

MN 373W Pastoral Care with Adolescents

Adolescence, as a stage in the human developmental journey, presents a unique set of challenges and opportunities for the ministry of pastoral care. In this course we will seek: a) to explore the nature of adolescence and adolescent spirituality; b) to identify challenges and opportunities unique to adolescence from historical, psychological, and theological perspectives, and; c) to propose an integrated congregational model, including specific practices, for the ministry of pastoral care with adolescents. *Distribution course for the YCM Concentration; partially fulfills MDiv pastoral care distribution requirement; or an elective, two semester hours, Frambach*

MN 375W Loss and Grief

An examination of the dynamics of loss and grief from a pastoral theological perspective with special attention to the meaning of death in human life. *Partially fulfills the pastoral care distribution requirement, one semester hour, Frambach or Staff*

MN 378W Marriage in Pastoral Perspective: Pre-Marital, Re-Marital, and Marital Counseling

This course will focus on the ministry of pastoral counseling as it relates to the couple relationship and marriage. Attention will be given to pre-marital couple counseling as well as the unique dynamics involved in re-marital couple counseling. Current concepts and techniques in the field of marriage counseling will be considered and evaluated from systemic, socio-cultural, and theological perspectives. *Partially fulfills MDiv pastoral care distribution requirement or an elective, one semester hour, Frambach*

MN 379W The Practice of Assessment in Pastoral Care

This course will explore the practice of assessment in parish ministry. The ministry of pastoral care is the primary domain of the pastoral leader, whereas pastoral counseling is a more specialized ministry to which not all are called and for which not all pastoral leaders have the requisite skills and competencies. Good pastoral assessment allows a pastoral leader to gather enough information in order to make a theologically informed decision about what care is needed. "Where do I start?" "What do I ask?" "Is this my terrain or not?" These and other fundamental questions will be discussed and addressed. *Partially fulfills the pastoral care distribution requirement, one semester hour, Frambach*

MN 380W Theological Reflection in Ministry (Fall Prolog Week, for students who started before Fall 2016)

This course facilitates the transition from internship or field work to the final year of seminary through theological reflection inductively, contextually, and

relationally. Together in plenary and small groups students deepen skills in theological reflection and strengthen skills for ministry. *Required, final-year MDiv students who started before Fall 2016. Option for some MA students depending on degree program. Offered every fall, one semester hour, Staff*

MN 384W Pastoral Perspectives on Addictions

Current theological and psychological understandings of the nature of addictions and co-dependency will be addressed from a pastoral perspective. *Partially fulfills the MDiv pastoral care distribution requirement, one semester hour, Frambach*

MN 388W Ministry in Times of Crisis: Stress, Depression, Conflict, and Opportunity

This course will examine the conditions of modern life that are causing increased rates of stress, depression, crises and conflict and will study the meaning of these experiences from theological, psychological, and sociological perspectives. Both accidental and developmental crises will be considered. *Partially fulfills the MDiv pastoral care distribution requirement, one semester hour, Frambach*

MN 392T Empowering Ministry: Clergy and Laity in Context

This course challenges students to explore how congregations can do empowering ministry in their locations. It is especially designed to wrestle with the issue of how theology and Scripture are faithfully interpreted and proclaimed in rural contexts. Interdisciplinary in nature, the course content will focus on leadership issues for congregational (both clergy and laity) ministry. *Can be used to fulfill the MDiv rural ministry distribution requirement, three semester hours, Staff*

MN 394W Pastoral Care in Cross-Cultural Perspective

This course examines pastoral care practices as they have developed in churches in a wide variety of cultures throughout the world, and asks: what is universal in the practice of pastoral care, and how can we care more effectively for people of differing cultural backgrounds? *Partially fulfills pastoral care distribution requirement. One semester hour, Frambach or Staff*

MN395W Contemporary Rural Issues

This course uses diverse media (e.g., print, film, etc.) to study contemporary challenges affecting the quality and character of life in rural communities. The issues studied in this course pertain to topics such as ecology and environment, agriculture and agribusiness, community development, economy, politics and culture. *Fulfills the M. Div. rural ministry requirement, one to three semester hours, Frambach or Fritschel*

