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# Reformed Presbyterian Times

## Spring Finals Week- May 17-21

### ACADEMIC NEWS

Exam Week- May 17-21, 2021

First Day of Summer Classes: May 24, 2021

RPTS 2021 SPRING Exam Schedule  
3/17/21-3/21/21

DAY	START	END	COURSE	CREDITS	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	ST33 Doctrine of the Church ◊	3	CHAPEL	R. Gamble
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	ST13 Apologetics**◊	3	CHAPEL	R. Gamble
FRIDAY	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	ST41 Doctrine of the Last Things**◊	3	MAIN	R. Gamble

**Registration for Fall 2021:** RPTS will be moving from Empower (the student portal) to a new system, Blackbaud, by next Fall. We believe this will provide a much better experience for our students, faculty, and staff. Due to our migration to Blackbaud, the process for fall registration will happen in two phases. This [Registration Advising Worksheet](#) (also available in the portal) should be filled out by all students for the entire next academic year no later than May 21, 2021. Summer is optional at this time.

Forms not submitted by May 21 will face a late registration fee of \$50. We anticipate having the registration process in the new system available by mid-July. Students will be notified about the process and availability of the new system.

**Summer Registration Late Fees:** Any current student who has not registered for the Summer Quarter by May 24th will be charged a \$50 late fee.

**Summer Schedule:** The following is the schedule for the Summer quarter for those who are registered for independent studies, including those that require the use of recorded materials. (Note that internships and one-week intensives have their own schedules as set by the professors.)

- Quarter Start/Finish: May 24 - August 13
- Final Day to Withdraw from Classes Without Failure: May 28
- Summer Break: August 13-Sept 3
- Final Day to Finish Incompletes from the Spring Quarter: June 11

**Requesting Incompletes:** Incompletes are not routinely granted to any student who applies for one. Incompletes are only given in exceptional cases and for true emergencies, as determined

by the professor. The [Request for Incomplete Grade](#) form (found under the RPTS Links tab in the portal) must be initiated and submitted by the student before the Friday of finals week. A professor has the right to deny permission to receive an incomplete grade or to reduce the final grade up to one grade point.

**IMPORTANT - Auditing Spouses:** If your spouse wants to audit a class, They **MUST** apply as an audit student. Once accepted, They can register for the course. Class locations are dependent on class size which is determined by the registration process. See Ed Blackwood for details.

**Course Evaluations:** Course evaluations are located in MOODLE for each of your courses. They will be available for two weeks, beginning Friday, May 14, and continuing until Friday, May 28. Your feedback is extremely valuable to the professors and the seminary administration, and course evaluations are required from all credit students, except for independent studies and the mercy practicum. Auditors should not complete evaluations. Credit students who don't complete evaluations will receive an assessment hold on their account. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these evaluations, contact Jordan Feagley, not your professor.

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Tuition 2021-2022:** Masters Tuition will not increase next year however the flat rate tuition for students taking 13-16 tuition will be removed. Each additional credit will be \$374.00.

**Financial Aid Information:** If you receive financial aid, it will be added to your account for the upcoming quarter on Tuesday, June 1 which is after the add/drop deadline. If you have extenuating circumstances and need this done prior to that time, please contact [Stephen Mulder](#).

**Payment Plan:** Anyone not paying in full by the tuition due date, June 4, must have a written payment plan arranged with the RPTS Office. This plan must be requested by the end of Add/Drop, May 28. When the payment plan is arranged, the student must sign a promissory note as documentation of the plan and promise to pay by the tuition due date. Use [this form](#) to request a payment plan. This form is also on the web portal under RPTS Links -> Forms.

\*\* You must set up a payment plan each quarter if desired.

\*\* If the Promise to Pay is not returned on time, the payment plan will be revoked, and the full tuition will be due.

