

**MASTER OF DIVINITY FORM B**  
**Requirements for the Specialization in Women, Society, and Church Studies**

**Purpose**

This specialization prepares students to address matters involving women in society and church. The specialization's basic structure is the same for each student but the specialization will be tailored to meet the student's educational and vocational goals.

**Outcomes for the Specialization**

- Knowledge of issues faced by women in society and church
- Understanding historical developments of women and women's movements
- Knowledge of writings that represent a feminist school of thought
- Methods of reading texts and situations through a feminist hermeneutic or epistemology
- Creatively and critically using feminist approaches to the practices of ministry

**Portfolio**

These outcomes shall be demonstrated through a portfolio that will represent each course counted for the specialization as well as pertinent extracurricular projects. The portfolio will be evaluated by one of the specializations' advisors. The portfolio may include the following items.

- Course syllabi
- Essays, research papers, and class projects
- Extracurricular projects, reflections, essays, liturgies, sermons

This specialization will be nurtured by courses offered across the Saint Paul School of Theology curriculum. This broad based approach to courses represents the many points of intersection between this specialization and the disciplines and fields of theological education even as it makes this specialization distinctive from other Master of Divinity specializations at Saint Paul. A course may count toward the specialization as long as the student makes a case that demonstrates how the matter relating to Women, Society, and Church Studies provides a lens for the student's work in the course. The field of Women, Society, and Church Studies will provide the primary lens for nine credit hours of course work. In six credit hours of course work it could be a supportive lens. Usually students will receive approval for this supportive lens from the course instructor as well as from an advisor to the specialization.

**Advisors**

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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.**

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

The courses listed below fulfill the 15 credit hours of required course work in the specialization. A course may not meet more than one degree or specialization requirement.

<b>REQUIRED COURSES (2 credit hours)</b>	Course Number	Term and Year Completed	Credit Hours
The following courses shall be taken as electives:			
MIN 340 Topics in Women, Society, and Church Studies I	<u>MIN 340</u>	_____	<u>1</u>
MIN 341 Topics in Women, Society, and Church Studies II	<u>MIN 341</u>	_____	<u>1</u>

**PRIMARY COURSES (6 credit hours)**

Choose coursework where Women, Society, and Church Studies is a primary hermeneutic lens. For example:

- ETH 441 Feminist, Womanist and Mujerista Ethics
- PCR 440 Feminist and Womanist Pastoral Care
- ETH 450 Mornings with Alice: Moral Problems and Ethical Possibilities
- THL 420 Seminar in Theological Studies
- THL 424 Theology in Context
- THL 432 Theological Anthropology
- THL 441 Christian Scripture and Feminist Hermeneutics
- THL 446 Liberation Theology in the U.S.
- THL 450 Studies in a Selected Theologian

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**SUPPORTING COURSES (7 credit hours)**

Coursework where Women, Society, and Church Studies offers a supporting lens. All courses must be approved by the specialization advisor, and the course instructor

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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	_____
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>	<b><u>15</u></b>

Anticipated year and term of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of academic advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_