MN 397W Rural Immersion (J-Term)

This course involves a field experience at Shalom Hill Farm (Minnesota) and in western North Dakota. Plenary class meetings are held before and after the field experience. *Fulfills the M. Div. rural ministry requirement, two or three semester hours, Staff*

MN 399W January Interim Course (title varies)

In addition to being used to designate independent studies (see below), the MN 399W course number is also used for courses taught during the January Interim where no specified course number is already defined. This includes many of the travel immersions taught to meet the cross-cultural requirement. *Three semester hours, Staff*

Independent Study

A student may do independent reading or a research project on a topic within the ministry division with the approval and under the guidance of one of the instructors in the division. *One to three semester hours.*

MN 199W Readings and Directed Research
(First-year level)**MN 299W Readings and Directed Research**
(Second-year level)**MN 399W Readings and Directed Research**
(Final-year or graduating student level)**Integrative/Integrated Courses**

Integrative courses are taught by the professors of all three divisions. Integrated courses are normally taught by a single professor.

IN 003W Graduate Writing

In this module students will focus on writing specific kinds of graduate level papers required in seminary courses. Students will develop the processes for critical analysis, reflection papers, exegetical papers, position papers, and research papers. Grammar and style review will be included in the module. *May be required based on review of initial written paper by faculty. Additional tuition required, no credit hours, Staff*

IN 109W Young Adult Immersion: Campus Ministry and Young Adult Faith Development (January Interim)

This course will explore young adulthood in a changing world, with a particular focus on young adult faith development. The notion of mentoring young adults in their search for meaning, purpose, and faith will be central to this course. The primary focus for this course will be ministries with young adults in college and university settings. Pedagogy for this course revolves around various "mini-immersions" and excursions in conjunction with group conversation and reflection that seek to integrate the contextual experiences from a theological and pastoral perspective. *Distribution course for the YCM concentration or elective. January Interim, three semester hours, Frambach/Staff*

IN 131W Introduction to Spanish Language 1

Students will develop a vocabulary base to begin building conversational Spanish language skills. Vocabulary includes but is not limited to: greetings, describing people and places, family, academics, the home and household items, numbers, additional recreational activities. *Part of*

the MDiv Hispanic Ministry Concentration. One semester hour, Aitken-Shadle

IN 135W Spanish Practicum 1

Alternative to IN 131W for those students who come to seminary already well versed in the Spanish language. Provides an opportunity to practice Spanish language skills in an applied setting. Students engage in 40 or more hours of community service, employing Spanish as primary language under the supervision of the Wartburg Theological Seminary faculty and in partnership with a local Dubuque agency. *Part of the MDiv Hispanic Ministry Concentration. One semester hour.*

IN 141W Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds**[Requirement IN-1]**

This course explores the place and meanings of religion for human life in our contemporary pluralistic religious and cultural worlds with a view to the questions of how we bear effective witness to Jesus Christ in this reality and the relation of justification and justice in Christ. *Two semester hours. Giere/W. Persaud, with Priebe*

IN 142W Formation for Discipleship: Vocation, Witness, and Ministry**[Requirement IN-2]**

In this course we will reflect theologically on the baptismal foundations of Christian formation. We will critically examine our vocational callings informed by faith in Jesus Christ, which frees us for lives of witness and service in a complex world. Life together, in community and as community, centers us to explore ministry and mission in God's world, including the contextual and systemic challenges of race, ethnicity, class, and gender. *Two semester hours, Ebertz, W. Persaud, Schattauer*

IN 161/162W Spiritual Practices 1 & 2**IN 261/262W Spiritual Practices 3 & 4****IN 361/362W Spiritual Practices 5 & 6****[Requirements IN-7.1 through IN 7.6]**

This course provides opportunities and resources for faith development through plenary sessions, small groups, reading a common text, praying the Scriptures, and personal faith practices. Spiritual Practices explores classic and contemporary spiritual practices and fosters dwelling in God's Word. The course models accountability and collegiality in small groups for building spiritual community.

