**MASTER OF DIVINITY FORM B**

**Requirements for the Specialization in Restorative Justice & Prison Ministry**

Purpose: This specialization is designed to prepare students for ministry with persons who are incarcerated, their families, and others who work in or are involved in the correctional and criminal justice systems. It will also require students to develop a theological framework for understanding restorative justice and systemic sin and to develop ability to do prophetic ministry in the context of the local congregation.

**Outcomes for the Specialization**

Students will:

1. Develop an understanding of the life situations of prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families, most of whom are marginalized persons with life journeys characterized by subcultural values, addictive, chaotic lifestyles and intergenerational antisocial thinking.
2. Learn approaches to pastoral care specific to the needs of this population.
3. Gain an understanding of criminal thinking and the implications this has for ministry.
4. Develop a theological and biblical critique of the retributive criminal justice system.
5. Develop a theological and biblical understanding of restorative justice that informs ministerial practice and can engage criminal justice and correctional systems in a prophetic way..
6. Develop an understanding of systemic sin, powers and principalities, the economic and social investment in the criminal justice and correctional systems.
7. Conceptualize the role of the nation state and the application of coercive power in criminal justice and correctional systems and develop a theological critique of that reality.

**Portfolio**

These outcomes shall be developed through a portfolio of courses, special projects and immersion experiences. The portfolio shall be evaluated on an ongoing basis by the advisors to the Restorative Justice specialization. The portfolio may include, but is not limited to:

1. Course syllabi
2. Papers and projects on immersion experiences
3. Research papers
4. Papers done for independent reading and studies

This specialization shall be informed by courses presently in the Saint Paul curriculum. It will synthesize the material from present courses with the specialized teaching. There will be six hours immediately available within the specialization. Other course may be developed. Other hours will be added as specialized emphases are developed within existing courses.

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**This form is to be completed in advising conferences between the student and academic advisor. The form will be included in the student’s permanent academic file. All courses must be approved by the specialization advisor.**

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| Name of student: |
| Academic advisor: |

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| **REQUIRED COURSES (6 credit hours)** | Term and Year Completed | Credit Hours |
| The following courses shall be taken as electives: |  |  |
| CHS 350 American Criminal Law and Restorative Justice |  | 3 |
| IMM 338 Immersion: Prison Ministry |  | 2 |
| Integrative Seminar |  | 1 |
|  | **Total Credit Hours** | **6** |

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| **REQUIRED CONTENT AREA COURSES (6 credit hours)** | Term and Year Completed | Credit Hours |
| PCR 4\* Upper level elective in Pastorals Care |  |  |
| HBS 4\* or NTS 4\* or THL 4\* Upper level elective in Bible or Theology |  |  |
|  | **Total Credit Hours** | **6** |

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| **SUPPORTING COURSES: *choose a 3 credit hour course from any discipline except Bible or Theology(must be approved by RJ&PM advisor)*** | Term and Year Completed | Credit Hours |
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|  | **Total Credit Hours** | **3** |

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| Anticipated year and term of graduation: |  |  |
| Signature of student: |  | Date: |
| Signature of academic advisor: |  | Date: |