### Payment Options

- Paying by credit card? Students who wish to pay by credit card can use the link provided on the web portal (financials tab > student billing > pay tuition by credit card), which can also be found [here](#).
- Online Bill Pay: Most bank accounts now have online banking and free online bill pay. You can likely set up RPTS as a biller in your online bill pay and have your bank send RPTS a check for your payments to avoid you or RPTS paying the credit card fee. For more instructions, [click here](#).

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## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Chapel will not occur during Finals Week.



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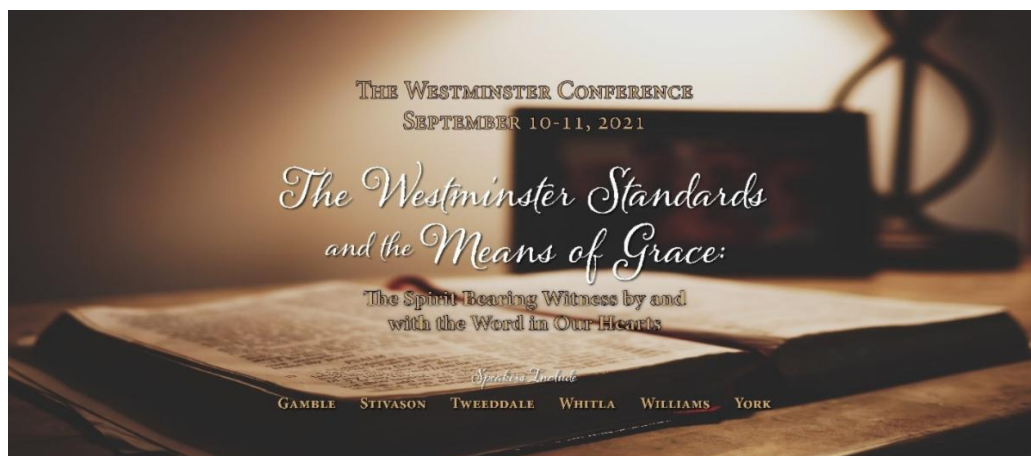
## RPTS ACTIVITIES

**Breaking Bread Together:** No Catered meals will be offered during Exam Week. Salad and sandwich supplies will be available for dorm students and faculty.

**RPTS Commencement** will take place on May 21, at 7:00 p.m., at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church, 3916 Bakerstown Rd, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania 15044. Everyone is invited to attend and rejoice with your classmates.

**The Westminster Conference** will be held on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 77 Phillips Lane, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. The theme of the conference is “The Westminster Standards and the Means of Grace: The Spirit Bearing Witness by and with the Word in our Hearts”. The speakers will be Dr. C.J. Williams, Dr. Jeff Stivason, Dr. Barry York, Dr. Richard Gamble, Dr. David Whitla, and Dr. John Tweeddale. Crown and Covenant will have a book table available.

- Registration for current RPTS students (and their spouses) is free, however, you do need to complete the registration form available [here](#).



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## RPTS GENERAL INFORMATION

**Tamara (Blackwood) Noell** – be in prayer for Tamara Blackwood, daughter of Ed Blackwood, next Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, as she undergoes surgery to remove the remaining portion of a brain tumor. See more details [from her own words](#).

**Internet Issues:** If the Internet is down in Rutherford Hall or the Willson Center, call RPTS Tech Support (between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday to Saturday) at 412-502-5511.

**Lost & Found:** All items will be discarded after May 21, so check the bin in the laundry room for your lost belongings.

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# BEYOND OUR WALLS

**Banner East Coast Minister's:** Will be hosting their annual East Coast Ministers' Conference on May 25-27. The Theme will be "Devoted to Christ's Church" For more information click [here](#). Scholarships are available for RPTS students, please see [Katie](#) in the main office to learn how to apply.

**Employment:** The basement bulletin board has been updated with several new employment opportunities. Please take the time to check out the available positions.

**Check the bulletin board** in the basement for details on events and employment outside of RPTS.

*Do you follow RPTS? These are great ways to keep track of professor quotes, conferences, and news at the Seminary:*



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***"Advancing Still from Strength to Strength"***  
*Psalm 84:7*