Required (up to six semesters, depending on degree program) of all students

One half semester hour each, Staff

IN 171/172W Serving the Community: Fieldwork 1 and 2**[Requirements IN 9.1 and IN 9.2]**

This course locates students in supervised fieldwork in community service organizations, studying their relationship to community and world. The fieldwork site normally remains the same for both IN 171 and IN 172. Normally this fieldwork is in service organizations, although the placement can also be in a congregation or parish at the recommendation of the advisor. Students engage a minimum of 3 hours per week in direct community service, developing a learning contract with their fieldwork supervisor. Students gather with one

another for small group reflection on their fieldwork once per month under the direction of the faculty.

*Required, 1st-Year MDiv students
One semester hour each, Staff*

IN 231W Spanish Language for Ministry 1

Continuation in the learning and practice of Spanish language skills started with IN 131W. The course will be taught primarily through immersion, meaning that conversations and activities will take place in Spanish as much as possible. *Part of the MDiv Hispanic Ministry Concentration. Two semester hours*

IN 232W Spanish Language for Ministry 2

Continuation of IN 231W. *Part of the MDiv Hispanic Ministry Concentration. Two semester hours*

IN 235W Spanish Practicum 2

Continuation of the ideas and practice fostered by IN 135W for students already well-versed in the Spanish language. Students engage in 80 or more hours of community service, employing Spanish as primary language under the supervision of the Wartburg Theological Seminary faculty and in partnership with a local Dubuque agency. *Part of the MDiv Hispanic Ministry Concentration. Two semester hours.*

IN 236W Spanish Practicum 3

Continuation of the ideas and practice fostered by IN 235W for students already well versed in the Spanish language. Students engage in 80 or more hours of community service, employing Spanish as primary language under the supervision of the Wartburg Theological Seminary faculty and in partnership with a local Dubuque agency. *Part of the MDiv Hispanic Ministry Concentration. Two semester hours.*

IN 243W 21st Century Leadership: Public, Connected, and Adaptive [Requirement IN-3]

Students in this course will be equipped to see themselves as servant leaders in relation to the Gospel, other individuals, the faith community, and the wider public. By studying systems theory, diverse forms of communication, and strategies for stewarding local resources, the course cultivates personal leadership skills, capacities, and assets for leadership. This course includes direct training in interpersonal boundaries. *Required, MDiv and MA in Diaconal Ministry students (typically 2nd-year)*

Two semester hours. Frambach, Stache

IN 251W Technology for Ministry

This course will cover introductory material on evaluating websites and software; legal aspects of copyright, intellectual property, and privacy; and design. We will explore a variety of technologies such as websites, blogs, podcasts, apps, and others which students suggest; and examine social networking from a theological perspective. *Elective, one semester hour, Ebertz*

IN 252W Finance and Stewardship for Ministers ("Business Sense" for Ministers)

This course will consider options for encouraging Biblical financial stewardship, review and consider various parish budget formats and administration, review potential Call salary, benefits, and housing issues, and discuss personal financial situations facing ministers. *Elective, one semester hour, Fritschel*

IN 161/162W Spiritual Practices 1 & 2

IN 261/262W Spiritual Practices 3 & 4

IN 361/362W Spiritual Practices 5 & 6

[Requirements IN-7.1 through IN 7.6]

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Required (up to six semesters, depending on degree program) of all students

One half semester hour each, Staff

IN 263W Sabbath as Spiritual Practice

This course will examine historical and theological aspects of sabbath as "holiday" and "holy day," explore a variety of ways to spend in sabbath practice as understood today, and seek ways to incorporate sabbath practices while in seminary and in ministry. *Elective, one semester hour, Ebertz*

IN271/272W Engaging Contexts: Fieldwork 3 and 4 [Requirements IN 9.3 and IN 9.4]

This course locates students in supervised fieldwork in community service organizations with particular attention to reflection on leadership of faith communities in relation to these organizations. The fieldwork site normally remains the same for both IN 271 and IN 272. Normally this fieldwork is in service organizations, although the placement can also be in a congregation or parish at the recommendation of the advisor. Students engage a minimum of 3 hours per week in course related activities, including direct community service, developing a learning contract with their fieldwork supervisor which guides student involvement. Students gather with one another for small group reflection on their fieldwork once per month under the direction of the faculty. For students in a concentration, this course will be done in a site that is appropriate for the learning goals of that concentration.

