Upon admission to the licentiate program the student must choose his/her area of concentration from any of the following:

- a) Biblical Theology
- b) Systematic-Dogmatic Theology
- c) Moral Theology
- d) Spirituality and Pastoral Counseling
- e) Migration Theology
- f) Spirituality and Leadership

(see program description below)

**General STL Guidelines**

**Academic Prerequisites**

To get accepted to this program the applicants must have the ecclesiastical degree Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (STB) with at least a general average of 2.0 (B+). Those who finished four years of theology from a seminary that does not offer the STB may also qualify for the STL program provided they have good grades (at least a general average of 2.0 or B+) and they can offer some proof (e.g., a research paper they have written in their seminary course, etc.) of their capacity to write a *tesina*.

Applicants must pass an Entrance Exam administered by the Ateneo.
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LST English Proficiency Test. They are admitted to the
STL program upon the recommendation of the Standards & Degrees Committee and the approval of
the
Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Students who are admitted by the Vice President for Academic Affairs to LST must complete at
least two-thirds of the required course work at LST before receiving a degree. The number of
credits to be accepted for transfer will be determined by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
Special attention must be given to the principal theological disciplines which are obligatory (LST
Statutes, art. 36).

STL Language Requirements

The STL program requires a working knowledge of one modern language, besides English, in which
significant theological writing has been done (e.g., German, French, or Spanish), one Biblical
language (Hebrew or Greek), and Ecclesiastical Latin. The requirements may be satisfied either by
[a] taking language courses of two semesters each language in any university/college,
provided that at least a grade of B is attained; or by [b] passing a proficiency test administered by
LST in any or all of these languages. The test, lasting for 30 minutes, consists in translation of a
page of Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Greek, Ecclesiastical Latin, German, French, or Spanish, with
the aid of a dictionary.
The language requirements must be fulfilled before writing the
tesina.
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Course Work

The program requires at least three semesters of course work in which the student must successfully complete eleven (11) licentiate or doctoral level courses – a total of 33 credit units. A two-part methodology course is also required, Theo Meth 301 Methods and Materials of Research: Academic Writing and Theo Meth 302 Methods and Materials of Research: Library Research.

a) Concentration (21 units):
Seven courses or seminars are drawn from the student's field of concentration.

Students specializing in Biblical Theology are required to take Biblical Hermeneutics and Research Methods. Those specializing in Spirituality and Pastoral Psychology are required to take Pastoral Psychology and Counseling.

Reading Courses:
Two of the seven concentration courses must be reading courses specifically geared toward the topic of the student's thesis. At the end of each reading course, the student must submit a written report in the form of a Review of Literature, i.e., a survey and evaluation of books and articles dealing with a specific research topic. The review must cover all the books and articles assigned by the professor as well as other readings that the student may have discovered for himself/herself in the course of the research. The reading course includes pre-arranged meetings with the professor to discuss the reading materials.
Before enrolling in the reading courses, they must first be approved by the Director of Advanced Graduate Students or the Vice President for Academic Affairs. A clear distinction should be made between reading courses and tutorial courses. Reading courses are tailor-made to suit the specific topic of the student's tesina. Tutorial courses may also involve reading assignments on a course bibliography, but the readings may not necessarily deal with the topic of the student's tesina.

b) Electives (12 units):
Four courses are electives chosen from outside the field of concentration.
is a joint endeavor of

It begins by clarifying the meaning of discernment and traces the development of the idea and contemplative in action today. everything, the course concludes with a strategy of discernment to help persons grow as a equip them to respond to new tensions related to leadership and management of resources.

Project Proposal, Handling Paradoxes With Joy

This course provides the participants with a contemporary understanding of mission and Leaders

one's leadership style and help discern which approach to leadership is necessary for Teaching of the Church, Cross-Cultural Leadership for A Global Church, SHE Leadership in a plurality of pastoral leadership and followership and test these understandings against their own and presents the principal work of the program. Besides the usual research thesis, the for Mission (PLMM LST-EAPI)

be arranged with Students enrolled in this program may apply for partial scholarships the terms of which can be arranged with Students enrolled in this program may apply for partial scholarships the terms of which can with anthropological-sociological perspectives to understanding the migrants' experiences, and

Students will participate in the construction of theologies for and with the migrants. with anthropological-sociological perspectives to understanding the migrants' experiences, and

TMP 332.17 Migration in Catholic Social Teaching

TMP 351.12 Management of Pastoral Programs in Migration

Theo Meth 302 Methods and Materials of Research: Library Research

migration are taken by the student from a list of available migration electives to complete his or her studies. With the permission of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the student may meet the different needs of lay pastoral workers, religious, and ordained persons involved in this of migration more thoroughly for the benefit of concrete pastoral service for migrants. entrust to Catholic university faculties in their territories the task of studying the various aspects of

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Final Grade

will be submitted to the other readers that, together with the second reader, shall make up the tesina proposal defense.

After the proposal has been approved by the panel, the student may now proceed to writing the tesina. On the date fixed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the student submits his or her proposal to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Every proposal must include a title, a brief resumé of the problem to be studied, a statement of the methodological approach to be used, and an indication of the time required. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will send five copies of the proposal to experts after consultation with the student. At least one of these experts must be external to the University of Santo Tomas, and unless he or she is a Ph.D. degree holder in the same field of study, he or she must have at least five years of teaching experience. In case of any difficulty, the Vice President for Academic Affairs may request additional experts. The experts will answer questions about the proposal, which may be amplified in a subsequent meeting. After this stage, the student will have a concrete idea about the study he or she plans to undertake.

The student must write and defend his or her tesina. The tesina is a representation of the student's proposal converted to a written form and submitted to a panel of judges for examination and evaluation. In order to complete the tesina, the student must do the following:

1. Prepare a comprehensive Examination (bibliography) and methods to be used; [2] each professor reviews the proposal with the writer through questions, suggestions, etc., usually for a period of 10 to 15 minutes, depending upon the particular needs of the proposal. The professors may offer brief written recommendations, the writer, covering the

specified by the school the student defends his proposal orally before the panel. 

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takes the oral examination before a panel of three professors, one of whom is the mentor. Each

allowed. A second failure automatically disqualifies the student from the program. 

bibliography. When his/her theses have been judged to be satisfactory by the professor, these 
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acceptable. Upon approval by the faculty adviser, the student submits the final version of the tesina

proposals. 

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proposition.