

**DOMINICAN SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY
STUDENT INITIAL SELF-EVALUATION**

Student: _____

Advisor: _____

Program: _____

Date: _____

In addition to completing an Entering Student Questionnaire (ESQ) during the first few weeks of your first semester, you are required to write a short written self-assessment reflection essay. It must be submitted to your Faculty Advisor at least 24 hours prior to your first meeting, and will be used as the basis for discussion and planning course selections.

Please review the [institutional goals](#) along with the goals and outcomes for your particular degree program which may be found at the DSPT website ([Philosophy](#), [Theology](#), [MDiv](#)). Afterwards, use the following as a guide to producing a short (no more than one typewritten page) reflection on your own personal goals for the academic program which you are entering at DSPT.

1. DSPT programs are structured to help students develop skills for integrating knowledge from past and present sources with contemporary issues. It is important that each student is able to integrate what is learned at DSPT with who they see themselves to be, i.e. their natural abilities, in light of their responsibility to the common good. To this end, DSPT has articulated a vocational goal for its students: that of effective leadership. With this in mind,
 - a. What contemporary issues in Church and/or society are of greatest concern to you? How would you like your studies to help you explore these issues?
 - b. In what venue(s) do you see yourself making best use of your natural abilities and the knowledge you will acquire while at DSPT, e.g. in the academy, as a writer, public speaker, etc.
 - c. What do you expect from DSPT in helping you to meet these needs?