Required, 2nd-Year MDiv students

One semester hour each, Staff

IN 300W Research Seminar

This course is designed to assist MA and MA in Diaconal Ministry students with their research project and MDiv students who have been approved to complete the thesis option. This course is also helpful to those completing a concentration and its required project. *Required, second year MA and MA in Diaconal Ministry students, offered every fall, (and occasionally as Research Seminar 2 in the spring semester as an optional elective), one semester hour, Ebertz*

IN 301W MDiv Thesis

By permission of the faculty only. A MDiv student may petition prior to or at the start of their final year to complete in their final year ("senior" year) a major research project and writing that culminates in a thesis presented for defense in the spring semester. *Students approved to complete a thesis are highly recommended to also take IN 300W. Six semester hours.*

IN 302W MA Major Research Project

The project integrates the course work for the degree. It may be in one of the classical disciplines or related to some area of ministry and church life, including one of the optional degree concentrations. (In the case of a degree concentration, half of the project should be devoted to that concentration.) Field work may be an element of the research for the project. Guidance for the project is provided in a research seminar (IN 300) in the fall of the second year. *Required, MA students, spring, second year, six semester hours, A project advisor and project reader are assigned by the faculty to oversee and evaluate each MA project.*

IN 303W Youth Culture Mission Project

The project integrates the course work for the Concentration in Youth, Culture, and Mission. *Required, YCM Concentration, three semester hours, A project advisor and project reader are assigned by the faculty to oversee and evaluate each YCM project.*

IN 304W Research for MA Project or Diaconal Ministry Project

This independent study in research is directed toward the completion of the MA Major Research Project or the Diaconal Ministry final research project. It can be taken any time during or after successful completion of the IN 300W Research Seminar. *Three semester hours, Staff*

IN 305W Diaconal Ministry Research Project

The project integrates the fieldwork/internship experience and coursework for the Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree program. *Required, MA in Diaconal Ministry, three semester hours, A project advisor and project reader are assigned by the faculty to oversee and evaluate each Diaconal Ministry project.*

IN 306W Rural Ministry Research Project

The project integrates the course work for the Rural Concentration. *Required, Rural Ministry Concentration, three semester hours, A project advisor and project reader are assigned by the faculty to oversee and evaluate each rural ministry project.*

IN 309W Evangelical Public Leadership

The essential purpose of this class is to explore the nature and expression of faithful, truthful, and effective evangelical public leadership in a very fluid cultural landscape. The course will provide the occasion for students to articulate and further shape their vision for public leadership in and through the Church. Students will learn and reflect on theories and styles of leadership in a collegial environment as preparation for joining congregations (or other institutions) in their life and practice of missional ministry. *Distribution course for the*

YCM concentration or final-year area elective, two semester hours, Frambach

IN 320W Deacon Internship (previously called Diaconal Ministry Fieldwork)

This registration enables students to perform the non-congregational fieldwork or Deacon Internship required for the Word and Service roster in the ELCA. Placement for fieldwork/internship will be determined in conjunction with the Contextual Education office and the student's synod. *Required, MA in Diaconal Ministry, twelve semester hours,*

IN 321(or2)W Diaconal Ministry Congregational Component Fieldwork

Students will work with area congregations in situations contracted by the seminary that are tailored to each student's area of specialty. Together IN 321W and IN 322W fulfill the congregational component required for the prior Diaconal Ministry roster in the ELCA, representing a total of 240 hours of congregational component fieldwork. *For "legacy", MA in Diaconal Ministry students, fall or summer (IN 321W, Part I) and spring or summer (IN 322W, Part II), three semester hours each, six hours total, Staff*

