

**ST. PETER'S SEMINARY / KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**at The University of Western Ontario Fall**  
**Semester / 2017 - 2018**

**FIELD EDUCATION - 5482**  
**MINISTRY TO THE PERIPHERIES**  
**Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

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**A. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Having identified areas of needed personal growth, the Theology IV student, in collaboration with the Director of Field Education, will choose to minister in a parish or a specialized ministry. A Placement Supervisor will be assigned to evaluate their ministry; the Director of Field Education will work directly with this individual. *Seminarians will be assigned to the parish in which they are ministering; those in a specialized ministry will be assigned to a parish and will attend Masses at that parish on the designated weekends.* The desired outcome of this ministry for the theology student is to recognize the need to go beyond “our comfort zone” in order to meet and minister to others in whatever life situation they may find themselves.

In addition, four Theological Reflection Gatherings will be scheduled allowing the student to share with those in similar ministries their lived experiences in the ministry they are providing.

**B. GOALS**

This course will assist students to grow in the following knowledge, skills and attitudes:

***Knowledge:***

1. understand the responsibility of ministering to the homebound, hospitalized, or the marginalized
2. discover various methods of communication with the vulnerable and placement supervisors
3. comprehend issues of ethics when ministering with the vulnerable

***Skills:***

1. exercise conversation and dialogue skills with sick, elderly, and/or those living with physical, emotional, and/or spiritual challenges
2. implement various ways of engaging the sick and/or vulnerable when discussing the faith
3. identify and exercise professional responsibility in ministry
4. develop methods of interacting with various age groups
5. acquire skills for co-responsible ministry
6. practice theological reflection

**Attitudes:**

1. celebrate the diversity of those to whom you will minister
2. appreciate the various methods of outreach ministry
3. develop an openness to new ideas, respect for others, and hospitality
4. reflect on one's own perceptions about growth in spiritual life

**C. MODE OF EVALUATION: Pass or Fail**

The student is evaluated by the Placement Supervisor as well as by the Director of Field Education. To receive a Pass Grade the requirements are:

1. Weekly attendance to site of placement outside of the four specified dates
  2. Attendance at and active participation in the four Theological Reflection Seminars
  3. Submission of Theological Reflection Papers
  4. Completion and submission of the *Student Learning Contract*
- Neglecting any or all of these requirements will result in a Fail.***

**D. COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Weekly Pastoral Visits** as outlined below.
2. **Theological Reflection Seminars**
  - Wednesday, September 13, 2017 (along with Reverend Denis Grecco)
  - Wednesday, November 15, 2017
  - Wednesday, January 31, 2018 (along with Reverend Denis Grecco)
  - Tuesday, March 13, 2018
3. **Student Learning Contract:** Identifying the areas of needed personal, pastoral, and professional growth, the student is to complete the "Objectives" and "How this will be accomplished" sections in dialogue with the Placement Supervisor. This should be completed during your first Field Education Ministry visit.
  - A copy is to be submitted to the Director of Field Education by **September 29, 2017**.
4. **Release of Information Form** is to be submitted to the Director of Field Education by **September 29, 2017**.
5. **Assignments:** Each student is responsible for two Theological Reflections papers (4-5 pages). These are to be submitted to the Director of Field Education.
  - First Semester: **Due Wednesday, December 6, 2017**
  - Second Semester: **Due Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

## **E. STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE**

**WEDNESDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup> (Week 1)**

*Theological Reflection Seminar*

**WEDNESDAY, September 20<sup>st</sup> (Week 2)**

*Pastoral Visit*

**September 27<sup>th</sup> (Week 3)**

*Pastoral visit*

**October 4<sup>th</sup> (Week 4)**

*Pastoral Visits*

**October 11<sup>th</sup> (Week 5)**

*Fallow Week*

**October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (Weeks 6 and 7)**

*Pastoral Visits*

**November 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (Weeks 8 and 9)**

*Pastoral Visits*

**November 15<sup>th</sup> (Week 10)**

*Theological Reflection Seminar*

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> (Weeks 11, 12, and 13)**

*Pastoral Visits*

➤ ***Theological Reflection Paper Due Wednesday, December 6, 2017***

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (Weeks 14, 15, and 16)**

*Pastoral Visit*

**January 31<sup>st</sup> (Week 17)**

*Theological Reflection Seminar*

**February 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (Weeks 18 and 19)**

*Pastoral Visits*

**February 21<sup>st</sup> (Week 20)**

*Reading Week*

**February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> (Weeks 21 and 22)**

*Pastoral Visits*

**TUESDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup> (Week 23)**

*Theological Reflection Seminar*

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> (Weeks 24, 25, 26, and 27)**

*Pastoral Visits* – Placement Supervisors and Students should arrange a time to get together to review the **Student Contract** and the **Student Assessment Form** completed by the Placement Supervisor prior to the final class. These are to be returned, through the courtesy of the Student, to the Director of Lay Formation.

➤ **Theological Reflection Paper Due Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

**F. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.”

**Students are responsible** for knowing the University’s academic policies and regulations and any particularities of their own course of study. Ignorance of these policies is not an excuse for any violation thereof. The following policies are particularly important to note:

**Submission of Assignments:** It is the responsibility of the student to organize his or her work so that the assignments are completed on time. A penalty of 10% of the value of the assignment will be deducted for each day it is overdue without permission.

Students who are unable to hand in assignments or take examinations for legitimate reasons must consult with the instructor. If the reason is medical, students may be required to provide a note from a doctor. Ordinarily, all assignments and exams will be made up at a later date. In certain circumstances, the final grading scheme may be re-weighted if the missed assignment is of a low weight.

**Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt by quotation marks and/or footnotes. Plagiarism is a major academic offense. Students may be required to submit their work in electronic form for plagiarism checking.

**Selection and Registration of Courses:** Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded, that all prerequisite course(s) have been successfully completed, and that they are aware of any anti-requisite course(s) that they have taken.

### **Classroom Conduct**

Students are expected to conduct themselves with respect for everyone and with professionalism in all classroom activities. Laptops and other electronic devices may be used for classroom academic activities only. Disruptive use of such devices may result in the instructor choosing to limit their use.

### **Support Services**

Students who are in emotional/mental health distress should refer to Mental Health@Western: <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

University Students Council provides many valuable support services for students (including the health insurance plan) <http://westernusc.ca/services/>.

**Information about Counselling and Student Development, including Services for Students with Disabilities** at King's is available at <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/who-we-are/administrative-departments/dean-of-students/>

**For emotional/mental health assistance see specifically:**

<http://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/student-support-services/mental-health-and-wellness-at-king-s/>

The web site for Academic Services at King's University College is

<http://www.kings.uwo.ca/currentstudents/academic-support/>

These services are not meant to replace those offered at the Seminary, but may be beneficial to our students after consultation with the appropriate instructors, administrators, and formators.

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*This list in no way exhausts the writing which has been done on  
the art of Theological Reflection.  
Check your local library.*