These are complicated times. And yet the world’s need for educated, empathetic, and courageous religious leaders is more obvious than ever. The faculty and staff are working to ensure you can move ahead with your studies without complication. Below is an overview of what you need to do now to ensure that you are ready when classes begin in the week of August 24th. Please review this material carefully and complete these tasks as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact tsacademicdean@drew.edu. We know that some of you have outstanding questions about housing and moving to campus or to Madison. If you are already in communication with the Student Housing office, please also continue to address your specific questions to them at reslife@drew.edu.

Overview of Fall Meeting Formats

Please carefully review your registration in light of the information provided in this document. You may end up making few or no changes to your registration. Nonetheless, it is important to review things in light of what we and you know now about the fall semester.

When you review your course schedule for the Fall, you will see a meeting TYPE listed for each class. This information will guide you as to how you can attend classes.

How to View Your Schedule to Review Meeting Types

Please see the following overview:

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<th>HYBRID meeting types</th>
<th>These courses meet in person during the 10 weeks at the scheduled time and in an assigned classroom.</th>
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<td><strong>Attend in person OR online</strong></td>
<td>Students who cannot attend in person (for health or travel reasons), have the option to attend the course on Zoom at the scheduled class meeting time.</td>
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<td>Important note: International students in the U.S. on a VISA are required to attend class in person.</td>
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<td>ONLINE meeting types (also “Zoom Classroom”)</td>
<td>These classes are held exclusively ONLINE all semester with no assigned classroom.</td>
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There are two meeting plans for ONLINE courses:

- **Scheduled (or synchronous):** if there is a meeting time scheduled in the system, then students are required to join the class ONLINE at the scheduled times. These class sessions are not optional and cannot be watched on your own schedule.

- **Self-Paced (or asynchronous):** if there is no meeting time scheduled in the system, then students are not required to attend any weekly class gatherings online. The pace of the course is set by the instructor, the course Moodle site (deadlines, etc), and by the student's self-paced schedule.

**EXCEPTIONS AND NOTES**

If there is a particular class in a certain format that you need/want, but it is full, please add yourself to the waitlist for that course.

Currently, WOR 583 Praying with the Spiritual but not Religious will be held in person during fall break. This course does not have an online attendance option.

The TREC 550 travel course to Israel has been changed to Rome. More information will be sent to students already enrolled for that course in a separate email this month.

Seminary Choir (TMUS 800) will not be meeting in person. It will either be online or cancelled. More information will be coming soon.

Caspersen classes will follow the same formats (hybrid and online). Those changes are not yet in the system.

Please select the section of this document that applies to your Fall status:

- Continuing Masters and PhD Students--U.S. Citizens and International students not residing in the U.S.
- Continuing Masters and PhD Students--Students in the U.S. on a VISA
- New Masters and PhD students--U.S. Citizens
- New Masters and PhD Students--Non-U.S. Citizens
Continuing Masters and PhD Students--U.S. Citizens and International students not residing in the U.S.

- REVIEW your registration and make any changes according to your needs and plans
- REPORT your likely mode of attendance for any HYBRID courses

As you review your registration, you will see that all courses now have one of two designations in the system. These are also summarized in the chart above:

**HYBRID courses** meet at scheduled times and in a scheduled classroom. You can attend in person, where everyone will be following Drew’s health and safety guidelines. Or, if you have health or travel considerations, you may attend HYBRID classes via Zoom at the scheduled times.

**ONLINE courses** do not have scheduled classrooms. They will meet completely ONLINE. There are two types of ONLINE courses: those that have scheduled meeting times and those that do not. If there is a scheduled meeting time for an online course you are expected to attend on Zoom at the scheduled time. If there is no scheduled time in the system, then the ONLINE course is completed according to the deadlines on the course Moodle site and at your own pace. For these online courses, you are not required to attend regular class meetings.

Please note that for MDIV and MATM required fall “rooted” courses have choices as follows:

- THEO 501 Transforming Theologies--HYBRID (Thursdays - CRN 10673) OR ONLINE (Self-Paced - CRN 10674). The original Saturday section of this course is now ONLINE self-paced
- VOCF 503 Identity, Spirituality, and Vocation--HYBRID (Thursdays - CRN 10760) OR ONLINE (Wednesdays - CRN 10761) OR ONLINE (Self-Paced - CRN 10762). The original Saturday section of this course is now ONLINE self-paced
- THST 501 Christian Communities in Contexts--HYBRID (Thursdays - CRN 10719) OR ONLINE (Saturdays - CRN 10720) OR ONLINE (Self-Paced - CRN 11400). The Saturday section of this course is now ONLINE at the original scheduled times. A self-paced ONLINE option is now also available.
- VOCF 601 Leadership Seminar--HYBRID (Tuesdays - CRN 10652). Note: all scheduled in person Tuesday sessions will also have an option to Zoom synchronously.
Continuing Masters and PhD Students--Students in the U.S. on a VISA

The U.S. government has not extended the online learning exception to Fall 2020. This means that:

- Students currently residing in the United States on a student visa MUST take a full-time load (9 credits) and are LIMITED TO ONE ONLINE COURSE per semester.
- Students NOT currently residing in the United States can take courses in any mode (see the prior section).

Please complete the following:

- REVIEW your registration and make any changes according to your needs and plans
- REPORT your likely mode of attendance for any HYBRID courses

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Note that classes listed in the system as independent study, off-campus, studio, or field experience are not counted as online courses.

**New Masters and PhD students--U.S. Citizens**

Welcome to Drew! We are excited that you are joining this vibrant and diverse learning community.

If you are not yet registered for classes, please contact Soren Hessler at shessler@drew.edu or book a Zoom appointment via Calendly: https://calendly.com/sorenhessler/student-meeting.

If you are already registered for classes, then please complete the following:

- REVIEW your registration and make any changes according to your needs and plans
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Please note that first semester MDIV and MATM required fall “rooted” courses have choices as follows:

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If you need another self-paced course, you can consider RLSC 501 Religion and Justice in Social Contexts (ONLINE; self-paced - CRN 11399).

**New Masters and PhD Students--Non-U.S. Citizens**

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If you will not be in the U.S. in the Fall 2020, please make a Zoom appointment with Soren Hessler to register for classes. You can make an appointment at [https://calendly.com/sorenhessler/student-meeting](https://calendly.com/sorenhessler/student-meeting). You can register for ONLINE classes. If you have access to sufficient technology, you will be able to complete your fall classes and even your entire degree if you are not able to or planning to arrive in the United States.

If you will be in the U.S. in the Fall 2020, please be aware that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has not extended the online learning exception to Fall 2020. This means that:

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