[DM 5] IN 323W Diaconal Ministry: Servant Leadership**[Requirement DM-5 for the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree program]**

Reflecting theologically on internship and field work, students will work inductively to do constructive theology, further developing skills for students' particular areas of service and advocacy. We will engage in conversation, readings, brief weekly statements, case studies, and connection with deacons/diaconal ministers. Together we strive to help the church itself become more diaconal, serving with a prophetic voice in the world and also within the church. The course will foster building connections with diaconal communities in the ELCA, ecumenically, and globally. *Required for final-year MA in Diaconal Ministry students; open to others.*

Two semester hours. Staff

IN 324W Diaconal Ministry Fieldwork Extension

This legacy course enabled students who chose or were approved for an additional CPE unit as a fieldwork option to record the minimum of an additional 200 hours of fieldwork needed to fulfill the requirements for the prior Diaconal Ministry roster in the ELCA. *Six semester hours, Staff*

IN 335W Ministry in Spanish Language

Capstone course for the Hispanic Ministry Concentration, led by the faculty of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (Austin, Texas), for students to review and hone their skills in the practice of ministry in settings using the Spanish language. *Three semester hours, Alanis and Staff*

IN 342W Evangelizing and Stewardship (Spring Prolog Week, for students who started before Fall 2016)

Students will explore the theological foundations of evangelizing and stewardship and the best practices of evangelizing and stewarding congregations from a variety of contexts. The course will present material through lectures, panels with congregational and churchwide practitioners and inductive problem solving and processing by small groups. *Meets Spring Prolog Week Requirement for degree students who started before Fall 2016, normally a final-year course, one semester hour, Staff*

IN 344W Integrative Capstone Seminar [Requirement IN-4]

This course is a seminar of student selected mutually-accountable projects. Students are encouraged to engage a topic that addresses strong interests, passions, or growth areas. These projects should enhance students' theological understandings and ministerial skills. Faculty will act as guides suggesting resources and avenues of research. Seminar groups meet weekly. *Final-year course
Three semester hours, Staff*

IN 345W Christ and Creativity: Word, Image, Imagination [Requirement IN-5]

This course examines the relationship between a creating God and a creative humanity, especially as joined in Christ the Word and Image of God. In addition to thinking about creativity in light of scripture, the Christian tradition and cultural studies, participants will each choose individual topics to study and shape, producing creative works that explore faith artistically and engage cultural forms theologically. Open-ended in medium and subject, these projects will collectively aim to enrich communal conversations about Christ, culture, and gospel proclamation. *Final-year course
Three semester hours, Staff*

IN 346W Reading and Leading in Context: Methods, Media, and Entrepreneurial Practices [Requirement IN-6]

The congregation is a generative locus of theology. An essential focus of the course is helping students cultivate the capacity and develop the skills needed to generate a

"thick description" of congregation and communal contexts for the sake of faithful, truthful, and effective evangelical public leadership. In order to do this, students will explore and practice using tools and resources from congregational studies and deepen their awareness and facility with basic social scientific tools and skills for interpreting contexts and leading through change. In addition, attention will be given to deepening the capacity for cultural exegesis, thus becoming more culturally savvy pastoral leaders.

*Final-year course
Three semester hours, Stache, Frambach*

**IN 161/162W Spiritual Practices 1 & 2
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*Required (up to six semesters, depending on degree program) of all students
One half semester hour each, Staff*

Independent Study

A student may do independent reading or a research project on a topic that is truly interdisciplinary with the approval and under the guidance of a faculty member of the seminary. Independent studies under the IN category are rare and only used in those few instances when a disciplinary label (i.e., BI, HT, MN) is not appropriate. *One to three semester hours.*

IN 199W Readings and Directed Research (First-year level)**IN 299W Readings and Directed Research (Second-year level)****IN 399W Readings and Directed Research (Final-year or graduating student level)**

