MASTER OF DIVINITY

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 (1 PER YEAR THROUGH 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.

MDiv students are expected to exercise a leadership role in at least one worship service per year either here at STM or in another setting.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (CONCURRENT WITH PROGRAM, 2 YEARS MINIMUM): Provides ongoing integration for psycho-spiritual and personal development. Two years 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 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 festive events as they arise. These events further enhance who we are as a theological school and provide opportunities to come together as a community.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

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

MDIV 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:_____ Year 4:_____

3.) STM SPONSORED REFLECTION DAYS (4 DAYS OR 6 EVENINGS).

Date:_____ Date:_____ Date:_____

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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. (1 per year through the course of study)

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5.) SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (Concurrent with program, 2 years minimum).

INDICATE NAME OF DIRECTOR: _____

Year 1:_____ Year 2:_____ Year 3:_____ Year 4:_____

ADVISOR FOR PROTESTANT STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Is student aware of denominational requirements?

Yes_____ No_____ (If not, please notify Director of IETS)

Is the student an ordination candidate?

Yes_____ No_____