

RPTIMES

WINTER QUARTER, WEEK 10

ACADEMIC REMINDERS

End of Spring Registration without a Late Fee – Friday, February 15

Exam Week – February 18-22

Start of Spring Quarter – March 4

ACADEMIC NEWS

Requesting Incompletes: Incompletes will not be routinely granted to any student who applies for one. Incompletes will only be granted in exceptional cases and for true emergencies, as determined by the professor. In order to request an Incomplete Grade, a Request for an Incomplete Form (found under the RPTS Links tab in the portal) must be initiated and submitted by the student before the Friday of finals week in a quarter. A professor has the right to deny permission to receive an incomplete grade.

Exam Schedule: The schedule for final exams is as follows:

DAY	START	END	COURSE	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	ST32 Doctrine of Civil Government ◊	MAIN	R. Gamble
	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	NT02 Elementary Greek II ◊	CHAPEL	J. Kinneer
WEDNESDAY	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	PT13 Ministry of Worship ◊	CHAPEL	B. York
	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	ST22 Doctrine of Salvation ◊	MAIN	R. Gamble
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	CH22 History of the Reformation ◊	CHAPEL	J. Bower
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	PT42 Readiness for Pastoral Ministry ◊	2FLR	J. O'Neill
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	CH12 Theological Research & Writing ◊	CHAPEL	T. Reid
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	OT02 Elementary Hebrew II ◊	CHAPEL	C. Williams
	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	ST12 Doctrine of Revelation ◊	MAIN	R. Gamble

Arrange your Payment Plan for 2019 Spring: Anyone not paying in full by the first class of the quarter must have a written payment plan arranged with the RPTS Office for payment as follows: 1/3 of tuition and fees payable by the first class of the quarter; 1/3 of tuition and fees due on Apr. 4; and 1/3 of tuition and fees due on May 4. Contact Vicki Smith to set up a payment plan.

**The use of a Payment Plan for any previous term does not imply that you have one for the new term.*

Registration Late Fees: Any current student who has not registered for the Spring Quarter by Friday, Feb. 15, will be charged a fifty dollar late fee.

AUDITORS: Email [Vicki Smith](#) to request your PIN to register for 2019 Spring.

Spring Quarter Financial Aid & Tuition Payments: If you registered for the Spring Quarter and received notification that your financial aid has been applied, your Estimated Tuition Worksheet is available on the web portal under the Financials tab. If you do not receive financial aid, your updated balance is available as soon as you register. Remember that tuition payments are due on or before the first day of class on March 4.

IMPORTANT - Auditing Spouses: If your spouse wants to audit a class, he/she **MUST** apply as an audit student. Once accepted, he/she can register for the course. Class locations are dependent on class size which is determined by the registration process. Contact [Ed Blackwood](#) for details.

1098-T Tuition Statement for 2018 Tax Year: Your Tuition Statement is available in the web portal under the Financials tab. Click on the 1098-T link.

Note on Registration for the Summer Quarter: The Summer Quarter will have its own registration period from March 4-31. Use your PIN from Spring to register for this quarter. These courses are included in the Spring advising process and do not have a separate advising process.

Registration for the following courses will occur during this period:

- SH44 Dynamics of Public Speaking (May 20-24)
- MS31 Theology and Methods of Missions (May 20-24)
- PT46 Vital Churches (Sept. 3-6)
- Internships

**Independent studies must have the approval of the overseeing professor. Contact [Vicki Smith](#) for more information on how to register for Independent Studies.

Course Evaluations: Course evaluations will be in Moodle for each of your courses. They will be available for a two-week period, beginning the Friday of Week 10 and continuing until the Friday of break week. Your feedback is extremely valuable to the professors and the seminary administration, and it is expected that you will complete an evaluation for each course. Note that course evaluations are only required for classes you are taking for credit, and they are not available for independent study courses or the mercy practicum. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these evaluations, contact [Sharon Sampson](#), not your professor.

RPTS ACTIVITIES

Seminary Women will meet tonight, Monday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 pm. Professor Keith Evans will discuss how to address conflict within the church and pastoral ministry. Childcare is provided. Bring a snack to share.

The RPTS Sermon Awards are given annually to MDiv students who submit the best sermon manuscript based on Romans 15:1-13. [More details are available here.](#) Registration deadline is this Friday, February 15 and submittal deadline is March 15. First place is \$750, second place is \$500, and third place is \$350.

Panera Blessings: DRIVER AND SET UP ARE NEEDED FOR THIS WEEK! Volunteers are needed each Wednesday morning (6:15 at RPTS). Contact Ed Blackwood at 412-731-6000, 412-407-3317 (cell), or in person with questions. Sign-up here: <http://s.rpts.edu/BreadHelp>.

One Ring: It is not the one ring to rule them all, as J.R. Tolkien would have you think, but you can order an RPTS ring with your program (MDIV, MTS, DMIN) and your graduation year. This is available to all current and former students. More information and images are [available here](#). Rings are ordered directly from the manufacturer. Order form is [available here](#).

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

February 12	Zachary Smith
February 13	David Witmer
February 14	Matthew Zhang
February 15	Praise & Prayer

NEWS FROM STUDENTS

Weekly Activities:

- ◇ *Tea Time and Prayer for Women:* Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30 pm in the Willson Center.
 - ◇ *Faculty/student/staff prayer:* Tuesdays at 1 pm in the 2nd floor classroom.
 - ◇ *Practice for oral presbytery exams:* Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 pm in the second floor classroom. Contact [Garrett Mann](#) for information.
 - ◇ *Missions Prayer:* Fridays at 12:30 pm in the Main classroom.
 - ◇ *Walk with Director of "Edmissions":* 5K on Fridays at 6:30 am.
 - ◇ *Basketball on Fridays:* Meet at the hoop at 1 pm.
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BEYOND OUR WALLS

CUBM Bible Challenge: Join our friends at CUBM for this event on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 6-8 pm in the Main Classroom. Bring a covered dish to share.

The Banner of Truth East Coast Ministers' Conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA on May 28 – 30. The theme is *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*. Banner of Truth is offering five full scholarships for the first five RPTS students who register online.

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Join fellow students and faculty during lunch in the basement dining area each week of classes from Tuesday through Friday. Bring your own lunch or purchase the catered meal. Non-dorm students may purchase lunch for \$6, if desired. Reservations are required with the Office at least two days in advance of a meal.