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Nelson H. Rabell-Gonzalez, Adjunct Instructor in Bible

Elaine Ramshaw, Adjunct Instructor in Pastoral Care

Jan Rippentrop, Adjunct Instructor in Worship

Terra S. Rowe, Adjunct Instructor in Theology

Man Hei Yip, Adjunct Instructor in Missiology

Instructors who have recently taught TEEM and other certificate courses through the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS) in Austin, Texas:

Steven Bishop

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Ruben Duran

James Fowler

Leticia Guardiola-Sainz

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Jira Albers, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Towanda, PA
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Rachel Mithelman, St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, IA
Richard Mueller, Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Florissant, MO
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John Saraka, The Evangelical Church of the Atonement, Syracuse, NY
Michael Short, First English Lutheran Church & UW-P Campus Ministries, Platteville, WI
Thomas Slater, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Naples, FL
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Lorice Amlin, Administrative Assistant to the Faculty

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Barb Simon, Director for Financial Aid and Student Services
Jackie Baumhover, Associate Director for Admissions
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Center for Youth Ministries

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Judy Fortmann, Housekeeping

Recent Graduating Classes

2016 Graduates

Certificate of Attendance

Kevin Torsten Lucian Gutgesell
[International Exchange Student]
David Ronald Raemisch

TEEM Certificates (*Theological Education for Emerging Ministries*; [D]=WTS, Dubuque; [A]=LSPS, Austin, TX)

LeShea Louise Avery [D]
Linda Luanne Forray [D]
Michelle Louise Gehring [D]
Erin Lynn Gullickson [D]
Kristine Kathryn Leaman [D]
Kevin Garret Nelson [D]

Certificate of Theology & Congregational Leadership

Steven P. O'Neill
John Pulkrabek

Master of Arts

Killashandra Raya Link
BA, Concordia College (Moorhead, MN)
Leslie Maye Rauworth Rohde
BA, Luther College

Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry

(*YCM = MA with Youth, Culture, and Mission Concentration*)

Laurel Elizabeth Duncan
BA, Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD)
Andrea Mikel Keene (YCM)
BA, Concordia College (Moorhead, MN)
Koren Barbra Lindley (YCM)
BA, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Therese A. Wagner
BA, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Master of Divinity

(*H = Hispanic Ministry Concentration*)

Aleese Marie Baldwin
BA, Luther College
Daniel James Baldwin
BA, Luther College
Maggie Rose Berndt-Dreyer
BA, Lehigh University
Nathaniel Paxton Bothwell
BA, Hendrix College
MBA, Wake Forest University

Jon Larsen Brudvig
BA, MA, Marquette University
PhD, The College of William & Mary
Bruce Joseph Burbank
BA, Colorado State University
Joseph John Daiker
BA, University of Northern Iowa
Daniel John Flucke
BA, Luther College
Megan Elizabeth Graves
BA, St. Olaf College
Eric Irving Hanson
BA, Augustana College (Rock Island, IL)
Carter Brian Hill
BA, University of North Dakota
Barbara Ann Jones
BA, Wartburg College
Joshua Paul Knudsen
BA, Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD)
Angela Cary Kutney
BS, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Steven Lee Lindley
BA, University of Wisconsin-Madison
MS, Ball State University
Robin Ann Luckey
BA, Indiana University
Rebecca Grace Morris
BA, Carthage College
Peter Ray Olson
BA, Texas Lutheran University
Mytch Pierre-Noel Dorvilier (H)
Various international schools
Christine Sue Salser
BA, University of Dubuque
Carina Lynn Schiltz
BA, Luther College
Paul Richard Waterman
BA, MA, University of Northern Iowa
Dorothy Rose Williams
BA, Augustana College (Rock Island, IL)

2017 Graduates

Certificate of Attendance – International Exchange Student

David Bauer
Joyshree Amanda Singh

TEEM Certificates (*Theological Education for Emerging Ministries; [D]=WTS, Dubuque; [A]=LSPS, Austin, TX*)

