



STUDY UNDER PASTORS



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FALL QUARTER, EXAM WEEK



ACADEMIC REMINDERS

Exam Week – November 13-17

Quarter Break – November 18-26

1st Day of Winter Classes – November 27



ACADEMIC NEWS

Registration Late Fees: Any current student who did not register for the Winter Quarter by last Friday, Nov. 10, will be charged a fifty dollar late fee.

Planning to graduate in May, 2018? Deadline to apply is *this Friday*, Nov. 17.

Requesting Incompletes: Incompletes are not routinely granted to any student who applies for one. Incompletes are only 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 or to reduce the final grade up to one grade point.

REMINDER: Independent studies require permission from the professor and cannot be registered by the student. If you are interested in enrolling in an independent study, contact [Vicki Smith](#) for more information about the process.

Winter Quarter Financial Aid & Tuition Payments: If you have registered for the Winter Quarter and have 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 Mon., Nov. 27.

Payment Plan: Anyone not paying in full by the first class of the quarter must have an established payment plan arranged with the RPTS Office. Applicable tuition and fees, minus financial aid awards, will be divided into three equal payments. The first payment is due by the first class of the quarter. The second payment is due on Jan. 4. The final payment, which will include any additional costs incurred, is due on Feb. 4. When the payment

plan is arranged with the Office, the student will sign a promissory note as documentation of the plan and promise to pay. Contact [Vicki Smith](#) to set up your payment plan.

****PLEASE NOTE that you must advise the Office each quarter to set up a payment plan.**

Counseling Observation: Are you considering registering for BC12 Counseling Observation for the winter quarter? If so, you should do so as soon as possible. In addition to attending class on Mondays from 4-6 pm, students are scheduled to sit in on a counseling case for one hour per week (on either Monday or Wednesday, daytime or evening). Counselees are currently being scheduled for the start of the quarter, and we need to make sure that these appointments are scheduled when students are available to observe. Also, it is best for observation to begin the first week of class, if possible. Contact [Sharon Sampson](#) if you have any questions. And register soon!

Course Evaluations: You will be provided with course evaluation forms for each of your courses for the quarter. You will receive an email for each course which will give you a link to the evaluation form for each course. Completing these evaluations is required of all students. We value your feedback!

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. See [Ed Blackwood](#) for details.

Seminary Women will meet tonight, Monday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 pm in the basement classroom. All female students and students' wives are invited to attend. Barry and Miriam York will talk about ways to encourage and respect your husbands. Bring food to share if you are able. Childcare is provided. Call Sherri Williams at 412-996-4667 with any questions.

Thanksgiving Break Week: The faculty and staff pray that you will have a blessed time of Thanksgiving with your families and a peaceful rest from study next week. Note that chapel does not meet during break week, lunch is not served at RPTS, nor is the newsletter published. See you next quarter!



RPTS ACTIVITIES

Internet Issues: If the Internet is out in Rutherford Hall or the Willson Center, call RPTS Tech Support (between 8 am and 8 pm, Mon.-Sat.) at 412-253-4246, option 2.

Panera Bread Pickup: Each quarter, 15 volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry one Wednesday morning each (6:15 at RPTS). Sign-up to help pick it up and arrange it each week. <http://s.rpts.edu/BreadHelp>.

With winter weather quickly approaching, how do you know if you have class or not? The answer is easy: RPTS is almost always open. Use your best judgment on driving conditions. RPTS only posts closures, so if you don't see a closing announcement, we are open. Check your email, the "News/Events" section on the Seminary website, listen/watch KDKA radio/TV, or check their website at www.kdka.com, for official RPTS closing information.

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 - 9 pm. You and your family are cordially invited to join the faculty, students, and staff of RPTS for a time of food and fellowship. Register for dinner on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or via email to [Kim Backensto](#). RSVP by Nov. 28 with the number who will attend and sign up to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert.

We also take some time as a Seminary family to entertain ourselves after dinner. Consider sharing your considerable talents with your RPTS family. Acts in the past have included singing, poetry, funny skits, storytelling, and instrumental performances. We would love to hear from you. Contact [Ed Blackwood](#) if you wish to participate. Deadline to register for entertainment is Nov. 28.

Amazon Smile: There is a unique way for you to help RPTS through your purchases on Amazon. Using [this link](#), you can designate the Seminary which will be listed as 'Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America' as your charity and a portion of your purchases will be donated to RPTS.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Chapel does not meet during Exam Week.

NEWS FROM STUDENTS

Congratulations!

- ☞ RPCNA's Atlantic Presbytery certified Gabriel Wingfield (MDiv) as eligible to receive a call.
- ☞ RPCNA's Midwest Presbytery officially licensed Romesh Prakashpalan (MDiv) to preach.

Weekly Activities:

- ⇒ Evangelism: Sundays at 3:30 pm
- ⇒ Walk/Run: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 am
- ⇒ Faculty/Student Prayer: Tuesdays at 1 pm in 2nd floor classroom
- ⇒ Workout Sessions: Wednesdays & Fridays at 6:30 am at the Battiatos' apartment (7417 Penn Ave)
- ⇒ Bite Sized Theology: Wednesdays at 12:20 pm (order lunch in Office by Monday if desired)
- ⇒ Tea/Prayer Time for Women: Fridays at 12:30 pm in Willson Center
- ⇒ World Missions Prayer Time: Fridays at 2:30 pm in the chapel.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Baptist Institute Winter Quarter: The Baptist Institute offers classes that may count toward your RPTS Master's degree. Registration is now open for Theology of Worship. Contact Brian Hart at 412-461-2107 or by email at baptistinstituteppgh.org for more information and to register.

Pittsburgh Zoo: Admission will be free at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium from Nov. 18 through Nov. 30. The zoo will be closed on Thanksgiving, but is open from 9 am - 5 pm every day.

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

If you desire to purchase lunch, you can do so in the Office at least two days in advance.

Fall Finals Schedule Nov. 13-17

DAY	START	END	COURSE	CREDITS	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
TUESDAY	12:45 AM	2:45 PM	ST82 Calvin's Institutes	3	CHAPEL	R. Gamble
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	NT12 Interpretation of the Bible	3	CHAPEL	B. York
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	ST31 Doctrine of Human Nature	3	CHAPEL	R. Gamble
	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	PT11 Spiritual Development	3	MAIN	J. O'Neill
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	NT21 New Testament Exegesis	3	CHAPEL	J. Kinneer
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	ST21 Doctrine of God	3	CHAPEL	R. Gamble
FRIDAY	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	NT01 Elementary Greek	3	CHAPEL	J. Kinneer
	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	OT01 Elementary Hebrew	3	2FLR	C. Williams
	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	PT32 Care & Administration	3	MAIN	B. York