STEP One Platform – REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW (Non-Counseling) STUDENTS AS OF FALL 2014

The **STEP One Platform (ITS 5500)** is a 5-week introductory, online, non-credit platform that will set the student on pace for a thriving Seminary journey by exposing them to several tools necessary for success. The student will have an opportunity to give feedback on their experience as an entering new student through the ESQ (Entering Student Questionnaire) - this assessment is only offered during the Fall Semester section for this course. The student will complete a writing assessment to gain a better understanding of what is necessary for academic writing success at the Seminary. Opportunity will be given to each student to learn how to navigate through an online format via a LMS (Learning Management System). Participation in online dialogue with fellow students, devotions, email correspondence, videos, and special readings are all a part of this introductory platform. Additionally, students complete a personality assessment to discover personal strengths and preferences that will enhance a deeper knowledge of one’s self. Lastly, each student will be assigned to an academic advisor who will put together a MAP (My Advising Plan) for an appropriate and successful educational journey at ATS.

**This course is pass/fail and required for graduation. It must be completed within the student’s first year of degree program.**