Ann L. Albert [D]
Sergio de Jesus Amaya [A]
Mindy Sue Czycalla [D]
William Edward Dodd [D]
Linda G. Estling [D]
Christa Jean Fisher [D]
Sharon Fox Bogen [D]
Elan Louise Hacker [D]
Terry Ann Mogensen [D]
Alvaro Nova Ochoa [A]
Dennis Paul Shaw [A]
John Merritt Warner [D]
Connie Lee Weiss [D]

Master of Arts

(*YCM = MDiv with Youth, Culture, and Mission Concentration; H=Hispanic Ministry Concentration*)

Kathryn Marie Kvamme
BA, University of Minnesota-Duluth
MA, University of Northern Colorado
Kailea Alyssa Mattheis (YCM)
BA, Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD)
Scott David Miller (YCM)
BA, Valparaiso University
Hilaria Naambo Shikongo
Various international schools
Victor Irvin Vieth
BS, Winona State University
JD, Hamline University

Master of Divinity

(*YCM = MDiv with Youth, Culture, and Mission Concentration; H=Hispanic Ministry Concentration*)

Kyle Byrd Barton
BA, Wartburg College
Marlow Paul Carrels
BA, Montana State University

Dinah Eleanor Dutta
BS, St. Theresa's Convent, Eluru, India
MS, St. John's College, Agra, India
MPhil, Agra University, India
PhD, North Eastern Hill University, India
Rebecca Sue Goche
BS, South Dakota State University
Michael S. HarriSon
AS, McHenry County College
Amy Mohwinkel Heinz
BM, University of Texas-Austin
MA, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Brian Matthew Hornbecker
BA, McDaniel College
MPA, George Washington University
Sara Caroline Kayser
BA, University of Dubuque
Samuel Kenneth Kost
BS, Truman State University
William John Layton
BA, Luther College
Christopher Michael Lee
BA, Wartburg College
Jennifer S. Michael
BS, Kaplan University
Brian James Middleswarth
BA, Catawba College
MA, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Steven R. Neal
BA, Hastings College
Anita Tebben Nuetzman
BS, Iowa State University
Reed Lee Pedersen
BA, Wartburg College
Megan Helen Strand Preston
BSW, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Patricia Ruth Schutz
BS, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Christopher John Sesvold
BA, Wartburg College
Lucile Elise Hope Sesvold
BA, St. Olaf College
Kelsie Leiann Theiss
BA, Texas Lutheran University
Paul Benjamin Theiss
BA, Texas Lutheran University
Dale Robert Vlastnik
BS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Summary of Enrollment

Enrollment

Fall Semester 2017

Master of Divinity	
First-Year (including RL, DL, CL)	38
Second-Year	16
"Legacy" Distributed Learning Year B/C	3
Year 3 Non-Interns	1
Interns	17
Final-Year	20
Master of Arts and MA in Diaconal Ministry	
Residential, any year	2
Distributed Learning, any year	7
Discovery (non-degree) Students	18
TEEM Certificate Students	42
Total	164

International Students by Country

Fall Semester 2016

Germany	1
Zimbabwe	1
Total	2

Regions and Synods

The ELCA regions and synods represented by Wartburg Seminary MDiv and MA students enrolled in Fall 2017 and in the ELCA Candidacy process toward a roster.

Region 1:	
Oregon 1E	1

Region 2:	
Rocky Mountain 2E	3

Region 3:	
Western North Dakota 3A	4
Eastern North Dakota 3B	2
South Dakota 3C	5
Northeastern Minnesota 3E	2
St. Paul Area 3H	1
Southeastern Minnesota 3I	2

Region 4:	
Nebraska 4A	7
Central States 4B	6
Arkansas-Oklahoma 4C	1
Southwestern Texas 4E	1
Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast	3

Region 5:	
Metropolitan Chicago 5A	1
Northern Illinois 5B	2
Southeastern Iowa 5D	5
Western Iowa 5E	3
Northeastern Iowa 5F	12
Northern Great Lakes 5G	2
Northwest Synod of Wisconsin 5H	1
East-Central Synod of Wisconsin 5I	8
Greater Milwaukee 5J	7
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin 5K	7

