MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL STUDIES

FORMATION COMPONENTS

NON-ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

ORIENTATIONS: Attendance is required at 3 orientations: academic, formation, and field education. Provide introduction to the goals and mission of STM and the particular way those are lived in the learning/formation community. Introduce students to each other, to Seattle University, and to some of the faculty and staff who will journey with them.

ANNUAL ADVISOR MEETINGS: Provide a time for planning classes, reflecting on life situations in relation to course and formation expectations, and ongoing discerning of one's call to serve in ministry. Students initiate these sessions.

REFLECTION DAYS/EVENINGS (4 DAYS OR 6 EVENINGS IN THE FIRST 2 YEARS OF STUDY): Provide extended time and space for students to balance academic rigor with space and time for prayer, faith sharing, and community building. Each event is planned by students who develop leadership, organizing, public prayer, and hospitality competencies. The schedule of the days varies according to reflection group. Students are required to participate with their designated reflection group.

LEADERSHIP ROLES/COMMUNITY SERVICE (2 IN THE COURSE OF STUDY): Students can meet this expectation by planning days of reflection; STM community gatherings; corporate prayer and worship services; Ad Hoc STM Committees, Orientation Days; other school committees or volunteer opportunities, denominational meetings, etc.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (1 YEAR): Provides ongoing integration for psycho-spiritual and personal development. One year of monthly spiritual direction concurrent with the program is required. Lists of available Spiritual Directors are included in another section of this handbook.

NON-ACADEMIC – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

CORPORATE PRAYER & WORSHIP: Most classes offer times for community prayer. Every weekend session incorporates time for community prayer. On-campus liturgies and prayer experiences provide opportunities for all STM students to deepen their course experience through community prayer.

RETREATS: Provide an extended period apart for depth awareness and relationship with the sacred as well as growth in clarity of one's call to ministry. Students are encouraged to have a retreat director, or take part in a planned retreat experience.

DENOMINATIONAL GATHERINGS: Some of the denominations *initiate* opportunities for students to gather with their leadership on a regular basis. These meetings provide time for networking on resources and events within the denomination. They can also be a time for communicating on such subjects as ordination, placement, and particular denominational requirements.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS: STM sponsors a wide range of community gatherings, from the Great Theologian Lectures, the STM picnic in May, to other events as they arise. These events further enhance who we are as a theological school and provide opportunities for us to come together as a community.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

FIELD EDUCATION AND THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION: Includes field placements and internships, and/or CPE, or Practicum for the field education; *Theological Reflection in Ministry* or *Ministerial and Theological Integration* classes integrate practical experience with theological reflection.

MAPS REFLECTION GROUP

NON-ACADEMIC FORMATION CHECKLIST

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

PRIMARY FORMATION COMMUNITY: _____

PLEASE FILL IN DATES COMPLETED.

1.) PROGRAM ORIENTATIONS. ACADEMIC DATE:_____ FORMATION DATE: _____ FIELD ED. DATE: _____

2.) ADVISING (ONCE ANNUALLY).

YEAR 1: _____ YEAR 2: _____ YEAR 3: _____

3.) STM SPONSORED REFLECTION DAYS (4 DAYS OR 6 EVENINGS IN FIRST 2 YEARS OF STUDY).

DATE: _____ DATE: _____ DATE: _____ DATE:_____
DATE: _____ DATE: _____

4.) LEADERSHIP ROLES/COMMUNITY SERVICE: Students can meet this expectation by planning days of reflection; STM community gatherings; corporate prayer and worship services; Ad Hoc STM Committees, Orientation Days; other school committees or volunteer opportunities, denominational meetings, etc. (2 in the course of study)

INDICATE TYPE: _____ INDICATE TYPE: _____

DATE: _____ DATE: _____

5.) SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (1 YEAR).
INDICATE NAME OF DIRECTOR: _____

YEAR 1: _____ YEAR 2: _____ YEAR 3: _____ YEAR 4: _____