Region 6:	
North/West Lower Michigan 6BA	1
Indiana-Kentucky 6C	2

Region 7:	
Metropolitan New York 7C	1

Region 8:	
Metropolitan Washington D.C. 8G	1

Region 9:	
North Carolina 9B	4
Southeastern 9D	2
Florida-Bahamas 9E	3

Wartburg 2017-2019 Academic Calendar

Some of the dates given below, such as specific dates for registration, Reading and Research Days, and Greek language instruction in the summer, are subject to change based on institutional needs at the time. Dates for the start and end of each major term, as well as the commencement ceremony dates, are not as likely to change.

Summer 2017

May 15-September 1 Tutorial and Independent Study
 June 29-August 26 Beginning New Testament Greek (Online Course)
 July 23 (Sunday evening) – August 30 (Wednesday) Beginning New Testament Greek (Residential Course)

Fall Semester 2017

September 4, Monday afternoon Opening Worship
 September 5-8, Tuesday-Friday Prolog Week/"Intensive Week" Classes
 September 11, Monday Old Curriculum Regular semester classes begin
 September 25, Monday Last day to drop/add classes
 October 9-13, Monday-Friday Research and Reading Week
 November 20-22, Monday-Wednesday Research and Reading Days
 November 23-24, Thursday-Friday Thanksgiving recess
 December 4-8, Monday-Friday Tentative - Interim registration/Spring preregistration
 December 15, Friday Last day of classes

January Interim 2018

January 8-February 2 Interim classes

Spring Semester 2018

February 5, Monday Interim Debriefing Day
 February 6-9, Tuesday-Friday Prolog Week/"Intensive Week" Classes
 February 12, Monday Old Curriculum Regular Spring classes begin
 February 26, Monday Last day to drop/add classes
 March 26-28, Monday-Wednesday Research and Reading Days
 March 29-30, Thursday-Friday Easter recess
 April 23-27 Research and Reading Days
 May 7-11, Monday-Friday Tentative - Fall preregistration
 May 18, Friday Last day of classes
 May 20, Sunday Commencement

Summer 2018

May 21-August 31 Tutorial and Independent Study
 [Dates To Be Determined – Eight Weeks Long] Beginning New Testament Greek (Online Course)
 July 22 (Sunday evening) – August 29 (Wednesday) Beginning New Testament Greek (Residential Course)

Fall Semester 2018

September 3, Monday afternoon Opening Worship
 September 4-7, Tuesday-Friday Prolog Week/"Intensive Week" Classes
 September 10, Monday Old Curriculum Regular semester classes begin
 September 24, Monday Last day to drop/add classes
 October 8-12, Monday-Friday Research and Reading Week
 November 19-21, Monday-Wednesday Research and Reading Days
 November 22-23, Thursday-Friday Thanksgiving recess
 December 3-7, Monday-Friday Tentative - Interim registration/Spring preregistration
 December 14, Friday Last day of classes

January Interim 2019

January 7-February 1 Interim classes

Spring Semester 2019

February 4, Monday Interim Debriefing Day
 February 5-8, Tuesday-Friday Prolog Week/"Intensive Week" Classes
 February 11, Monday Old Curriculum Regular Spring classes begin
 February 25, Monday Last day to drop/add classes
 March 11-15 Research and Reading Days
 April 15-17, Monday-Wednesday Research and Reading Days
 April 18-19, Thursday-Friday Easter recess

May 6-10, Monday-Friday Tentative - Fall preregistration
May 17, Friday Last day of classes
May 19, Sunday Commencement

Summer 2019

May 20-August 30..... Tutorial and Independent Study
[Dates To Be Determined – Eight Weeks Long]..... Beginning New Testament Greek (Online Course)
July 21 (Sunday evening) – August 28 (Wednesday)..... Beginning New Testament Greek (Residential Course)